

## **MUNICIPAL FORESTER**

(Full Time)

*The Municipality of North Cowichan (population 30,000) is located in the Cowichan Valley between Nanaimo and Victoria and administers one of the most beautiful areas on Vancouver Island. Our coastal communities of Chemainus, Crofton, and Maple Bay are home to a multitude of artistic, cultural and outdoor recreational activities and opportunities. The Municipality provides a stable and varied work environment, competitive pay and benefits, and is ideally situated on Southern Vancouver Island in a great area to raise a family.*

Are you interested in managing one of the oldest community forests in North America? North Cowichan owns 5,000 hectares of fee simple lands managed as the Municipal Forest Reserve, in alignment with the Parks and Trails Master Plan, under the guidance of the Municipal Forester. This position requires an individual with skill and experience in planning, decision-making, analytical thinking, innovative problem-solving, and public and stakeholder communication. Key areas of focus for the Municipal Forester include:

- Silviculture
- Harvesting
- Road building
- Forest fire protection
- Slash abatement
- Invasive species
- Riparian management
- Species at risk within the Municipal Forest Reserve
- Liaising and consulting with the public, local community organizations, government bodies, corporations and recreational user groups
- Contract administration
- Conflict resolution
- Generating revenue from the land base
- Facilitating and coordinating recreational use of the land base
- Forest education
- Knowledge of applicable federal, provincial and local government legislation and regulations impacting land use practices on the Municipal Forest Reserve

The successful candidate will have completed a recognized post-secondary program in Forest Management, have a minimum of five years' related work experience, and be a Registered Professional Forester (candidates must be registered with the ABCFP, or be eligible for registration, as a professional forester).

Candidates being considered will be required to undergo a comprehensive evaluation of skills, qualifications and abilities. The successful candidate will be required to undergo a police information check and possess a valid Class 5 B.C. Driver's License (a satisfactory current driver's abstract will be required). The position may be physically demanding and the candidate must be able to successfully perform all duties associated with the position (a medical certificate attesting to suitability for this position may be required).

We provide a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. This position is excluded from union membership.

To have your application considered, please be sure it reaches us by **Monday, October 30, 2017**. Please reply to the undersigned, quoting the competition number and position title. If sending your application by email, PDF format is preferred. All applications are received in confidence.

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