



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The [Fraser River Discovery Centre](#) (FRDC) and the [Musqueam Indian Band](#) (MIB) are seeking an Indigenous Education and Engagement Coordinator (Coordinator) from within the Musqueam community to facilitate the planning for the development of the FRDC as a Place of Learning about the Indigenous heritage and teachings of the Fraser River.

The Coordinator will support the FRDC's Indigenous Committee and MIB staff to:

- develop educational material related to the history of the Fraser River using the MIB's existing education materials as a model; and
- lead engagement and outreach on the Place of Learning, first with Musqueam staff and community members and then with other Fraser River First Nations.

Located in New Westminster, the Fraser River Discovery Centre's mission is to be the *Voice of the Fraser* in presenting the stories of the Fraser River and their contributions to the life, history, and future of British Columbia. Musqueam's ancestors have lived in the Fraser River estuary for thousands of years. Today, portions of Musqueam's traditional territory are called Vancouver, North Vancouver, South Vancouver, Burrard Inlet, New Westminster, Burnaby, and Richmond.

In 2019 the FRDC developed and approved a Statement of Reconciliation to guide it in its work with Indigenous peoples. That was followed in 2020 by the signing of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MIB and the joint announcement to develop a Place of Learning About the Indigenous Heritage and Teachings of the Fraser River at the FRDC.

The Coordinator will contribute to and follow a workplan for the development of a Place of Learning. They will work closely with FRDC staff, MIB staff and members of the Musqueam community. They will also have the support of MIB Council and the Fraser River Discovery Centre Society (FRDCS) Board of Directors under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the MIB and the FRDCS.

Responsibilities

- Assist with project planning and development of a Place of Learning;
- Work with MIB and FRDC staff to expand MIB's existing education materials related to the history of the Fraser River and engage the Musqueam community to get input on the Place of Learning
- Maintain collaborative working relationships with local First Nations;
- Assist with developing an environmental scan of the informal Fraser River learning opportunities;
- Assist with developing an asset map of Indigenous communities of the Fraser River;
- Assist with coordinating the identification and hiring of Indigenous knowledge-keepers and researchers to develop, pilot-test, and present new programs;
- Ensure accuracy of Indigenous content in stories, art forms, knowledge sharing or language;
- Strive to ensure cultural practices and protocol are respectfully reflected;
- Respond to the guiding principles for programs and content that meet the MIB's expectations and reflect the BC school curricula; and
- Present some programs for schools and public as needed.



Qualifications

- A member of the Musqueam community
- First-hand knowledge of Indigenous culture, local traditions and protocols, and a desire to share that knowledge with museum visitors;
- Demonstrated experience in working with others to meet project goals;
- A natural ability to collaborate with other staff members in planning, organizing and coordinating community-wide events and programs;
- Previous experience in community engagement, education programming or project management;
- Ability to think critically and employ sound judgment;
- Completion of course or studies in formal or informal education for a variety of audiences;
- Training or education in related subject areas such as Indigenous studies, arts and heritage, archaeology is an asset;
- An ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
- Ability to prepare and maintain records, reports and correspondence related to the work,
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook);
- BC Drivers License is an asset.

Position

- Status: Contract
- Term: Fall 2021 through December 2022 with the potential for extension based on funding
- Hours: 37.5 hours weekly
- Salary: Based on qualifications and experience

Application Process and Deadline

The Fraser River Discovery Centre hires on the basis of merit and is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community. The FRDC encourages applications from women, visible minority group members, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities.

Please email your resume and covering letter, using the subject line "Musqueam Indigenous Education and Engagement Coordinator" to:

Karen Lee
Director of Operations
klee@fraserriverdiscovery.org

This position is posted until filled. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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