

WALPOLE ALGONAC FERRY LTD

Job Advertisement – Part-Time, Permanent General Manager

Bkejwanong First Nation, also known as Walpole Island, is located near Wallaceburg, Ontario at the mouth of the St. Clair River. It encompasses six islands that have been occupied by the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Ottawa peoples for thousands of years. These Nations also represent the Council of the Three Fires, which is a political and cultural confederacy that has survived the test of time. Walpole Island has never been set apart as a reserve, giving it the distinction of being unceded territory.

Today, the Bkejwanong First Nation has a total membership of 4,338 people with 2,256 people living in the community. Bkejwanong is home to some of the most diverse wetlands, oak savannas, and tallgrass prairies of the Great Lakes region. Recreation and tourism are important to the local economy, as Walpole Island's unique ecosystem is an attraction for hunters and fishers worldwide. Community members not only provide guide services, but they also continue to hunt, fish, and trap on the land. Agriculture is another significant industry, and the First Nation farms several thousand acres under a co-operative called Tahgahoning. Bkejwanong is also home to a number of private and First Nation-run business enterprises ranging from gas bars and convenience stores to a bank and full-service pharmacy. The largest employer on Walpole Island is the First Nation itself, which delivers programs and services to the community.

Walpole Island First Nation is currently seeking a *Part-Time, Permanent General Manager* to join our team!

Under the supervision of the Board of Directors, the successful candidate will be responsible for directing, promoting, and coordinating the operations of Walpole Algonac Ferry Ltd. ("WAFL") in a manner that will optimize the market share and savings, improve the efficiency, help achieve WAFL's mission and goals and result in outstanding customer service and safety. The General Manager's responsibilities involve the supervision of staff, public relations, marketing, meeting profitability and sales goals, financial reporting, budgeting, and other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Completion of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma;
- Completion of a college diploma or university degree will be considered an asset;
- Valid G Class Driver's License;
- Proficient computer skills; and
- Knowledge and past experience with accounting and human resources practices.

The position will start as soon as possible

HOW TO APPLY

Kindly forward your resume with cover letter via email to: walpole.ferry@wifn.org, using the subject line "**General Manager**".

Or mail to: Walpole Algonac Ferry Ltd, 100 Tahgahoning Road, R.R. # 3, Wallaceburg, ON N8A 4K9

We are a special interest organization that is primarily engaged in serving the interest of the Walpole Island First nation community, therefore, preference will be given to persons of Native ancestry. (1981, c.53, s.17)

Qualified Band Members are to be given PRIORITY. (R.C.M. April 28, 1998 M#15)