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WATER STEWARDSHIP DIRECTOR
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Location: Vernon, BC

Application Deadline: June 25, 2007

Term: Full Time Term Position until March 31, 2009 with possibility of extension.

Information:

The Okanagan Basin Water Board is a local government body with water management responsibilities throughout the Okanagan Valley region. The Board includes political representatives from each of the three regional districts in the watershed and is supported by the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council, an advisory body made up of water stakeholders from government and non-government sectors.

We offer a dynamic work environment where staff are engaged in developing new programs for water conservation and water quality improvement in the Okanagan Basin. We are now seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Water Stewardship Director, reporting directly to the Executive Director.

The Opportunity:

In 2006, the Okanagan Basin Water Board began a new 3-year initiative to promote coordinated water management throughout the basin. At the Board's direction, the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council has undertaken a review of water policy and programs in the valley with a goal of developing an Okanagan Sustainable Water Strategy. One of the Water Stewardship Director's primary responsibilities will be to work with the Council to develop and produce this Strategy: gathering and synthesizing information on water policy and programs, researching existing plans, and communicating results and recommendations through writing and public speaking. As the Strategy is developed, the Water Stewardship Director will work with the Council and the Water Board to build support for the recommendations among local jurisdictions and senior government.

The position will be of interest to persons earning in the range of \$55,000 to \$60,000 per annum. Actual salary will be dependent on qualifications. The Water Board offers a complete benefit and municipal pension package.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develops and drafts a Sustainable Water Strategy for the basin using material developed by the Okanagan Water Stewardship Council and other sources.
- Develops a Coordinated Conservation Program. This is a framework for implementing water conservation recommendations made by the Council, and includes the development of a water conservation charter to be endorsed by local governments outlining principles, actions, and measurable demand-management goals.
- Works with Executive Director and other OBWB staff to build support for water recommendations among Okanagan citizens and community leaders. Creates and delivers presentations to local government and civic organizations.
- Assists Council and Board with organizing an Okanagan Water Conference in February, 2008. Conference will be co-hosted with the Canadian Water Resources Association.
- Participates in OBWB strategic planning and developing Council work plans.
- Represents OBWB and Council at conferences and meetings as required.



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- Maintains excellent relationships with Council, other technical experts and community leaders in water resource management.
- Assists in preparation of budgets and financial plans.

Requirements:

- Master's (preferred) or B.Sc. in a field related to resource management, environmental or natural sciences.
- 3 to 5 years of demonstrated professional experience in planning, research, analysis, writing and public speaking.
- Experience in conveying complex technical issues to non-technical audiences.
- Computer skills in software programs including Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint.
- Demonstrated ability to organize and complete assignments with minimal supervision.
- Valid Class 5 Drivers License.
- Willingness to travel within Okanagan Region.

Desirable Skills:

- Enthusiastic and versatile; willing to take on responsibility.
- Experience in policy analysis particularly in the water management field.
- Experience with administration, budget preparation, and fiscal control of programs.
- Experience in water conservation and water quality improvement programs with an emphasis on innovation.
- Knowledge of water supply and demand in the Okanagan Valley and familiarity with local government are assets but not required.
- Excellent verbal and written communication and strong interpersonal skills.

Please submit your resume and covering letter by e-mail, fax or post before 4:30 p.m. June 25, 2007 to:

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