



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

HISTORIC SITE INTERPRETER

BACKUS HERITAGE CA

Position: Historic Site Interpreter

Posting No.: 071-24

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 two (2) Historic Site Interpreters 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 positions are pending funding by Young Canada Works (YCW)

Requirements:

- Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada and be between the ages of 16 and 30
- Currently enrolled full-time in high school or in a post-secondary institution with a focus on education, history, cultural resource management, museum studies or tourism; with the intent to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year
- Be willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment
- Not have another full-time job while employed with YCW
- Registered as a Young Canada Works candidate prior to employment
www.youngcanadaworks.ca
- A valid police vulnerable sector check for those 18 years of age or older only

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
- Rural area – no public transportation

Benefits:

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

Term of Employment:

- Approximate Starting date: May 13, 2024
- Approximate Ending Date: September 2, 2024

Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 or until both positions are 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: 071-24 Historic Site 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.