



COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN No.10
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SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT - 2016

The County of Wetaskiwin has the following seasonal employment opportunities available:

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Job Posting #2016/02

Agricultural Services Labourer (2 available positions) – responsible for performing general maintenance for the Agricultural Service Board Department within the County of Wetaskiwin including mowing, weed eating, hand picking weeds and general duties as assigned. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Job Posting #2016/03

Parks Dept. (Groundskeeper) (2 available positions) – will be responsible for performing general Park maintenance for the County yard and the Parks and Recreational areas within the County of Wetaskiwin, including transporting picnic tables, cleaning fire pits, painting and grounds maintenance. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License and will report to the County of Wetaskiwin Winfield Shop.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

ADMINISTRATION

Job Posting #2016/04

Administration Dept. - Front Counter/Receptionist – responsible for general receptionist duties, including cash receipting, word processing, mail processing, answering switchboard, accounts receivable, file and data maintenance.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

The following positions fall under the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955 Collective Agreement:

AGRICULTURAL SERVICES

Job Posting #2016/05

Spray Truck Driver and/or Sprayer Operator (2 available positions) – will be responsible for operating the County of Wetaskiwin's spray truck, performing minor equipment repairs and ongoing regular maintenance of equipment including shop maintenance. Required to maintain accurate records of all areas sprayed, including chemicals used, rates of application and legal land locations. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

Job Posting #2016/06

Light Equipment Operator (Mower) (2 available positions) – will be responsible for operating the County of Wetaskiwin's roadside mower, including performing minor equipment repairs and ongoing regular maintenance of equipment including shop maintenance.

Will be a back-up spray truck operator when required, and will perform minor equipment repairs and ongoing regular maintenance of the spray truck. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License.

Start: June 1st, 2016 – October 31st, 2016

Job Posting #2016/07

Weed Inspector (4 available positions) – will be responsible for carrying out weed inspections, grasshopper surveys and Blackleg in Canola surveys within the County of Wetaskiwin. Required to complete thorough and accurate documentation of areas surveyed and draft correspondence to landowners. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

PUBLIC WORKS

Job Posting #2016/09

Public Works Dept. - Labourer – seeking a summer Labourer working out of the Wetaskiwin County Shop. The successful candidate will perform general road maintenance duties for the Public Works Department including garbage pickup, pot hole repair, crack sealing, cutting brush, erecting signs, general and roadside cleanup as well as maintenance duties. Must hold a valid Class 5 Operator's License and will be responsible for providing your safety footwear.

Start: May 2nd, 2016 – August 31st, 2016

For the above available Summer Employment positions please reference the Job Posting Number noted above. You may apply by completing a County of Wetaskiwin application form available for pickup at the County Administration Building, or apply online under the County of Wetaskiwin's website or forward your Resume and covering letter by 4:30 p.m. March 18th, 2016, marked "Seasonal Employment 2016" to:

Verna Lonsdale, Executive Assistant
Box 6960, Wetaskiwin, AB, T9A 2G5
Phone: 780-352-3321 or Fax: 780-352-3486
Email: vlonsdale@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

ENHANCING COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT FOR RATEPAYERS

Council has approved a new Communications Plan that will enhance the County's information sharing and communications approaches.

In August 2015, the County reached out to its residents with a survey regarding Communicating with the County. Reeve Kathy Rooyakkers advised "Council wanted a means to gauge satisfaction with current channels to share information and communicate and solicit input on the best channels to move forward."

From the 1268 survey responses, the County heard residents are, for the most part, satisfied with its information sharing and communications activities. They agree that the information the County shares with them is relevant and important. They value traditional methods of information sharing and communication and are seeking some specific digital options to supplement them. They placed greater emphasis on communications tools that are concise and summarize or highlight key information that residents need to know and explain how it affects them. They expressed preferences for information flyers, newspapers and newsletters. They also expressed interest in channels to improve the flow of communication back from residents to County and Administration. Residents want to be able to provide feedback and have interactions where they can raise concerns and have them addressed. There is interest in creating regular, scheduled opportunities to engage with Council face-to-face to learn about and provide feedback on County priorities, policies, issues and budgetary plans.

When it comes to the content shared and sought by the County, residents want to receive information and communicate about issues and opportunities, community priorities, and community services levels.

The three-year Communication plan focuses on improved communication through current channels, including newspaper, website, newsletter, information flyer, and Interplan (Strategic & Financial Reporting), the addition of electronic access to the semi-annual resident newsletter, scheduled open conversation opportunities with Council, and digital engagement via social media. Watch the County pages of the Pipestone Flyer Newspaper and the County website for updates on these communication and engagement opportunities.

"Council is very grateful to everyone that took the time to complete the survey", noted Reeve Kathy Rooyakkers. "Your input provided necessary information for Council and Administration to identify priority actions to enhance two-way communication, creating a higher level of opportunity for citizens to engage in municipal decision making".

The Communication Plan, Workshop Overview, and Survey Summary Report can be viewed on the County website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.

For further information please contact Sharon Radis, Communications Officer at 780-361-6220 or via email sradis@county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

Fire departments within the County of Wetaskiwin rely on the dedication and commitment of residents to operate. Volunteers are needed for numerous duties including:

- Answering phones
- Distributing pamphlets and information
- Teaching fire prevention
- On-call firefighting

Each fire department provides training, gear and equipment for volunteer firefighters. Some of the fire departments offer a minimal compensation package.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact your local Fire Department or the Director of Emergency Services Mike Zajac at (780) 361-6240.