



Shuswap Nation Tribal Council

SECWPEPMC COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY COORDINATOR

Internal/External Posting

The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council, also known as the SNTC, was formed in 1980 as an effort of the Secwepemc chiefs to advance the issues of aboriginal rights.

The Position:

The Shuswap Nation Tribal Council is looking for a dynamic individual for the position of Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Coordinator. The CRT is an international treaty entered into between Canada and the United States in 1964 for the purpose of providing flood control and power production over the Columbia River of which the headwaters reside within Secwepemc territory. When first entered into, First Nations were denied the opportunity to weigh into the treaty development and as such, our interests were not included. With the renegotiation of the CRT upon us, we have an opportunity to ensure that Secwepemc interests within the Columbia Basin are included. This is a term position to March 31, 2019.

The role of the Coordinator will be to act as the main point of contact for this file and serve as a coordinator internally within the Secwepemc nation working directly with Secwepemc leadership and technical staff. They will also serve as the primary contact for external relations with Governments of Canada and British Columbia, BC First Nations and US Tribes. The ideal candidate will be technically qualified and have the political proficiency to handle the various facets involved within the Treaty engagement and renegotiations.

Relevant Knowledge and Abilities

- Knowledge of BC Hydro dam and reservoir systems
- Negotiation experience an asset
- High proficiency in communicating complex issues to a variety of audiences
- Ability to write proficiently and conduct thorough research
- Ability to prioritize workload and set goals.
- Ability to work independently toward an agreed upon goal
- Ability to travel (largely within Canada but at times to the United States) is a must

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Bachelor degree in the field of economics, hydrology, natural resources, biology or similar field
- Understanding of the Columbia Basin and the Columbia River Treaty
- Experience working with a First Nations organization
- Participate in several technical and political working groups for the purpose of advocating Secwepemc interests and obtaining pertinent information.
- Must obtain a valid class 5 driver's license
- Must obtain a valid passport

In accordance with the SNTC Human Resource Policy, the first priority will be to hire qualified persons of Secwepemc ancestry. Pursuant to section 41 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference may be given to applicants of Aboriginal ancestry.

If you are interested in a career with a great organization, please submit your resume, cover letter, and references (saved as one Word document) referencing **Columbia River Treaty** in the email subject line, by email to exccassist@shuswapnation.org by September 4th, 2018. We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.