

Long Lake #58 First Nation

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Job Posting

Band Representative

Long Lake #58 First Nation community is located north of the Lake Superior 300 kilometers North East of Thunder Bay and 2 kilometers west of the Town of Longlac off the TransCanada Highway #11 on the north Shore of Long Lake. With 450 members residing in the community and the remainder of the membership residing outside the community across Canada with a majority of the members residing in Thunder Bay, ON.

We are an Ojibway speaking First Nation and a member of the Anishinabek Nation and also a member of the Matawa First Nation Management Group.

Long Lake #58 First Nation is actively involved in the management of their Traditional Lands and its resources while protecting the natural environment and our traditional values and cultural uses. Long Lake #58 First Nation is currently working with Greenstone Gold Mines who is proposing to initiate the development of a gold mine known as the "Hardrock Project" within the Home Lands of Long Lake #58 First Nation. Long Lake #58 First Nation and Greenstone Gold Mines entered into a Definitive Agreement in the summer of 2018 ("Agreement").

Purpose:

The purpose of this position is to ensure the children, who are members, are eligible to be members of LL#58FN, and who are involved with the Children's Aid Societies, have their rights to their own culture and community protected and upheld.

LL#58FN has a high number of children and families involved in the child welfare system either through apprehension, adoption, or in customary care arrangements (with family but not with parent).

Long Lake #58 First Nation has signed on to a process which allows us to make our own Child Wellbeing Law. We will be taking care of our own without the influence of another government. Band Reps will be required to assist in this process.

Position Overview:

Reporting to the Director of the Health/Social department the Band Representative will advocate for the best interest of the Children who are

members of the Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL#58FN) in all court proceedings pertaining to Child Welfare matters. The Band Rep will represent LL#58FN and the Band's interest in Child Protection proceedings or hearings, involving children of LL#58FN. This position has a full party status in hearings and Child Protection.

Duties:

- Advocate for families in court systems
- Advocate for caregivers who do not have a strong voice
- Advocate for the child who is in need of assistance
- Advocate for the caregiver who may need help with health issues including mental health and addictions.
- Advocate for the children in the education and health system
- Guide families and children through a healing process
- Reunite families when there has been a breakdown of family
- Work with the entire family to bring healing and wellness
- Help families meet the basic needs for their children
- Guide youth in every aspect of the medicine wheel
- Promote culture and language within families
- Encourage land-based healing activities
- Encourage and promote quality family gatherings
- Develop wellness plans for individual family members and whole families
- Assist with the process of making the Child Wellbeing Law a reality for LL#58FN.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of the Child Welfare Act
- Social Work diploma or health related field
- Minimum of 2 years working with Indigenous children, families and communities

To apply: Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter, resume, three references and a police criminal record check, by email or hand deliver in person to:

Jonna Zechner

Human Resources

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Deadline: Monday February 1st, 2021 @ 12:00pm

We thank all candidates who apply, however, preference will be given to LL#58FN members first only those selected for an interview will be contacted.