

Cities & Environment Unit's (CEU) work links the university and communities. Our approach is always community-based and design focused. This implies developing community-specific public participation strategies, building on local skills and knowledge, and generally increasing awareness of planning at many levels. Frequently our work serves as a basis for capacity building and is always focused on finding innovative solutions that make a difference on the ground. Cities & Environment Unit is a community planning action and applied research group based in the Faculty of Architecture & Planning at Dalhousie University, directed by Prof. Frank Palermo.

CEU is engaged in a variety of projects, including First Nations community planning, rural planning, urban design and community consultation. We are seeking a Community Planner to contribute to existing projects, develop new ideas and extend our research. This is an exciting opportunity to build on CEU's existing body of work, apply community-based planning principles in a professional setting and help communities shape their own futures. CEU is seeking a **Community Planner** with the following qualifications and attributes to join our team:

### **Qualifications**

- Professional planning degree, or related education (architecture, landscape architecture).
- Experience with community design and development.
- Experience and knowledge of community participation: public forums, workshops, open house meetings.
- Proficiency in use of computer programs: word processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, graphic design programs, mapping software, etc.
- Effective and efficient research skills.
- Ability to travel frequently, extensively and at short notice required.
- Excellent graphic communication and representation skills.

### **Attributes**

- *Teamwork:* Able to work collaboratively and independently, take initiative and be resourceful; capable of providing leadership when required; possess good interpersonal skills.
- *Communication:* Possesses excellent written, oral and visual communication and presentation skills.
- *Work Ethic:* Enjoys being creative and developing new ideas; able to work in challenging situations; has good organization and time management skills.

### **Duties**

- Work as a team to formulate and articulate ideas for community development plans and strategies.
- Produce panels, displays, visuals (perspectives, sections, site plans) and plan documents.
- Organize and facilitate community forums, workshops and training sessions.
- Maintain direct contact with community representatives.
- Conduct, guide and coordinate background research and fieldwork.
- Produce reports, proposals and documents.

**Salary & contract:** Starting salary of \$36,500 annually including a competitive benefits package; contract length of 6 months. There is potential for extension based on funding and performance. The position is contingent on project funding.

**Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by June 22, 2010 to:** Frank Palermo, Director, Cities & Environment Unit. *Drop-off or mail:* 5257 Morris Street, Halifax, NS B3J 1B6; *E-mail* (PDF or Word) to: [ceu@dal.ca](mailto:ceu@dal.ca); or *Fax:* 902.423.6672.

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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.