



Wildfire Mitigation Specialist

Community Services

Temporary, Full-Time Contract

Located in the south-central region of B.C., the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen covers an area over 10,400 km² and is renowned for its orchards, vineyards and golf courses, as well as its widely varied landscape including deserts, mountains and valleys, and pristine lakes. Outdoor recreational opportunities are endless throughout the Regional District and residents enjoy a wide array of activities all year long.

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is currently recruiting for a temporary, full-time Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to work on a contract basis from approximately early May 2023 to early September 2023.

Reporting to the Manager of Emergency Services, the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will assist in delivering the FireSmart Home Partners Program and Community FireSmart Recognition Program to residents in the Electoral Areas of the RDOS.

The Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will work with communities to schedule education sessions and consultations with the aim of identifying hazards and making recommendations that ultimately help each community and resident become FireSmart.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
- Knowledge of wildfire, wildfire behaviour, and FireSmart Program
- General knowledge of emergency management, planning, forestry, landscaping and building construction principles is considered an asset.
- Experience using brush and chainsaws and other motorized equipment is considered an asset.
- Ability to work independently and efficiently with limited supervision.
- Ability to be courteous and diplomatic in dealing with the public and co-workers.
- Demonstrated experience in preparing and delivering public presentations and working effectively with a diverse range of stakeholder groups.
- Demonstrated computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, and Excel).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong organizational and planning skills.
- Good physical condition with sufficient strength and stamina to perform heavy manual work in the presence of all types of weather conditions.
- Valid First Aid Certificate or an ability and willingness to obtain one.
- Valid BC Driver's Licence; experience towing trailers.
- Must be able to work Friday through Monday, ten (10) hour shifts (40 hours per week).
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This temporary contract position is expected to end in early September 2023 but may be extended based on available grant funding. The hourly wage for the position is \$29.47 plus 4% in lieu of vacation.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit their applications in PDF format quoting **Competition No. 23-22E** by **4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2023** to:

Human Resources Department
Email: hr@rdos.bc.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted. This position is only open to those legally entitled to work in Canada.