

PLANNER I (INDIGENOUS RELATIONS) (INTEGRATED PLANNING & ENGAGEMENT) (FULL-TIME) Competition #2022-65 (REPOST)

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The Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) is a local government that delivers over 100 services to residents living in our eight electoral areas and six member municipalities. We are the third most populous regional district in BC, stretching from Abbotsford to Boston Bar. We are situated within the unceded traditional territories of the Stó:lō, Nlaka'pamux, and St'at'imc peoples. Because this land is unceded, the organization is committed to fostering more meaningful relationships and working more closely with all First Nation communities.

We have an exciting opportunity for a qualified planning professional to fill the position of Planner I (Indigenous Relations) in the Integrated Planning & Engagement Department. Under the direction of the Manager, a primary function will be to represent the Regional District and support, advise, and provide guidance on matters regarding Indigenous relations and initiatives, and to help build collaborative government-to-government relationships. An in-depth understanding of First Nation communities in the region and related initiatives as it pertains to local government is important. Exceptional diplomacy and communication skills are required to collaborate and work with First Nation communities and elected officials. A sound understanding of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act is essential.

The ideal candidate must have:

- A degree in planning, geography, or in a related discipline with courses in First Nations and Indigenous studies, and two years of experience in the area of Indigenous relations, with an emphasis on related local government initiatives;
- A high level of proficiency with Microsoft Office including Power Point a sound knowledge of GIS, and the ability to acquire a sound knowledge of graphics and desktop publishing software;
- Sound knowledge of Provincial statutes and regulations and must acquire a sound knowledge of planning legislation and local geography;
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to express thoughts and ideas clearly, and converse with a wide range of people including Indigenous peoples, technical consultants, elected officials, senior staff, line staff and the general public to provide advice, make recommendations and make effective presentations.
- Ability to establish and maintain positive and effective working relationships with consultants, contractors, stakeholders, senior staff, co-workers, team members, elected officials, other government agencies, First Nations, advisory bodies, and the public;
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team, and exercise good judgment;
- Maturity, courtesy, tact, and diplomacy in all matters;
- Ability to handle confidential and sensitive matters with discretion and integrity.

The start rate for this Union position is \$36.81 per hour plus a comprehensive benefits package. Upon successful completion of the required six-month probationary period, the rate will increase to \$43.31 per hour.

If you have a passion for public service and want to make a difference in the lives of Fraser Valley residents, we want to hear from you. Please submit your resume, along with a cover letter, indicating how you meet the qualifications. Quote **Competition #2022-65 and send, in confidence, by 4:30 pm on March 20, 2023**, to jobs@fvrd.ca.

While we appreciate the interest of all applicants, only those candidates under consideration will be contacted.