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Job Ad – Barracks Site Interpreters

About Us

The Fort Museum of the NWMP and First Nations Interpretive Centre is a non-profit museum and archives in Southern Alberta dedicated to the early histories of Fort Macleod, the Blackfoot, and the North West Mounted Police.

Job Description

The Barracks Site Interpreters will play a central role in relaunching and delivering the newly revived NWMP Barracks interpretive program—an immersive experience where visitors step into the role of newly enlisted NWMP recruits while guided by costumed interpreters. This interactive offering provides a unique opportunity for visitors to experience the history of the North West Mounted Police Provincial Historic Site in a lively, educational, and engaging format. Interpreters will deliver interpretive activities, presentations, and guided tours that help visitors discover, appreciate, and understand the natural and cultural significance of the original NWMP Barracks and its role in shaping the region's history. They will introduce visitors to the stories, structures, artifacts, routines, and relationships that defined life in the late 1800s, including the important—and often complex—interactions between the NWMP and local First Nations.

Working as part of a dynamic interpretive team, the Interpreters will present immersive, historically informed programs that encourage visitors to connect personally with the site. Wearing period-appropriate clothing, they portray characters stationed at the Barracks, guiding visitors through the daily duties, drills, rules, and responsibilities of NWMP recruits. They will adjust tour content based on group size, age level, cultural background, learning needs, and visitor interest, ensuring that each experience is meaningful, safe, and engaging.

Daily responsibilities include greeting visitors, providing orientation and basic public safety information, delivering scheduled tours and interpretive demonstrations, and ensuring visitors understand the historical and cultural significance of each building on site. Interpreters will maintain a welcoming environment, answer visitor questions, and support special programs and events that highlight local heritage.

Because this revived program is in its first official delivery year, the Barracks Interpreters will also contribute to program refinement and development. This includes assisting with tour content adjustments, improving visitor flow, testing new interpretive activities, and offering feedback to strengthen storytelling accuracy and engagement.

Qualifications

Candidates must be a self-motivated individual who can work both independently and as part of a team. Candidates with experience in tourism, retail, or customer service are preferred but not mandatory. Knowledge and interest in Fort Macleod history, Indigenous history, and the region is an asset. If you are a reliable, flexible, team-player, this position may be for you!

These positions are offered in part by the Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations grant and therefore we are looking for students that are currently enrolled full-time in post-secondary studies and are planning to return to studies in the upcoming year.

How to Apply

The Fort Museum recognizes the importance of being an equal opportunities employer free from bias and judgment. The Museum will not discriminate against any person with respect to the designated protected grounds. The Museum will try, where feasible, to eliminate systemic barriers to advancement and/or redress the under-utilization of designated groups.

Applicants can apply by emailing their resume to manager@nwmpmuseum.com. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate has been found.