

# Employment Opportunity



**Skowkale First Nation**

**Position Title:** *Halq'eméylem Language & Heritage Preservationist*  
**Position Location:** *Chilliwack, BC*  
**Salary Range:** *\$29.51-\$32.25/hr dependent on education & experience*  
**Work Term:** *Full Time*

**Position Overview:** This role is vital in preserving our Halq'eméylem language by interacting with the last fluent speaker to formally learn and document, archiving reference (language and culture) materials for future generations. In addition, after learning the language, this person will mentor and share knowledge to strengthen language use and competence through language classes and programs.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Shadow elder fluent speaker to learn and formally document the Halq'eméylem language and culture through written and recorded means
- Mentor members to speak the Halq'eméylem language to share and build language use and competence
- Develop and deliver formal language programs for all age groups and audiences, including children, youth, and adult learners
- Monitor and evaluate program effectiveness.
- Provide support to the elder speaker and assist with meal preparation, cleaning her home, driving her to appointments, shopping, etc., or needs as required.
- Commit to 5 years with the preservation program
- Continuous learner of the language

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Knowledge of the Halq'eméylem language, culture, and protocols
- Belief in the importance of preserving language and enjoys sharing and learning with others
- Strong cultural sensitivity and understanding. Able to build strong relationships with elders, adults, children, and youth, built on trust.
- Ability to document and record language information for archiving
- Intermediate proficiency with computers including Word and Outlook
- A member from Skowkale or other Halq'eméylem speaking communities
- Experience in developing and implementing language programs preferred
- Experience working with elders and knowledge holders.
- Experience creating language curriculum and the development of course materials for variable age groups and learning styles preferred
- Satisfactory Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Previous teaching experience is an asset
- Valid B.C. Class 5 Driver's license

**Working Conditions:**

- Assisting and supporting in the elder's home
- Interacting with community members of all age ranges

**Terms of Employment:**

- Employee signs a standard form contract of employment.
- To ensure the health and safety of all employees and members of the community we have adopted a mandatory vaccination policy
- If no exemption applies, deductions will be made at source according to law.
- If applicable, employer contributions will be made at prescribed rates to CPP, EI, WCB and vacation pay.

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While we sincerely appreciate all applications, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference may be given to candidates of Indigenous ancestry **s16(1) CHRA**, and have knowledge of local First Nations traditional customs and practices.

**HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter outlining how they meet the specific requirements of the position to [careers@jouta.com](mailto:careers@jouta.com). Position open until filled.