

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Indigenous Language Specialist: Cree

Background:

Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine member communities in Northern Ontario. The organization is dedicated to providing its members with advisory and support services in the areas of communications, economic development, education, finance and business, health, membership and technical services.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for eight Matawa First Nation communities: Aroland, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Long Lake #58, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, and Webequie First Nations. In addition to providing advisory services to Education Authorities and Matawa First Nation leadership, the Education Department administers post-secondary support services for 5 Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Learning Centre (MLC), a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 8 schools/sites.

Matawa is inviting applications for (1) full-time position as Indigenous Language Specialist: Cree (ILS) with the Matawa Education Department.

Position Summary:

As a fluent speaker of Cree who possesses specialized knowledge and expertise in their native language, the ILS will apply the Matawa Waka Tere delivery Methodology and language programme philosophy to train fluent community speakers in adult education techniques. The position also requires the ILS to assist in the development of curriculum, resources and assessment tools for students and tutors that are part of the learning process. The ILS is responsible for the accurate and timely preparation and submission of all reporting required by the ILRS, PASS Administrator and Education Manager related to the Indigenous Language Revitalization Project.

Key Job Duties:

- Assist with course development and delivery
- Identify areas for continuing program development
- Assist with the development of language curriculum and delivery methodology
- Deliver training for fluent community speakers using Adult Education techniques
- Assist with the development of resources and assessment tools related to the program
- Ensure availability of required resources for students and staff
- Identify areas of need or areas in need of further enhancement related to the language revitalization program
- Develop partnerships with potential cooperative education mentors, organizations and businesses
- Assist in recruitment of tutors
- Provide on-going support and encouragement to Tutors and Students
- Provide program reporting as required

- Maintain the integrity of the programme
- Liaise and work with ILRS to identify needs of the project
- Liaise and work with ILRS to recruit and support staff and students

Required Competencies:

- Proficient knowledge in Cree Language and Cree Cultural Practices
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Cree, that will empower the target languages
- Effective communication skills, including listening, in a cultural setting
- Experience working with Indigenous communities
- Effective time management skills
- Good skills in Word Processing, Excel and Adobe Creative Cloud

Language of Work: English as the operating language with fluency in Cree

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website: www.matawa.on.ca.

Please submit a summary of experience and three references or a cover letter with resume and three references to:

Matawa First Nations Management

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Application Deadline: September 17, 2020

Thank you for your interest in working with Matawa First Nations Management however, only successful applicants will be contacted.

