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Job Posting Tar Sands Community Outreach Coordinator

Keepers of the Water (KOW) seeks a part-time Tar Sands Community Outreach Coordinator

Keepers of the Water is an Indigenous-led organization. Its members include First Nations, Métis, Inuit, environmental groups, concerned citizens, and communities working together for the protection of Water, air, land, and all living things today, and tomorrow, in the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin.

The Arctic Drainage Basin is a vast ecosystem vital to Indigenous People's inherent rights and relationships to the land. Spanning 3.5M km², this internationally vital watershed holds 60% of Canada's freshwater and 12% of the world's freshwater. The Arctic Ocean drainage basin is also central to Canada's fossil fuel industry.

KOW is a growing organization and is looking for a person who is passionate about Indigenous rights and the protection of Water, who is interested in joining our team as a part-time Tar Sands Community Outreach Coordinator.

POSITION SUMMARY

KOW is addressing, bringing awareness, and collaborating in the growing opposition to the Canadian federal and provincial government's proposed release of inadequately treated toxic tailings "ponds" wastewater produced from Alberta's tar sands operations. If this wastewater is released, these toxins could flow into the Athabasca River as early as 2025.

KOW will be working with impacted and interested communities towards the creation of a cohesive messaging directed to the governments forming a unified opposition to the proposed changes to the Fisheries Act to accommodate this impending threat to life downstream from the tar sands. This work entails the engagement of multiple Indigenous communities within Treaties 8 and 11, also known the Northwest Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia which are now located within these traditional Indigenous territories.

The Tar Sands Outreach Coordinator position is a part-time six-month contract with the possibility of an extension. The successful candidate will work under the direction of the Executive Director and the Keepers Co-Chair Executives.

The Tar Sands Community Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for the following:

1. The creation and nurturing of partnerships with other Indigenous communities and organizations.
2. Facilitation of awareness and educational campaigns about proposed government policy changes regarding tar sands toxic tailings ponds.



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The skills required for this position:

- Comprehend Indigenous Peoples' rights and histories in so-called Canada
- Have prior experience with Water protection and climate justice work
- Indigenous language knowledge holders are an asset
- Capacity o network with communities, other environmental organizations, and various levels of colonial governments.
- Ability to engage with media and respond to media requests
- Capable of working independently and remotely
- Public Presentation and Communication skills
- Experience in providing input to Strategic planning
- Capacity to work in a fast-paced environment and respond in a timely manner
- Excellent Oral and Written skills
- Experience in research, planning and reporting
- Knowledge of software programs, including Google Email and Workplace.
- Familiarity with accessing and using satellite mapping systems
- An ability to implement a shared vision consistent with KOWs Vision, Mission and Mandate for the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin

SALARY: DOQ (experience, education, training etc.)

Opening Date: January 20, 2023
Closing Date: Until a suitable candidate is found
Term of Employment: 6-month term

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Send Application Package to: ed@keepersofthewater.ca
(Resume/CV, Cover Letter, References)
Deadline to apply: February 15, 2023
Start date: March 1. 2023