

## **Climate Action Specialist**

Full Time (Exempt)
Contract until March 31, 2025
Competition #22-16

Surrounded by mountain ranges, Smithers is a northern gem, nestled at the base of Hudson Bay Mountain. With a population of 5,400, it is a service hub for a surrounding region comprising of a population of approximately 15,000.

Residents enjoy four seasons of recreational activities; in addition to a ski hill within a half an hour of town, the region offers word-class fishing, backcountry and cross-country skiing, hunting, golfing and alpine trails for hiking and horseback riding coupled with a lively music scene, Art Gallery, Museum, theatrical performances, and an energetic sporting community.

Reporting to the Director of Development Services, the Climate Action Specialist leads the Town's response to climate change and coordinates the implementation of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) and Partners for Climate Action Program (PCAP), in compliance with the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP). In collaboration with the Senior Management Team, all Town departments, and community members, the Climate Action Specialist will be working on the development and implementation of the municipality's GHG emissions reductions plan.

## Required knowledge, experience, and abilities:

- Degree or certificate in Urban Planning, with a focus on Environmental Studies, Community Planning, Sustainability, Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation, or related discipline.
- A minimum of three years' professional experience developing and advancing climate action policies, programs and initiatives, preferably in the public sector.
- Strong knowledge in the areas of GHG emissions reductions, climate change adaptation, sustainable development, and asset management.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, develop, and implement projects, plans, and programs in a systematic, accurate, and timely manner.
- Demonstrated professional experience using collaborative partnership approaches and public engagement processes in a local government setting.
- Knowledge of the current federal, provincial and international regulatory and policy framework for climate action and energy management specifically as it relates to local government.
- Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with a wide spectrum of internal and external stakeholder groups and partners.
- Excellent verbal and written skills including preparation and presentation of reports or other information to a Council, advisory committees, senior management, and the public.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize, develop, and implement projects, plans, and programs in a systematic, accurate, and timely manner.
- Valid B.C. Class 5 License.

Candidates with lesser experience may be considered.

The Town of Smithers offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package. Compensation for this position will be commensurate with experience.

If you are interested in this exciting career opportunity with the Town of Smithers, we want to hear from you. Please submit your resume with three professional references, along with a cover letter, indicating how you meet the qualifications and why you are good fit for the position, no later than 4:00 p.m., August 26, 2022 to:

Human Resources
Competition #22-16
Town of Smithers
Box 879, 1027 Aldous Street
careers@smithers.ca

The Town of Smithers thanks all applicants for their interest; however only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Town of Smithers is an equal opportunity employer committed to establishing an inclusive, equitable, and accessible environment for all. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status or any other basis protected by applicable law.