

Employment Opportunity

Operator 3 – Certified (Full Time) Wastewater Collection and Treatment

Fernie, BC is located at the centre of one of the most unique and desirable regions in British Columbia. Located in the Rocky Mountains, the adjacent Fernie Alpine Resort provides some of the finest skiing in North America while the surrounding East Kootenay region provides world class outdoor recreation opportunities. Exceptional fly fishing, mountain biking, hiking and backcountry adventure can be accessed directly from town. Fernie is truly a four season wonderland.

The City of Fernie is looking for a fulltime Operator 3 Certified to work in the Public Works department. Under the general supervision of the Operations Supervisor this position performs a variety of duties related to the collection and treatment of wastewater.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position will be responsible for maximizing the performance of the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, troubleshooting and resolving problems, performing various wastewater tests and making adjustments as appropriate, and ensuring the minimization of all safety and health risks and environmental concerns. In addition to these responsibilities, this position will also operate various large and small equipment (as required) to cover manpower shortages and/or peak demands.

ILLUSTRATED EXAMPLES OF WORK:

- Draw samples for laboratory chemical and bacteriological analysis.
- Take and record readings from instruments such as flow meters and pressure gauges.
- Analyze instrument readings and make necessary adjustments to equipment.
- Adjust pumping systems, blowers, sludge handling equipment, and chemical metering equipment in order to maintain steady operation.
- Complete treatability tests to determine appropriate chemical dosing rates.
- Evaluate, maintain, and repair equipment, tanks, and storage containers.
- Prepare reports and maintain operating logs.
- Investigate chemical and hazardous waste spills that may potentially enter the wastewater collection system or other storm drainage systems.
- Respond to complaints from the public and inquiries from superiors and regulators.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid BC Driver's License, minimum Class 3 with air brakes endorsement and clean driver's abstract
- Level II Wastewater Treatment and Collection certification

Salary and benefits are in accordance with current CUPE contract. Detailed applications containing resume and references should be **received by 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 8, 2014** addressed to:

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