

Job Title: Planner II (Heritage Planner)

Requisition ID: 22480

Company

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Main Purpose & Function

The Heritage Planner will be responsible for complex professional heritage planning work primarily related to heritage review of development and rezoning permit applications, implementation of all aspects of the Vancouver Heritage Program and may involve heritage policy development. This position reports to the Assistant Director of Urban Design and it is supervised by the Senior Heritage Planner. The successful candidate will be well-versed in heritage conservation and familiar with urban design, land development, community planning processes including consultation, negotiation, and permit documentation review, as related to variety of applications from small developments to large rezoning proposals.

Specific Duties & Responsibilities

- Project manage heritage review input from the initial enquiry through to the issuance of development or other permits.
- Prepare reports and make presentations to relevant Committees, including Vancouver Heritage Commission, Heritage Committees, Urban Design Panel, Development Permit Board and City Council.
- Presentation at public meetings and sessions is required.
- The nature of this work is multi-disciplinary, within a team environment and can be controversial. It also involves supervision of junior professional staff.
- The position requires considerable professional experience with proven ability in the areas of heritage conservation, the City's land use and heritage policies, procedures and processes.
- Familiarity with the heritage conservation content of the Vancouver Charter is required.
- The position requires a high degree of skill and versatility and sound judgement in the application of heritage conservation principles to a range of projects and independent action within the parameters of work assignments, planning policies, by-laws and design guidelines.
- The work may also involve a high number of enquiries and public contact that requires consistent and accurate advice be given.

Qualifications

Education and Experience:

- University graduation from a recognized university, preferably with a post-graduate degree, in Architecture and/or Urban Planning or a combination of Architecture and Planning with a specialty in Heritage Conservation and considerable professional experience in the heritage conservation field, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Demonstrated knowledge and ability in the areas of heritage conservation, architecture, urban design, building construction and understanding of proforma financial analysis.
- Superior verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience in leading teams and in project management.
- Ability to work within a team environment and within defined time lines.
- Demonstrated ability and experience in negotiating and conflict resolution.

- Working knowledge of the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada and values-based heritage planning.
- Understanding the principles of conservation plan development, heritage evaluation, Statement of Significance, and the concept of Heritage Revitalization Agreement as an important conservation tool.
- Familiarity with the meaning of *Truth and Reconciliation* and *Cultural Redress* in the context of Vancouver.
- Understanding of the importance of both tangible and intangible values for proper stewardship of *Cultural Heritage*.
- Membership or eligibility for membership in the Architectural Institute of British Columbia and/or the Planning Institute of British Columbia is desirable.

Membership or eligibility for membership with the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals (CAHP) is desirable.

Business Unit/Department: Planning, Urban Design & Sustainability (1275)

Affiliation: CUPE 15 Non Pks

Employment Type: Regular Full Time

Position Start Date: December, 2020

Salary Information: Pay Grade GR-031: \$48.78 to \$57.7 per hour

Application Close: October 30, 2020

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We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Learn more about our commitment to diversity and inclusion.