



Regional Recreation and Sport Inclusion Consultant (Northern Region)

Term: Full-time, 35 hrs/wk, 12 months

The Northern Region consists of East Hants, Colchester Co, Cumberland Co, and Pictou Co.

The position is hosted by the Town of Trenton with funding provided by the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage (CCH) and Sport Nova Scotia. The consultant will be based in the Fundy regional office of CCH in Truro.

Scope: The Regional Recreation and Sport Inclusion Consultant is responsible for contributing to priorities of the Northern Inclusion and Access in Sport and Recreation Committee, with an emphasis on inclusive and accessible opportunities for persons with disabilities. The consultant will work with sport and recreation partners, such as local rec departments, recreation and sport facilities, community and provincial sport organizations, non-profit organizations servicing persons with disabilities, the provincial government and others.

Responsibilities include: Bringing regional stakeholders together to share data, celebrate success stories, and inform future policy and practices; collaborate with municipalities and Mi'kmaq communities to develop inclusive recreation policies; work with partners to increase awareness of the needs around inclusive and accessible sport and recreation; co-ordinate accessibility audits of recreation and sport facilities; create an inventory of volunteer/professional development opportunities and resources; co-ordinate staff and volunteer training opportunities; promote and support existing para-sport programs, and adapted recreation equipment lending programs; share resources, promising practices, and evidence.

Education and Experience: A Bachelor's degree, preferably in Therapeutic Recreation, Kinesiology, Recreation, Occupational Therapy or another related discipline. Preference will be given to candidates who have worked on inclusion and access initiatives, have experience supporting with persons with disabilities and their service providers, and who have worked in a community setting. Other suitable combinations of related work and educational experiences will be considered.

Knowledge and skills: Aware of national, provincial, regional and local issues, initiatives, trends, training and information sources, pertaining to inclusive sport and recreation; knowledge of partners and organizations with a stake in supporting inclusive and accessible sport and recreation opportunities; understand community development principles and approaches; understand the benefits of inclusive sport and recreation; awareness of the barriers to inclusion and access to quality recreation and sport environments; knowledge of effective methods for project management and planning, and evaluation; ability to educate, collaborate and engage with stakeholders; able to work independently, take initiative, and work in a team environment, and track work progress; strong communication skills.

Compensation: \$55,000

For questions, a detailed job description, and to apply with a cover letter and resume, please e-mail Peter.McCracken@novascotia.ca . Clearly state the job title in the subject line.

Applications will be accepted until November 8, 2018.