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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHIEF FORESTER

The Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) is the Ontario Crown Agency responsible for the sustainable forest management in Algonquin Provincial Park. Our responsibilities include harvesting and distribution of wood products to mills adjacent to the Park, as well as the forest management planning, silviculture and compliance monitoring in Algonquin Park.

The Chief Forester provides leadership and forest management expertise for sustainable forest management in Algonquin Provincial Park. This role includes forest management planning and the preparation, review and approval of provincially required planning and reporting documents for the Algonquin Park Forest.

The Chief Forester performs a leadership role in forest certification initiatives and serves as the Environmental and Sustainable Forest Management System Coordinator for the AFA. This role includes the development, implementation and maintenance of AFA's Environmental and Sustainable Forest Management System (ESFMS) and maintaining certification to sustainable forest management standards.

The Chief Forester is also responsible for delivering and coordinating communication initiatives and public relations, including development/maintenance of the AFA website, social media, issues management and represents the AFA at technical seminars and committees.

LOCATION: This position can be based in one of the following locations (AFA offices):
(1) Huntsville, Ontario
(2) Pembroke, Ontario

QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications are preferred:

- Successful completion of post-secondary education in the field of forestry from either an accredited College or University
- Registered Professional Forester in good standing in Ontario
- Interpersonal skills and the ability to effectively communicate, including technical writing, educational initiatives and public speaking
- Knowledge in current theory, principles, methodology and practices of sustainable forest resource management with experience in both forest management and silviculture in tolerant hardwood and pine forest types
- Knowledge of Ontario's forest legislation, regulations and policies (e.g. Crown



Forest Sustainability Act, Algonquin Forestry Authority Act, Species at Risk, Forest Management Planning Manual for Crown Lands in Ontario, Forest Information Manual)

- Strong computer and technical skills
- Knowledge and expertise in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is considered an asset
- Experience managing forest resource inventories (FRI) and supporting digital imagery products is considered an asset
- Knowledge of legal obligation matters related to forest management and Indigenous rights, to develop and coordinate effective communication and consultation and build positive working relationships
- A strong commitment to maintaining a safe workplace and working knowledge of the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act
- A minimum of 5 years of forestry experience working in the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Forest region would be considered an asset
- Experience working with a certified Forest and Environmental Management System is considered an asset
- Forest Operations Inspection Program (FOIP) certification and Ontario Tree Marking certification would be considered an asset

COMPENSATION

Salary Range is \$51.55- \$63.96 per hour, based on qualifications and experience.

APPLICATIONS

If you feel that you meet the qualifications and have the experience and skillset to work for the Algonquin Forestry Authority as the Chief Forester, we look forward to hearing from you.

Applications consisting of a cover letter and resumé must be received no later than **4:00 pm March 24, 2025**

Interested candidates may apply in confidence to huntsville.office@algonquinforestry.on.ca
We thank all candidates for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please Note: The AFA is an equal opportunity employer. If you require disability-related accommodation, contact the AFA General Manager at tracey.bradley@algonquinforestry.on.ca