



Prevention Worker Employment Opportunity

The Ditidaht First Nation, located on south western Vancouver Island, on Nitinat Lake, is pleased to invite qualified applicants to apply to the permanent, full time position of **Prevention Worker**.

The **Prevention Worker** works in the Health Department and reports to the Community Service Manager. The incumbent is responsible for planning, organizing and implementing healthy alternatives that will improve recreational, social, cultural and educational programs for the youth of the community ages 7 – 18.

The Health Department, in collaboration with the Ditidaht First Nation and broader community, is responsible for increasing the capacity and sustainability of the Department and enhance engagement/ownership of the health of the Ditidaht people. The Health Department develops and implements health programs that incorporate the traditions, values and strengths of the Ditidaht people.

The **Prevention Worker** maintains strict confidentiality in performing their duties and demonstrates the following personal attributes: Integrity, Respect and Unity, Trust, Honesty, Compassion, and Accountability.

We are located in an amazing pristine area on the west coast of Vancouver Island that boasts world class fishing as well as hiking opportunities on the iconic West Coast Trail. Nitinat Lake has some of the most consistent winds in the world that support exhilarating windsurfing and kiteboarding.

A competitive salary and benefit package is offered.

We invite you to email your resume, cover letter (including salary expectations) to Eva Wilson, Administrator at ewilson@ditidaht.ca no later than 4:00PM on May 11, 2021.

Preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal ancestry.

For information about the Ditidaht First Nation please go to www.nitinaht.com and for further information about this position please contact Eva Wilson at 250-745-3333

Education and Experience

- Degree or Diploma in the health and social service field; and
- Minimum 2 years related work experience;
- Experience working in First Nations communities is preferred,
- Experience developing and implementing programs and achieving outcomes;
- Experience developing, interpreting and monitoring budgets and statistics preferred;
- Experience writing reports and proposals;
- Experience accessing community-based resources and services for youth;
- Clean criminal record check with Vulnerable Sector required;
- Valid standard first aid and CPR certificate;
- Class 5 BC Driver's Licence with 5 years of driving experience plus a clean driver's abstract and liability insurance limit as required;
- Willing to acquire a Class 4 BC Driver's License.

About the Ditidaht First Nation

Our Ditidaht territory is large. It stretches inland to include Cowichan Lake. It reaches down to Nitinat Lake and deep into the forests. It extends along the coast between Bonilla Point and Pachena Point and encompasses a considerable distance offshore. More generally, Ditidaht territory on land extends to the headwaters of the streams and rivers which drain down to the coastline. Ditidaht territory extends out to sea and includes the rich salmon, halibut and cod bands that feed our people. The Nation's current registered population is 775 members, with approximately 350 living in Balaats'adt Village on Malachan Indian Reserve at Nitinat Lake.

The present Ditidaht Nation is an alliance of at least ten “local groups” each consisting of a group of people occupying a specific geographical area and centered around chiefs and their families. The local group took its name from the name of its main village’s location. It is likely that these groups were more independent long before the white people came to our shores, but during the time since our history has been recorded in documents, we have been viewed as one people, with one common territory, and one name by which we are all know today. We are Ditidaht, or as we say in our own language, diitiid7aa7tx. Some of us prefer the name da7uu7aa7tx, the name of the original Nitinat Lake people. But today we are best known as the Ditidaht.

The Ditidaht people speak a language called Nitinaht or “Ditidaht”. We are proud of this distinctive language that separates us from our neighbours. Our language, Ditidaht, is one of three closely-related languages (Nitinaht, Makah, and Westcoast) forming the South Wakashan sup-group of the Wakashan Language Family.

We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about our people, history, culture, and development.

*The **Prevention Worker** is considered a position of trust; therefore, a Criminal Record check will be conducted on the proposed employee.*

Thank you for your interest in this position, only those short listed will be contacted further.