



**The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is
currently recruiting for:**

HERITAGE INTERPRETER

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Position: Heritage Interpreter

Posting No.: 070-24

Posting Date: January 10, 2024

Closing Date: May 1, 2024 or until filled

Job Status: Summer Employment

Department: Backus Heritage Conservation Area

Rate of Pay: \$16.55

Hours of Work: 35 Hours/Week

Position Summary:

If you have a passion for interpretation, history and museums, then Backhouse Historic Site would be a great place for you to gain career focused skills and experience. The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is seeking One (1) Heritage Interpreter at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. The successful candidate will be an energetic, creative individual who will provide information services and dynamic costumed interpretation of early life in Norfolk County in the Backhouse Historic Site.

The position is pending funding by Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ). Therefore, applicants applying under the CSJ program are required to be: a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada, and be legally entitled to work in Canada; between the ages of 16 and 30 years of age at the start of employment.

Requirements:

- Knowledge and experience in the use of all types of grounds-keeping equipment required
- Knowledge and experience in gardening
- Basic computer skills required
- Must be willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment
- Current Standard First Aid and CPR certification an asset
- A valid police check and vulnerable sector check is required

Qualifications:

- Prior experience working with the public
- Prior experience leading and/or organizing tours, presentations, or recreation and educational programming
- Excellent communication skills and interpretive abilities; must be comfortable with public speaking
- Must be willing to wear a historical costume for an extended period of time in all weather conditions
- Strong knowledge of, or willingness to develop, an understanding of 19th Century historical information
- Strong interest in strengthening program development and interpretation skills
- A drivers license and reliable vehicle is an asset

Responsibilities:

- Provide excellent customer service

- Assist with the planning, preparation and delivery of special events for the general public including demonstrations, tours, costumed presentations
- Greet visitors upon arrival to Backhouse Historic Site, guide tours and answer questions
- Perform and explain activities associated with the historical time frame of the Backhouse Historic Site (farming, domestic life, trades and leisure)
- Communicate and interpret effectively various aspects of mid-19th century Ontario history within historical context of the Historic Site
- Demonstrate personal development in the areas of program development, interpretation and cultural history
- Maintain the cleanliness, maintenance and inventory of facilities and collections
- Perform a variety of sanitary maintenance duties including the cleaning of program areas, equipment and public washroom facilities
- Keep accurate record of all relevant statistics
- Garden maintenance, as required
- Evening and weekend work is required

Location/Working Conditions:

- Backus Heritage Conservation Area, Port Rowan, ON
- Varied shifts, must be available to work flexible hours including evenings, weekends and holidays
- Outdoor and indoor working environment

Benefits:

- Free access to LPRCA Conservation Areas
- Eligible to enroll in OMERS pension plan

Term of Employment:

- Approximate Starting date: June 24, 2024
- Approximate Ending Date: September 2, 2024

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 or until position is filled

To apply: Please send your cover letter and resume in a single PDF or MS Word document addressed to: Dana McLachlan, Long Point Region Conservation Authority, email hr@lprca.on.ca (Subject: 070-24 Heritage Interpreter)

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. Personal information collected will be used solely for applicant selection in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Long Point Region Conservation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) upon advance notice of specific accommodation requirements.