



Metro Vancouver – Join us in our commitment to provide services and solutions to one of the world’s most livable regions. We deliver service excellence in the areas of regional growth planning, air quality, water, liquid and solid waste management, regional parks, affordable housing, and community engagement to over 2.4 million residents. We invite you to bring your skills, passion, and expertise to help us in our commitment to sustain and enhance our region’s livability. We offer competitive salaries; excellent benefit packages; a municipal pension plan; employee wellness programs; and varied opportunities for professional growth and development. *Our Parks, Planning and Environment Department is currently seeking a:*

REGIONAL PLANNER II (Full-Time Regular)

NATURE OF WORK

This is advanced professional planning work focused on research, policy development and implementation, and engagement with municipal and other agency partners. An incumbent plays a project management role in developing, coordinating and completing major strategy and planning policy projects, integrates concurrent planning projects into a comprehensive regional plan and supervises the work of assigned professional, technical staff and consultants and/or coordinates the input of internal and external professional and technical resources. An incumbent exercises considerable independent judgment and action in developing research methodology and policy formulation and implementation phases of all assignments. This position is focused on applied policy research to advance growth management tools and policies in *Metro Vancouver 2040: Shaping our Future (Metro 2040)*, the regional growth strategy, and specifically those associated with supporting economic prosperity through ensuring an adequate supply of space for industry and commerce throughout the region.

DUTIES:

Defines policy initiatives supporting corporate strategic directions; assists in the development of funding models, political review and approval strategies, and upon approval, implements same.

Determines and develops approach and research methodology for major policy and planning projects; develops policy proposals in areas such as regional development, land use and transportation, residential, industrial and commercial development, resource and demand management, economics and municipal finance; provides input on strategic direction.

Performs project management functions; determines and develops approach and research methodology for major policy and planning projects; facilitates the participation of interdepartmental resources and external partners; coordinates the inputs of professional and technical resources and/or plans, supervises and participates in the work of a small group of assigned subordinates engaged in related professional and technical planning work; directs the work of consultants.

Presents and defends policy analysis and proposals before superiors, other staff and represents the department at various committees as required; and arranges for consultation and clearance of policy proposals with municipalities and provincial agencies.

Processes the necessary steps for implementation of concepts and prepares and presents complex reports.

Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with staff and external contacts at various levels within government agencies, municipalities and committees; coordinates various activities, programs and projects and implements multi-stakeholder consultations and engagement, relieves a superior at various meetings as required.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

University graduation in Regional, Urban, Environmental or Transportation Planning at the Masters level, with considerable related professional planning experience; OR an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Membership or eligibility for membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, techniques, methods and procedures applicable to local and regional planning and development.

Thorough knowledge of the policies, rules and regulations, by-laws and legislation governing departmental operations.

Considerable knowledge of areas such as regional development, land use and transportation, residential, commercial and industrial development, open space, regional parks system planning, land conservation, environmental and resource management, and of the current literature, trends and developments in these fields.

Considerable knowledge of modeling principles, practices, techniques and current technological developments in computer software.

Ability to develop and prepare policy proposals, define problem areas, determine research methods, analyse and evaluate data and prepare comprehensive reports.

Ability to plan, assign, supervise and participate in the work of a small group of subordinates engaged in related planning work, to direct the work of consultants and to coordinate input and information from various internal and external sources.

Ability to perform all duties under minimal supervision.

Ability to coordinate activities, programs and projects and relieve a superior during absences or unavailability of same within defined limits.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts and represent the District on a variety of committees, task forces and working groups.

Driver's License for the Province of British Columbia.

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While we greatly appreciate all the replies we receive, regretfully only those selected for an interview will be contacted.