

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, transportation planning, urban design, community-based design/build projects and community consultation. We are seeking a Community Planner to contribute to existing projects, develop new projects 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 (i.e., architecture, landscape architecture).
- Experience with community design and development.
- Experience with community participation (e.g., charrettes, public forums, workshops, open house meetings).
- Proficiency in use of Adobe Creative Suite. GIS and CAD skills considered an asset.
- Effective and efficient research skills.
- Excellent written, oral and visual communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to travel frequently, extensively and at short notice required.
- Strong graphic communication and representation skills.

Attributes

- Ability to work collaboratively and independently, take initiative and be resourceful; capable of providing leadership when required.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Strong organization and time management skills.

Duties

- Work as a team to formulate and articulate ideas for community plans and strategies.
- Produce panels, displays, visuals (e.g., perspectives, sections, site plans, models).
- 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; contract length of 4 months beginning in May 2011. There is potential for extension based on funding and performance.

Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter, resume and portfolio by 5:00 pm on April 20, 2011 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; or *Fax:* 902.423.6672.

For further information please contact us at 902.494.3678 or visit our website: www.ceunit.dal.ca
We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.