



Milk River Watershed Council Canada

Job Posting

WILDLIFE/OUTREACH TECHNICIAN

1 Year Term Position: January to December 2022 at 37.5 hours per week.

Start date January 4th, 2022

Application deadline is December 3rd, 2021

The Milk River Watershed Council Canada (MRWCC) is a broad partnership of interested and informed people living and working in the Milk River watershed of Alberta, who provide leadership in watershed management, planning, stewardship, and education. As a transboundary watershed, we foster good relationships with our Saskatchewan and Montana neighbours for the continued co-management of the Milk River Watershed.

The Wildlife/Outreach Technician position presents an opportunity to take a leadership role to coordinate the **Securing a future for bats in the Milk River Watershed Project**. The successful candidate will work directly with watershed landowners to promote and implement stewardship projects for at-risk bat species including the Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*). Activities include the protection of existing nesting and roosting structures, placement of bat boxes and larger habitat structures, and education on the potential impact of White Nose Syndrome (WNS) and other threats to all bat populations found within the watershed. Experience related to conducting ecological surveys, technical report writing, education and outreach are essential.

In addition, the technician will be responsible for **overseeing outreach activities related to the MRWCC Youth Engagement Program** including the development of virtual fieldtrip modules, occasional classroom presentations, community presentations, and support for social media content. The technician may be required to train, manage, and plan actions for summer students or coordinate the actions for community volunteers.

Skills, Knowledge, and Education:

This position requires excellent communication and organizational skills and an enthusiastic personality with the ability to work with multiple personnel

Knowledge of function and management of the Milk River watershed is essential. Knowledge of species at risk, their habitat needs, and threats within the watershed is very important. This position generally requires the ability to do the following work:

- Survey bat populations.
- Liaison with land owners.
- Compile data for evaluation.
- Write detailed reports.
- Deliver a Youth Engagement Program

The ideal candidate will have a minimum post-secondary diploma or degree in a related field (Biology, Environmental Sciences, Agriculture, Education etc) with experience or a demonstratable background in: wildlife management, understanding of species at risk, community involvement and engagement, sustainable agriculture, and presentation/program delivery.

Applicant must be able to lift 15kg, hike over uneven terrain with safety hazards, work both outdoors and indoors, be practiced and comfortable within a classroom environment, hold a valid Class 5 driver's license, provide own transportation and pass background screening to work with children. First aid and CPR certification would also be an asset.

Key Duties:

Deliver day to day initiatives of the Milk River Watershed Council Canada according to the Job description as follows:

Bat Stewardship Project Technician (0.5 full-time equivalent (fte))

- Conduct roost and hibernacula surveys with landowners across the watershed and recommend best practices/enhancements to habitat. Record and report survey results.
- Outreach activities related to soliciting for producer cooperators and delivery of reference materials to watershed residents, oversee installation of enhancement projects.
- Coordination of landowner cooperators and identification of survey locations and habitat mitigative actions.
- Present outreach materials at MRWCC community forums and community events.

Outreach programs (0.4 fte)

- Assist or Coordinate Youth Engagement Program Delivery (both within Schools and Field Programs)
- Assist Program Coordinator in engaging public through Social Media tools.
- Assist with delivery of watershed related programming with Alberta Parks – partnership program at Writing on Stone Provincial Park.

Coordinate “From the Field – Virtual field trip educational series” program (0.1 fte)

- Development of curriculum linked to grades 8-12 in classroom virtual fieldtrips with wildlife researchers, habitat managers, and farmers/ranchers that are responsible for sustainable management of land, water, and biodiversity in southern Alberta.

Any other duties as directed by the Executive Director of MRWCC

General:

- Work co-operatively with MRWCC staff sharing office and administrative resources
- Attend conferences/workshops as directed
- Adhere to all MRWCC policies and procedures, including specified deadlines
- Attend MRWCC Committee/Team meetings, Council meetings, Staff meetings, and Annual General Meetings as required
- Be available for scheduled evening and weekend work
- Follow all Covid-19 related policies and guidelines for a safe work environment

Location:

The qualified individual will be required to report to the MRWCC office in Milk River 3 days per week and maintain a home-based office 2 days per week as required.

Term and Compensation:

One year Term contract position from **January to December 2022 at 37.5 hours** per week.

Annual salary range: **\$44,000 – \$54,000 dependent on experience and skills.**

Flexibility for longer or later workdays required during field seasons and occasionally during other months. Travel beyond regular scheduled office hours in employee’s vehicle is compensated at a rate of \$0.60/km.

Other:

Reports to Executive Director

Eligibility:

Must be legally allowed to work in Canada and have a clean criminal record.

Deadline for Application:

December 3rd, 2021

Application Instructions:

To apply, please send your resume and a cover letter to Tim Romanow, MRWCC Executive Director at tim@mrwcc.ca

Website: www.mrwcc.ca

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Thank you for your interest in the MRWCC.