

CULTURAL ADVISOR/RESEARCHER – CONTRACT POSITION
TO ASSIST WITH CONTENT DEVELOPMENT ABOUT INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES AND FIRST NATIONS IN NORTH VANCOUVER FOR
A NEW MUSEUM

The Opportunity

A Cultural Advisor and Researcher with knowledge of local Coast Salish history, people and culture—in particular, the Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish people—is sought to assist NVMA staff members and exhibit designers in developing content for a new North Vancouver community museum. The museum takes a thematic approach to the broad history of our community, with indigenous stories of the past and the present woven throughout.

- The contractor will :
 - Review, for accuracy and cultural appropriateness, proposed exhibits containing stories, images and artifacts that illuminate the historic and contemporary lives of Coast Salish peoples living on Burrard Inlet;
 - Ensure that designated representatives of the Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh Nations review and comment upon the exhibit content (including proposed key messages, storylines, high-level exhibit schematics, images and objects), suggest additions or deletions and/or substitute stories, and propose changes and/or revisions to text, tone and voice as appropriate;
 - Locate and secure the rights to use additional imagery, photos and audio-visual content that will enhance relevant portions of the exhibit;
 - Undertake research, as necessary, to fill-out exhibit text and photo/artifact captions; and
 - Liaise, as necessary, with members of the NVMA’s Aboriginal Voices Advisory Group who are providing input to the exhibit development team, as well as NVMA staff and members of Kei Space exhibit team of content developers, writers and designers.
- Some facility with local aboriginal languages (Halkomelem and Squamish) would be an asset, but is not essential. Related skills and experience that would be beneficial include familiarity with local indigenous history and culture, strong writing skills, and experience working with local First Nations, educational institutions or museums.
- **Work period:** January and February 2018 (NOTE: There is limited flexibility in the timeline for this work due to the new museum construction and exhibit development schedule.)
- **Contract fee:** \$6,500



“This is a chance to tell our history -- what it means to us, and to share it with others.” (Squamish Nation member)

“This is our opportunity to share, in our ways and our words, what we want people to know about us.” (Tsleil-Waututh Nation member)

Left: artist’s rendering of the welcome circle proposed for the heart of the new museum

Application information

- Please apply no later than December 18, 2017.
- Include a resume and cover letter stating your interest in and qualifications for this contract.
- Applications should be submitted to: nvmac@dnv.org with the words “Cultural Advisor” in the subject line.

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