

External Employment Opportunity

Position: Water/Wastewater Operator

Status: Permanent, Full Time, Union

Department: Treatment Facilities

Date: Jan 8th, 2025

Reports to: Manager of Treatment Facilities

Hourly Range: \$29.43 – \$33.03/hour

General Accountability

The Town of Antigonish has an opening for a permanent, full time Water/Wastewater Operator at its Treatment Facilities, encompassing a Class 3 Water Treatment Plant, and a Class 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Town's Treatment Facilities provide safe drinking water and sewage treatment to approximately 12,000 people within the Town of Antigonish and the surrounding area.

You will report directly to the Manager of Treatment Facilities who reports to the Director of Public Works. You will be responsible for your personal safety, and that of co-workers while ensuring compliance with Provincial Occupational Health and Safety Rules and Regulations. You will also be accountable for environmental performance as it relates to our environmental management systems.

Responsibilities

- Operate all equipment and computer control systems (SCADA) at both water and wastewater treatment facilities to maintain compliance and meet the needs of the Town systems.
- Respond to alarms as a part of the on-call rotation to provide 24-hour coverage of the facilities.
- Perform all preventative maintenance, equipment checks and adjustments on all water and wastewater facility equipment.
- Ensures all responsibilities are met as they pertain to the Nova Scotia Department of the Environmental Management System permits to operate and established standard operating procedures. When requested, assist with the ongoing development and improvements to standard operating procedures.
- Take samples and conduct routine tests for water and wastewater process control, regulatory sampling, and for the investigation of irregularities.
- Ship, receive, transport and mix chemicals and operate equipment used for unloading chemicals.
- Take daily readings and maintain logs of any irregularities in the process operations.
- Monitor various remote sites (dam, water towers) and maintain equipment/record information from equipment located there.
- Maintain adequate records as required.
- Maintain a tidy sanitary appearance of the water and sewer treatment plants.
- Work safely, obeying all codes and regulations. Maintain safety certifications and take all safety courses as required.
- Report all unsafe acts and conditions.
- Conduct tours of water and wastewater treatment plant facilities.
- Perform any other related duties required for proper operation or compliance of water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Skills, Capabilities and Experience

The preferred candidate would have a two-year technical program related to water and/or wastewater treatment or a one-year technical program related to water and/or wastewater treatment plus specialized industry training courses or recognized equivalency. Proof of education will be required. Should have previous experience related to the job with emphasis on experience / certification in the operation of water and/or sewage treatment preferred. Proof of certifications are required with application. Applicants must hold a valid driver's license, proof of which may be required at the time of interview. You will be required to complete a skills test at the time of the interview.

Preference will be given to applicants with the following qualifications:

- Possess at a minimum a valid OIT (Operator in Training) certificate from NSE or equivalent
- Hold current safety training certifications including but not limited to: Confined Space, Fall Arrest, Transportation of Dangerous Goods, First Aid, Rigging, Chlorine Emergency Response
- Municipal Work Experience in the Field of Practice/ Certification
- Promote and maintain a strong team approach for a sound work ethic environment
- Demonstrate solid organizational and communication skills
- Be proficient with computer applications, capable of working independently and in team environment
- Be highly organized, have excellent interpersonal skills and be willing to take additional training

Additional Information

- Provide proof of driver license and driving abstract
- The successful candidate must supply a recent Criminal Records Check

How to Apply

Consideration of applications will commence on January 15, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

To apply for this position, please submit your cover letter, resume and safety certificates to Melanie Fougere, Deputy Clerk, at jobs@townofantigonish.ca

Please submit copies of all relevant certification with your application.

For more information related to the Town of Antigonish or the Treatment Facilities, please visit the Town's website at www.townofantigonish.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.