

Job Description – Clean Leadership 2019 Program

Summary of the Program

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide Nova Scotian youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides Nova Scotian youth with green sector work experience, an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, and develops skills for life-long learning (including team-building and leadership skills, increased knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures, program evaluation techniques, and the ability to give back to their community and their environment.

Job Title - Explore Bridgewater Coordinator

Wage - \$15.00/hr

Summary of Position

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be Town of Bridgewater Planning and Recreation Department, reporting to Diana Johnson, Recreation Coordinator. The intern will be mainly responsible for assisting with the delivery of environmental education specific to active transportation, and public outreach initiatives in connection to the use of trails, parks and open spaces. The Town will be renewing its Active Transportation Plan in 2019 and this position will support the work of the department and consultant on this project. This may include public engagement, site visits, walkability assessments, developing public education programs specific to active transportation and the environmental benefits associated with leaving the car at home. The intern will also take the primary role in determining safe walking and biking routes to provide connectivity to facilities and opportunities. Additionally, the intern will assist with events associated with our community garden initiatives. Each day will be unique, with a mixture of desk work, and hands on leadership and promotion opportunities. The successful candidate will be high school or post-secondary student who has an interest in environmental education, recreational and/or planning. They will also have an understanding of social and traditional media, as well as an outgoing personality and determination to help create a culture of environmental awareness in the Town of Bridgewater.

Community Partner

The Town of Bridgewater Planning and Recreation Department supports the provision of physical and social environments that encourages participation in active living through safe and sustainable practices that build a strong, caring community. The department also supports active/healthy living and strives to: enhance opportunities to connect people with nature; be a steward for natural environments; increase inclusion and welcome people and families from diverse cultures, supporting economic growth and a thriving community.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Work in collaboration with project partners and stakeholders in the development of environment education programs specific to active transportation.
- Develop a number of public engagement sessions with residents and businesses.
- Familiarize and evaluate current parks, open spaces and trails for physical activity, active transportation and environmental education.
- Further develop *Explore Bridgewater* and Energize Bridgewater initiatives by adding content to the website on routes for activity, transportation, outdoor learning opportunities and community garden projects.
- Interface with the public and community organizations.
- Develop and promote active transportation routes.
- Work with the Bridgewater Community Gardening Network and Community Garden Coordinator on various community engagement programs.
- Plan and facilitate multi generational walking and riding groups to support AT initiatives.
- Involved in planning and supporting many events throughout the summer.
- Develop educational materials that have overlapping interests with environmental initiatives, for example health, poverty, economics, and social inclusion.
- Work with Sustainable Bridgewater and Active Transportation committees.
- Complete bi-weekly reports and submit to Program Coordinator.

Requirements/Qualifications

These are the qualifications that are necessary for someone to be considered for the position.

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in fall 2019;
- Is not a member of immediate family of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or 'green' sector is considered an asset;
- Must have a valid emergency first aid certification and WHIMIS;
- Experience working with the public;
- Willing to complete a criminal background and vulnerable sector check.

Working Conditions

Intern will be expected to work in various conditions both indoors and outdoors. The successful applicant should be prepared to work in all weather conditions.

Physical Requirements

Interns should be able to take part in light to moderate physical activity