



Rural Business Advisor

Summary

The Rural Business Advisor will support Tahsis area businesses to grow, and become more resilient and sustainable in the face of lingering socio-economic impacts from the closure of the Village's two former mills and an associated decline in benefits to the community from the forestry sector.

The Advisor will support sectors that are crucial to Tahsis' current positioning as a premier ecotourism destination, including: outdoor guiding (fishing, diving, hiking, water sports, climbing and caving), food service and food preparation and processing, and guest accommodation.

The specific focus of the Advisor position will be on helping build capacity in one or more small business fundamentals including: business planning, finance, HR, legal, partnerships, digital technology and e-commerce, grants, and marketing.

Contract Details

This is a temporary (12 month) full-time (30-35 hours/week) position reporting to the Village of Tahsis CAO. It is funded through a grant from Island Coastal Economic Trust. Preference will be given to strong local and regional candidates, but the position is also open to remote candidates and consultancies, whose travel to our beautiful coastal community will be covered in order to conduct key activities in person. The compensation for this position is \$65,000. The Village will supply a laptop, cell phone, office space and cover travel expenses.

Desired Qualifications and Experience

In addition to strong organizational, project management, interpersonal and communication skills, the successful candidate will have one or more of the following:

- Ownership or management experience in small business
- Experience in small business capacity consulting, covering one or more of business planning, finance, HR, legal considerations, digital technology and e-commerce, or sales and marketing.
- A post-secondary business degree
- Strong existing relationships and knowledge of Tahsis area businesses
- A Class 5 driver's licence is also required.

The Village of Tahsis welcomes applicants in all their diversities! We look forward to having conversations with applicants about their unique circumstances, strengths and needs, and will provide a flexible, supportive and empowering work environment.

Deadline and Submission

The primary contact for this position is Mark Tatchell (mtatchell@villageoftahsis.com).
(250)934-6344

Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume by May 19th 2023.