INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Outreach Worker

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 Nations communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls 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, a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 6 communities.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Outreach Worker** with the Matawa Education Department. The Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, provides a unique learning environment to support students as they move toward the successful completion of their secondary education and continue on their pathways to work, training or post- secondary education programs.

Position Summary:

As a member of the Matawa Education and Student Care Centre team, the Matawa Education and Care Centre Outreach Worker (MECCOW) supports students as they move toward the successful completion of their secondary education and continue on their pathways to work, training or post-secondary education programs. The MECCOW will work directly with students to address issues that they are facing, ensures that students are in their boarding homes or the student care centre by curfew, and ensure their safety and wellbeing. They will do this by maintaining a presence throughout

the city during the off hours of the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC). The MECCOW will interact with the students' parents/caregivers, boarding home parents, police, hospital, and other parties in ensuring students are safe.

Matawa First Nations Management has adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy by which all staff who are eligible must be fully vaccinated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us.

Preferred Qualifications and Experience:
The ideal applicant will have:
- ☐ Possess a high school diploma or study in field of Social Work
- ☐ Experience in crisis response
- ☐ Fluency in Cree, Oji-Cree or Ojibway is a definite asset
- ☐ Good knowledge of services provided in city of Thunder Bay
- ☐ Good knowledge of Matawa First Nations communities
- ☐ Strong understanding of First Nation needs
- ☐ Strong understanding of First Nation communities' culture, traditions and practices
- ☐ Knowledge of Ojibway Cree or Oji-Cree is an asset

Applicants will also have excellent oral and written communication skills; interpersonal and leadership skills; stress management skills; demonstrated ability to work effectively with teachers, principals, students, administration, government and First Nations; and hold a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain.

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

Please send your cover letter and resume with three employment references to:

Matawa First Nations Management
Attn: Sharon Nate, Executive Director

200 N Lillie St.
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y2
RE: **Outreach Worker**

Fax: (807) 768-3301
Email: **education@matawa.on.ca**

We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience.

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations,
however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled