Taykwa Tagamou Nation

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Employment Opportunity

Elder Culture Worker

(1 year contract with a possibility of extension)

Location: Taykwa Tagamou Nation
Reports to: Health Director

About the Role

Taykwa Tagamou Nation is seeking an Elder Culture Worker to support community wellness through cultural teachings, mentorship, and traditional healing approaches. This role helps reconnect youth and families with land-based knowledge, strengthens cultural identity and language use, and supports trauma-informed, culturally safe programming within the Pathfinders initiative. Working closely with Elders, staff, educators, and families, the position provides guidance rooted in Cree/Omushkego and regional Indigenous ways of knowing.

Responsibilities

- Share cultural teachings, seasonal practices, and traditional protocols
- Lead or support land-based learning, traditional skills workshops, and cultural activities
- Provide one-on-one and group mentorship using traditional approaches
- Facilitate or co-facilitate sharing circles that support wellness and resilience
- Promote the use and revitalization of Cree, Oji-Cree, or related languages
- Participate in community events and help strengthen connections between Elders and youth
- Support culturally responsive programming within schools and community services
- Maintain basic documentation and submit activity summaries as required

Qualifications

- Secondary School Diploma or equivalent
- Lived experience as a cultural facilitator, traditional helper, or knowledge keeper
- Demonstrated knowledge of Indigenous teachings, ceremonies, and protocols
- Experience providing mentorship, cultural guidance, or community support
- Strong communication and listening skills, including the ability to facilitate sharing circles
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and exercise sound judgment
- Valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence
- Proficient in Cree, Oji-Cree, or related language (is an asset)
- Post-secondary education or training in Indigenous wellness, education, social services, or cultural programming (is an asset)

- First Aid/CPR or Wilderness First Aid training (is an asset)
- Experience working in school, health, or community-based Indigenous programs (is an asset)
- Experience working with First Nation communities (is an asset)

Taykwa Tagamou Nation offers a competitive compensation package subject to qualifications and experience; group medical insurance: extended health, dental, life, AD&D and Pension Plan benefits.

How to apply:

Please include these documents in your submission:

- Letter of Application/Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three recent work references (one being from your most recent supervisor/manager)
- Copies of Certificate(s) of Qualification

By email: resumes@taykwatagamou.com

By Fax: 705-272-5785

By mail: P.O. Box 3310, RR#2, Cochrane, ON. P0L 1C0

Deadline to submit application:

November 18, 2026

A complete work description is available upon request. Preference and Priority will be given to Taykwa Tagamou Nation Applicants. We wish to thank all applicants however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Posted: November 3, 2026