



Environmental Outreach Ambassador (Co-op Student)

Job No: 2600302 Location: Penticton

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About the City of Penticton

Penticton is a vibrant, innovative waterfront city known for its commitment to sustainability, community well-being, and economic opportunity. With a strong focus on good governance, collaboration, and service excellence, the City is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. As one of the most active development regions in British Columbia, Penticton features a diverse mix of large-scale and complex construction projects.

Penticton has been recognized as one of Canada's most livable cities, according to latest rankings by The Globe and Mail, ranked as the eighth most livable medium-sized city in Canada. Nationally, Penticton earned high marks for access to amenities (11th in Canada), #11 for midlife transitions and #11 for retirement, as well as #13 for young professionals. Penticton also placed within the top 20 in the categories of raising kids (#19), contributing to an overall ranking of 35th across Canada. Rooted in agriculture and surrounded by natural beauty, Penticton is known for its orchards, wineries, and craft breweries—making it one of Canada's top wine destinations. More than 100 years since its incorporation, Penticton continues to grow as a place to live, work, and play.

For more information, please visit our website at [penticton.ca/](https://www.penticton.ca/) (<https://www.penticton.ca/>).

For more information about life in Penticton, please visit [visitpenticton.com/](https://www.visitpenticton.com/) (<https://www.visitpenticton.com/>).

About the Opportunity

The City of Penticton's Environmental Health Services Branch of the Energy & Environment Department is in search of two highly skilled and energetic individuals for the temporary (May 4, 2026 for up to 17 weeks) positions of **Environmental Outreach Ambassador (Co-op Student)**. Environmental Health Services is responsible for solid waste and recycling education and outreach, as well as the strategic implementation of the Community Climate Action Plan and Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

Under the general direction of the Sustainability Supervisor, the **Environmental Outreach Ambassador Co-op Students*** will perform an audit of the City's recycling program and educate residents on both water conservation and climate action practices. Auditing of waste materials is largely conducted on e-bikes (weather permitting). Additionally, the **Co-op Students** will be responsible for hosting the bike valet at key community events and the weekly Farmer's Market.

Environmental Outreach Ambassadors will primarily work Tuesday to Saturday, with some evenings as required to operate the Bike Valet at community events.

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement actions from the Recycle BC guidelines and 2021 Community Climate Action Plan
- Auditing of curbside and multifamily recyclable materials.
- Assisting in various climate action projects related to transportation, green buildings and air quality.
- Engaging with residents on waste management, water conservation, and climate action throughout the community at both in-person and online events.
- Develop engaging communication and outreach materials on the topics of waste management, climate action and water conservation.
- Operate the weekly Bike Valet at the Farmer's Market and other major community events.
- Participate in the bi-weekly Drought Response Team meetings.
- Deliver annual solid waste calendars to select streets.

Required Knowledge, Abilities & Skills:

- Knowledge of local best practices related to waste diversion, climate action and water conservation.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to engage the public and speak in front of a range of audiences.
- Strong organizational and communication skills (written and verbal).
- Social media content creation.
- Experience with Microsoft Office, in particular data collection, entry and analysis into Microsoft Excel.
- Must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions and may require long periods of walking and e-bike riding.
- Must be comfortable working occasional evenings between 3:30pm-11:30pm for the City Bike Valet at community events.
- Knowledge of safe work practices related to waste audits and working outdoors in hot conditions.

Required Education, Training & Experience:

- Post-Secondary education with a focus in water conservation, sustainability, waste management, environmental studies, environmental science, marketing and communications or related fields.
- Valid Class 5 Driver's License; Class N is acceptable.

***Note:** A Co-op Student is a student registered in a recognized Co-operative Education program at a participating post-secondary institution.

About the Benefits

Compensation based on skills and experience is an **hourly rate of \$24.95 - \$27.03** (the rates of pay will vary according to the term identified by the institution) **(40 hours per week, CUPE)**, along with a host of excellent benefits including:

- 15.5% in lieu of benefits, vacation, and statutory holidays.
- Free on-site parking
- Fleet vehicles provided for inspections and site visits
- Draws for tickets to local concerts, hockey games, and employee appreciation events
- Wellness initiatives and team-building activities
- A picturesque waterfront location with access to world-class outdoor recreation and a progressive, community-oriented work culture

At the City of Penticton, we recognize that great talent and great ideas come from a variety of backgrounds. Tapping into the diversity of our community makes us all stronger and allows us to serve Penticton even better.

That's why we welcome all applicants to consider joining our team. We encourage Indigenous persons, people of colour, all genders and expressions, 2SLGBTQIA+, persons living with disabilities, and others who reflect our ever-changing workplace to apply. If you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please let us know, we'd be happy to support you!

If your experience is close to what we're looking for, we would love a chance to talk about working with you. We welcome your cover letter and resume by **March 22, 2026**.

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

This position is only open to those legally entitled to work in Canada.

APPLY NOW

Life in Penticton

Nestled between two lakes, Penticton enjoys long, hot summers, dry winters and more than 2,000 hours of sunshine each year. We're located in the southern Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, which is easily accessed by major highways and airports.

We're known for our beaches, wine and orchards, not to mention a wide range of outdoor recreational activities. Hop on your bike to discover award-winning wineries and trails with stellar views. Shop at the bustling outdoor market, peruse art galleries or go skating at the modern Community Centre. Ski champagne powder slopes or take in a hockey game or concert at the South Okanagan Events Centre.

Penticton is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people. Its name, from the Interior Salish word snpintktn, is commonly translated as "a place to stay forever," or more accurately, "a place where people live year-round." It's the kind of place where people come to visit for the holidays – and never want to leave.