



SANKEWITAHASUWAKON

First Nations Intergovernmental Liaison for Health

Term: One year with possibility of extension

Location: Hybrid, the successful candidate must live in New Brunswick. Office space may be located in one of the 15 First Nations or at a Tribal Council Office.

The Tribal Councils in New Brunswick (Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc., Mawiw Inc., and North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council Inc.) are engaged in community-led processes to pursue self-determination in health and increase control over health services currently delivered by ISC.

Sankewitahasuwakon is a collaborative process between First Nations partners, the federal government, and the province. The intent is to create a more coordinated health system in which First Nations-led health organizations assume greater control of the design, administration, management and delivery of health and wellness services and programs that support community wellness and address their health needs and priorities.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Liaison will provide a pivotal touchpoint between Sankewitahasuwakon, First Nations communities in New Brunswick, and Government of New Brunswick (GNB) departments and Indigenous Services Canada to facilitate communication, collaboration and alignment of the provincial health system with First Nations health priorities. The Liaison will focus on intergovernmental relations and will support Sankewitahasuwakon capacity to collaborate on initiatives with GNB, including but not limited to the bilateral health forum.

The Intergovernmental Liaison will be responsible for the following:

- Learn about First Nations health concerns and priorities across New Brunswick and bring this information forward in discussions with Sankewitahasuwakon, Indigenous Services Canada and GNB.
- Draft briefing notes on provincial and federal initiatives as they pertain to Sankewitahasuwakon and First Nations health.
- Assist with coordination of meetings between First Nations and GNB on health-related matters, including the bilateral health forum. This includes:
 - Identifying agenda items to discuss at meetings.
 - Coordinating with Sankewitahasuwakon, Tribal Councils, First Nations communities, leadership and Elders to ensure the appropriate people are available to attend meetings.
 - Facilitate the inclusion of Elders, youth, Knowledge Keepers, and other community voices in intergovernmental processes.
- Seek alignment between First Nations priorities and GNB priorities and facilitate discussions to address alignment needs.
- Learn about the initiatives GNB is contemplating or undertaking that relate to health and mental health, including GNB's platform commitments regarding health. This will involve building relationships with the departments of Health, Indigenous Affairs, Social Development, Justice and Public Safety, and the two Regional Health Authorities (Horizon Health Network and Vitalité Health Network).
- Advise GNB on which First Nations representatives should be involved in the different initiatives, and when and how they should be involved.



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- Critically assess GNB policies and initiatives to ensure that their application within a First Nations context is understood and advocate to ensure that they will not negatively impact or disadvantage First Nations communities.
- Help the Sankewitahasuwakon Technical Team, as well as other First Nations organizations and First Nations communities, navigate the system. Identify which GNB employees are the best point of contact for specific areas.
- Provide regular updates to Sankewitahasuwakon Executive Director, Technical Team, Advisory Committee and First Nations Leadership.

The Intergovernmental Liaison will have the following qualifications:

Education and Experience:

- Post-secondary education in social work, health professions, Indigenous studies, or related field; and
- Minimum two years of experience working in the field of First Nations health and/or Lived experience/connection with First Nation communities in the Atlantic region, governmental relations, or a related field
- Experience working with First Nations leadership, health authorities, or in intergovernmental settings (considered an asset)
- Ability to speak Mi'kmaq or Wolastoqey language (considered an asset)
- An equivalent combination of education and relevant experience will be considered.

Knowledge:

- Demonstrate understanding of health systems and how they interact (within First Nations communities, the federal government and the province).
- Demonstrate understanding of Indigenous approaches to health and wellness.
- Demonstrate understanding of Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing).

Skills and Attributes:

- Organized, able to coordinate meetings across multiple organizations and jurisdictions.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, able to develop relationships across all First Nations communities in New Brunswick and across multiple provincial and federal departments.
- Analytical, able to identify key priorities and work with others to move priorities forward.
- Valid drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle

Remuneration is commensurate with qualifications and experience. We encourage all qualified persons to apply; however, **preference will be given to individuals with an Indigenous background as per section 42 of the Human Rights Code.**

Applications should be submitted in confidence via email, with the subject line "Liaison" to: human.resources@wolastoqey.ca. The deadline for application is January 19, 2026.