



FIRST NATIONS LIAISON OFFICER

Located on the Xwemelch'stn (Capilano) Reserve on Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation Territory in West Vancouver, BC, the Aboriginal Housing Management Association (AHMA) exists to make a difference in the Aboriginal Housing Providers we serve. We oversee the administration of operating agreements between housing providers and Aboriginal housing organizations, keeping everyone's best interest in mind and developing and maintaining relationships of trust.

The First Nations Liaison Officer is a senior level advisor to AHMA in promoting and facilitating partnerships and developing engagement strategies to address Aboriginal housing needs and capacity building within the Aboriginal sector.

You will:

- Work closely with the CEO and members of the Executive and senior management team to build strong relations with Aboriginal communities, organizations and institutions with whom AHMA partners, including consultation and negotiation discussions with First Nations related to the delivery of AHMA programs and services.
- Work with key partners in understanding community needs, identifying key barriers and benefits, and developing strategies to support the development and coordination of AHMA's activities and strategies in addressing Aboriginal housing needs and increasing self-reliance within the sector.
- Identify new areas for partnerships, collaboration and joint initiatives with other organizations and Aboriginal communities where AHMA can have positive impact in the community.
- Serves as a corporate resource to provide advice and input that will help to enhance AHMA's level of knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal issues and to build Aboriginal partnerships.
- Represents AHMA at government or community initiatives related to Aboriginal housing.

You have:

- A bachelor degree or advanced diploma in aboriginal relations, public policy and planning, social sciences or a relevant discipline combined with experience in Aboriginal consultation and engagement, capacity building and community development.
- Ability to establish a strategic framework to support the development and coordination of AHMA's activities in addressing Aboriginal housing needs to increase self-reliance within the sector.
- Ability to think conceptually, analyze and solve complex issues, exercise sound judgment and make effective recommendations.
- Effective consultative, facilitation, consensus building and problem solving skills.
- The ability to travel extensively throughout British Columbia is required.

A critical success factor for any person who joins the AHMA team is to have an in-depth understanding of Aboriginal people and Aboriginal culture, preferably with strong British Columbia connections. Team members are expected to have gained this understanding through lived experiences, whether it is from being of Aboriginal ancestry or working closely with Aboriginal communities. Preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal ancestry as per Section 41 of the BC Human Rights Code (self-identify).

To express your interest in the First Nations Liaison Advisor position with AHMA, please submit your resume and cover letter, in confidence, at <http://careers.wmc.ca/>.

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