

SHERBROOKE RESTORATION COMMISSION
JOB POSTING

Sawmill Operator



Sherbrooke Village is seeking a collaborative, personable, and strong person to support operation and interpretation of the Museum's MacDonald Brothers' Sawmill. Sherbrooke Village occupies a 53-acre site with over 80 frame buildings reflecting rural village life of the 1860-1880 period, including offsite Sawmill, Stamp Mill and Lumber Camp. The water-powered Sawmill is important to the Museum program, processing softwood into roughcut lumber for use in restoration across our site. The Sawmill Sawyer is part of a team responsible for Sawmill operations, systems maintenance, and for providing engaging interpretation for a variety of visitors.

Sherbrooke Village is in search of someone who can bring an adaptable, dependable, and responsible attitude backed by accountability and sound judgment. We seek to improve the enjoyment and understanding of authentic Nova Scotian histories presented in a unique museum setting. You'll work primarily in the Sawmill with periods of intensity processing lumber during busy tourism seasons where excellent service to our visitors is our priority.

The Sawmill Operator (Sawyer) reports to the Sawmill Supervisor and the Heritage Interpretation team with support from the Site Maintenance Supervisor. They provide vital services for the smooth running of the Sawmill and the Museum site for the public.

Type of Employment: Full-Time, Seasonal with entitlement to annual recall

Salary: \$21.05 per hour at 35 hrs per week, plus 4% vacation pay and 2% in lieu of benefits

Start Date: May 20, 2025 for a minimum of 18 weeks

Work Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 9:30AM to 5PM

Core activities include:

- Working with other site staff, will greet visitors and provide them with introductions to the Sawmill, Museum program, and Sherbrooke Village history.
- Welcome visitors using first-person interpretation ("Welcome to the Sawmill, I'm one of the Sawyers, we're getting ready to bring in another log for sawing")
- Prepare logs for the sawmill and ensure logs are guided through the sawmill correctly.
- Animate the sawmill area including the Royal Stamp Mill and Lumber Camp, conducting demonstrations of period activities.
- Aid in management of the wood supply to ensure sufficient supply is available for daily sawmill demonstrations and for use in restoration projects.
- Wear period clothing according to Sherbrooke Village Wardrobe standards.
- Ensure the building, equipment, and grounds around the Sawmill are cared for in accordance with Museum standards.
- Lifting will be required, in excess of 50lbs, in addition to working at heights and on uneven surfaces, and use of heavy equipment.

Qualifications

The successful candidate may have a combination of experience listed below - Sherbrooke Village values transferrable skills. We are seeking candidates who have:

- High School Diploma and some work experience; preference will be given to individuals with millwright, sawmill, or general saw operation experience.
- Ability to speak in front of groups and interact with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Ability to coordinate activities with other staff in a manner that causes harmonious and effective teamwork when working close to the public.
- Ability to inspect and identify issues, deficiencies and to trouble-shoot material-related issues for Sawmill operations.
- Currently has or is willing and able to get certified upon appointment in the following: First Aid, WHIMS, Working at Heights, Working in Confined Spaces, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Occupational Health & Safety training and Safe Work Practices.

Great-to-Haves

- Experience working in spaces with complex mechanical systems
- Demonstrated interest in heritage building technology, restoration and/or historically sensitive repair

Please provide complete and thorough details of your education and experience. All complete applications must include a cover letter and current resumé with references and should be clearly marked "Sawmill Sawyer". Resume and Cover letter must be sent or delivered:

Sherbrooke Village, ATTN: Executive Director,
42 Main St., PO Box 295, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0 by close of business January 31, 2025.
Emails must include a cover letter and current resumé with references and must be sent to:
Sherbrooke.ED@novascotia.ca

This is a bargaining unit position represented by the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union. External applicants are welcome; preference is given to qualified Sherbrooke Village NSGEU bargaining unit candidates first. A criminal record check and Child Abuse Registry check will be required of successful candidates. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No telephone or faxed applications will be accepted.