



## **Come for the Outdoor Adventure and Stay for the Job!**

The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine is pleased to announce they are searching for a permanent full-time **Utilities Operator** to join their dedicated team. This position offers a salary range of \$53,453.40 to \$61,388.60, depending on experience, a pension, and a full range of benefits.

If awe-inspiring, natural scenery and breathtaking views is what you crave, then the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (RDKS) is your place. This area is renowned for its world-class fishing and outdoor adventure opportunities, including a ski hill, sledding, skating, heli-skiing, an 18-hole golf course, hiking, and mountain biking trails. The area offers quality advanced education opportunities with both Coast Mountain College and the University of Northern BC satellite campus. There is also a well-developed arts and cultural community, recreation facilities and library. Terrace, where the role is located, is the regional retail and service hub for the northwestern portion of British Columbia. The opportunity for adventure is endless in any season. The Kitimat-Stikine region is the traditional homeland of the Tahltan, Nisga'a, Gitksan, Wet'suwet'en, Heiltsuk, Tsimshian, and Haisla Nations. Spanning a geographic area of 110,000km<sup>2</sup> the RDKS is home to almost 40,000 people and includes the five incorporated municipalities of Terrace, Kitimat, Stewart, District of New Hazelton and the Village of Hazelton.

### **Purpose Statement:**

Under the direction of the Works & Services Foreman, the Utilities Operator is responsible to ensure building and utility maintenance/monitoring and repairs are being completed daily.

### **Direct Reports:**

There are no direct reports to this position.

### **Major Duties and Responsibilities:**

Under the direction of the Works & Services Foreman the Utilities Operator responsibilities include:

- Perform heavy manual labour including, but not limited to, pick and shovel work, brush clearing, lifting, and moving heavy materials, climbing in and out of manholes and excavations, etc.
- Operating and servicing a variety of equipment and tools including, but not limited to lawn mower, weed eater, service valve keys, wrenches, hammers, variety of power tools, etc.
- Underground utility locates.
- Actively involved in safety meetings.
- Under the direction of the Works & Services Foreman and Lead Operator, perform maintenance and inspection of water systems, sewer systems, landfill systems, parks, building maintenance transit stops and refuse.



- Inspection and reporting of RDKS/BC Hydro owned streetlights.
- Assist in collecting water and sewer samples under the direction of Works & Services Foreman and Solid Waste department.
- Relay stakeholder concerns to Works & Services Foreman or lead operator for follow up.
- Report on changes or anomalies within the community Water & Sewer systems.
- Required to update certifications and have a good understanding/knowledge of working in and around confined spaces.
- Perform housekeeping and janitorial duties as required.
- Be available for on call, overtime, and emergency work including after-hours and weekends as and when required to keep systems operational.
- May involve shift change during winter months.
- Other duties, as required.

**Working with others:**

This position involves working closely with other Utilities Operators and the Works & Services Foreman - taking direction and delivering on maintenance requirements for all task/deliverables on a day-to-day basis. This position also works frequently with hired equipment operators (sub-contractors).

**Skills and Abilities:**

Include but not limited to the following:

- Read and understand utility plans and operations manuals.
- Communicate effectively and efficiently with coworkers and the public.
- Work well with others or independently.
- Mechanical Aptitude and ability to make repairs to pumping and mechanical equipment.
- Proficient in operating a variety of tools and equipment.

**Specific Training and Experience:**

- A minimum of 1-year related experience working in municipal infrastructure.
- Utilities Operator is an introductory position with the expectation that they will work toward certification in BC EOCP Water Distribution 1, and Wastewater Collection 1 or Wastewater Treatment 1.

**Work Environment:**

Majority of work consists of being in the field.

On work sites, this position is more likely to be working in and around heavy equipment and uneven



terrain. (Unpleasant aspect can be noise, diesel exhaust smells, slips, trip hazards, falls and inclement weather).

When working in the field there is the possibility of being exposed to effluent, landfill waste, compostable materials, off-gases from leachate and solid waste, and oxygen depletion at confined space entry locations. Environmental considerations are various disinfection and cleaning compounds (hypo-chlorine), bleach, paints, and solvents. Potential exposures include biohazards (needles) foul smells, air-borne particulate, and Hepatitis virus.

This position is in Terrace, B.C., but travel out of town is often required because of the vast range of the Regional District boundaries.

### **Physical, Mental and Visual Demands**

The physical demands described here are the representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Work is performed mostly in outdoor or shop settings. Hand-eye coordination is necessary to operate computers and various pieces of office equipment. Physical strength and agility required daily. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, use hand to finger, handle, feel or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employees are occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and smell. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move more than 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and peripheral vision, and the ability to focus. Occasionally experience stress.

### **Required Licenses/Certifications**

- Class 5 Drivers license (optional Trailer Endorsement Class 3)
- High School diploma/GED
- EOCP and/or SWANA would be an asset.

Please submit your cover letter, resume and references by mail or email to the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024. We appreciate your interest when applying and advise that only candidates under active consideration will be contacted.

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