



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

BAND REPRESENTATIVE

POSITION SUMMARY

Henvey Inlet First Nation is seeking a full-time **Band Representative** to join our Administration. The Band Representative reports to the Band Representative Lead and is responsible to represent and advocate for Henvey Inlet First Nation members that are involved with any child welfare agencies throughout Canada. This position requires exceptional interpersonal communication skills and strong organization skills.

Henvey Inlet First Nation offers competitive wages, paid vacation and personal emergency days, an incredible pension and benefit package, on-site daycare services for working parents, fifteen paid federal, provincial and First Nations holidays, annual cultural leave, paid Christmas break, and half-day workdays every Friday.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

The Band Representative will be responsible to:

- Assist with the development of a program structure for Henvey Inlet First Nation in collaboration with the Band Representative Team
- Assist with the establishment of a Child Welfare Committee and collaboratively develop Henvey Inlet First Nation child welfare laws, regulations and practices
- Provide support services to Henvey Inlet First Nation members that are currently or may be involved with child welfare agencies
- Establish and develop an active working relationship with all child welfare agencies throughout Canada
- Respond to all child welfare agencies when notified of any members being involved with their agency
- Behave in a professional manner when acting as a representative of Henvey Inlet First Nation
- Develop a plan of care for HIFN members and ensure that a legal representative is aware of all court files as necessary
- Ensure that customary care is practiced with all band members before court is considered
- Participate in all Service Plans, Plans of Care or Service Development for Henvey Inlet band members
- Assist with the development of BCR's as needed with full briefing notes for Chief and Council
- Review CCAs prior to seeking Chief and Council's approval for BCRs
- Present in-camera sessions with a report to Chief and Council monthly or when required
- Build and maintain trusting and supportive client relations
- Attend all court proceedings related to band member child welfare cases as required
- Act as a representative of Chief and Council when they are unable to attend courtroom proceedings for child welfare cases
- Present information and documents to the courts on behalf of Chief and Council for child welfare cases
- Act as a support system to band members required to attend child welfare court proceedings
- Maintain an empathetic and supportive demeanor to band members and their families
- Liaise with Chief and Council regarding court proceedings and outcomes
- Maintain a log of activities that are participated in on behalf of the band
- Create and maintain a secure filing system with gathered information on all our members with open files with each child welfare agency throughout Canada in accordance with PIPEDA regulations
- Maintain strict confidentiality at all times
- Adhere to all HIFN Policies and Procedures
- Take interest in continuous learning and maintain up-to-date knowledge on current industry regulations, trends and practices
- Participate in mandatory training workshops as required
- Attend and actively participate in staff and community meetings
- Perform other duties as assigned from time-to-time by the Band Representative Lead, Director of Finance/Administration or Chief and Council

QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-secondary certificate, degree or diploma in Social Services, Family Services, Child and Youth Services or other related field
- Current and satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Police Check
- Valid Ontario Class G Driver's License with access to a reliable, insured vehicle
- Current First Aid and CPR Level C an asset
- A strong understanding of First Nations' cultures, values and history required
- Knowledge of Henvey Inlet First Nation community and practices an asset
- Previous experience working within a First Nations organization an asset
- Knowledge of the history of child welfare as it pertains to First Nations' communities
- Full understanding of the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA), Bill C92, federal and provincial child welfare laws and regulations and Customary Care Agreements
- Previous courtroom and public speaking experience
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and the ability to build professional relationships with HIFN members/clients and affiliates
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Exceptional organization and time-management skills
- Strong attention to detail and the ability to perform and prioritize multiple tasks seamlessly
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- Highly resourceful with the ability to adapt to changing work needs and demands
- Proven ability to handle confidential information with discretion
- Professional attitude and a strong work ethic
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Strong computer and typing skills, including working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Willingness to travel for work when needed
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including on-call, evenings and weekends when requested

HOURS OF WORK

Full-Time – 35.5 hrs/week

REMUNERATION

Negotiable based on experience

START DATE

As soon as possible

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Posted until filled

Those interested in applying should submit their resume and cover letter in confidence to:

Henvey Inlet First Nation – Human Resources

295 Pickerel River Rd.

Pickerel, ON P0G 1J0

Tel: (705) 857-2331

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We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Henvey Inlet First Nation gives preference to all qualified First Nations people in accordance with Section 24(1) (a) of the Ontario Human Rights Code.