

## **Job Description – Clean Leadership 2021 Program**

We are committed to Employment Equity and our goal is to be a diverse workforce that is representative at all job levels. We welcome applicants from Indigenous People, Visible Minority Groups, Persons with Disabilities and Women in occupations or positions where they are under-represented. If you are a member of one of the equity groups, you are encouraged to self-identify on our pre-screening form as you may also be eligible for one of our specialized internship streams (inclusive of more tailored programming, supports and resources for each group).

### **Summary of the Program**

The Clean Leadership program (formerly Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps or Youth Corps) was established in 1989 to provide youth with training and employment opportunities in the environmental field. This program engages community partners across the province to hire students to carry out work in the summer months that fosters environmental stewardship. The Clean Leadership program provides youth with clean sector work experience; an enhanced appreciation of the environment and their community, with opportunity to give back; skills for life-long learning (including job-readiness and leadership skills); and knowledge for future employment and/or education ventures.

### **Job Title**

*Nuji Kelo'toqatijik Earth Keeper Network Project Assistant – 15-week internship*

### **Summary of Position**

The community partner for this Summer Student Intern position through the Clean Leadership program will be the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, reporting to Ashley Childs, Senior Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. In this position, the Nuji Kelo'toqatijik Earth Keeper Network Project Assistant will mainly be responsible for supporting the development of the Nuji Kelo'toqatijik Earth Keeper Network through completing environmental monitoring and field work, community engagement initiatives and supporting land-based learning. The successful candidate must have an interest in the environment and land-based stewardship. Prior experience in the environmental field is considered an asset but is not required.

### **Community Partner**

The CMM is a Tribal Council incorporated in 1986 as a not-for-profit organization under the Societies Act of Nova Scotia. Starting with a team of two staff members, almost thirty years later the organization is supported by more than a hundred employees. The mission statement best summarizes the objectives of the organization: *"To proactively promote and assist Mi'kmaw communities' initiatives toward self determination and enhancement of community."*

From its main office located in the Millbrook First Nation, The CMM delivers a variety of community programs and advisory services to first nations communities in Nova Scotia. The staff consists of a team of professional First Nations experts who bring unique Mi'kmaw perspectives to current issues.

As a not-for-profit organization, The CMM receives financial support from various government departments (federal and provincial), as well as from the private sector. The CMM uses this funding to support programs and services primarily to its eight member communities.

The governing body of The CMM is made up of the Chiefs of the eight member communities.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

*The Nuji Kelo'toqatijik Earth Keeper Network Project Assistant will be responsible for the following:*

- *Assisting with environmental monitoring activities both internally through CMM and community projects, and externally, through contracts with CMM partners (may include collection of baseline data to improve knowledge about species abundance and habitat use),*
- *Assisting the Project Coordinator with engaging with mainland Mi'kmaw community members and broader communities to inform them of the Nuji Kelo'toqatijik Earth Keeper Network*
- *Assisting the Project Coordinator with education initiatives to inform Mi'kmaw community members about Mi'kmaq Rights and Responsibilities (e.g Treaty Rights, netukulimk)*
- *Supporting the development and carrying out of land-based learning programming, Covid-restrictions depending*
- *Supporting wisqoq (black ash) stewardship work*

### **Requirements/Qualifications**

- Must be a Canadian citizen or legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Must be between the ages of 15 and 30 years at time of internship;
- Must be a full-time student and intending to return to school in Fall 2021;
- Must not be an immediate family member of community partner;
- Have an aptitude for safe work practices and the ability to multi-task in a busy work environment;
- Be able to work productively as part of a team while responding to feedback;
- Demonstrated interest in future employment in the environmental or clean sector is considered an asset;

### **Working Conditions**

*The successful candidate requires a reliable vehicle for travelling to field work activities. They must also have a willingness to work in all weather conditions and in, or near, the water*

### **Physical Requirements**

*This job will require the successful candidate to navigate through various landscapes, carrying a pack and/or heavy gear.*