

SHERBROOKE RESTORATION COMMISSION
JOB POSTING

HERITAGE INTERPRETER (LIVING HISTORY)



Heritage Interpreters help bring Sherbrooke Village to life and are responsible for providing knowledgeable and courteous interpretation of the buildings and our site to the public while adopting the persona of a period character demonstrating rural village life of the 19th century. Working with other site staff, the Heritage Interpreter will deliver interpretive programs and services such as house tours, school programs, events, workshops, food preparation and serving, off-site activities, and demonstrations as required. The position includes artefact and collections care, and general cleaning of buildings and surrounding grounds.

The goal of all Heritage Interpreters is to progressively add to their knowledge of Victorian era life and develop a first-person interpretation. Heritage Interpreters must also add to their knowledge of Sherbrooke Village architecture, genealogy, lifestyles, economies and materials and develop competency in traditional skill sets. Heritage Interpreter staff are expected to take on leadership roles and help co-workers in their pursuit of knowledge and skills. Interpreters are further expected to continue to attain satisfactory ongoing performance reviews. All frontline staff are expected to wear period clothing according to Museum and Wardrobe standards.

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

Salary: \$20.40 per hour at 35 hrs per week, plus 4% vacation pay and 2% in lieu of benefits

Start Date: Immediately for a minimum of 16 weeks

Work Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 9:30 AM to 5PM with occasional Friday evenings in July/August

Qualifications:

The successful candidate must be able to:

- Be in possession of a high school completion certificate or experiential equivalent.
- Exhibit excellent communication skills required to interact with all ages of the public and coworkers
- Demonstrate dependability, adaptability and exhibit time management skills while working with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Work independently and as a part of a team
- Embrace and support change
- Exhibit creativity and initiative, as well as demonstrate problem solving skills
- Exhibit strong positive customer service skills

Skills which would be considered an asset are:

- Knowledge of heritage trades (Blacksmithing, Weaving, Woodturning, Pottery, etc.)
- Traditional skills such as knitting, sewing, quilting, rug hooking, whittling, children's crafts, etc.
- Outdoor interpretation
- Knowledge of local, Nova Scotian and/or Canadian history
- Second Language

Sherbrooke Village, a part of the Nova Scotia Museum, is committed to diversity and equitable access to employment opportunities based on ability—your unique contributions and talents will be valued and respected here. We strive to build a team that reflects the diversity of the community we work in and encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, people identifying as LGBTQ2SI, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Application Process: A cover letter should highlight how the applicant clearly meets the qualifications listed. Cover letter and resume may be sent to svillage@novascotia.ca. Please be aware that Selection Committee knowledge and/or references regarding a candidate's credentials, abilities, and personal suitability may be used as part of the assessment process. **We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.** 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 vulnerable sectors 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.