

HELP WANTED



The Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society is seeking a
Certified Bookkeeper
to commence January 3, 2017.

The successful candidate will possess:

- Working knowledge of Sage 50
- Current criminal record clearance for the province of BC
- Computer skills including Word and Excel
- Office administrative skills

This is a five-month contract that ends May 31, 2017

Please email resume with references before December 16, 2016 to Carrie Rickards, General Manager, Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society at carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com



The Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society is seeking an
Early Childhood Educator
for the Little Badgers Early Learning Program,
to commence January 3, 2017.

Are you Positive, Present, and Purposeful? Do you practice Kindness, Respect, Collegiality, and Professional Excellence? Are you Creative, and Collaborative? If this sounds like you, then we want you as a member of our Little Badger Early Learning Childcare team.

At Little Badgers we work with natural materials, using a constructive play approach.

The successful candidate will possess:

- Current child safe first aid/CPR
- Current criminal record clearance for the province of BC
- Current ECE license to practice in BC
- Proof of compliance with BC immunization schedule
- Medical practitioner statement
- Basic computer skills
- Knowledge of BC Child Care Licensing Regulations

Please email resume with 3 character references before December 16, 2016, to Carrie Rickards, General Manager, Eva Joseph Learning and Cultural Society, carrie.littlebadgers@gmail.com

Walking the talk: Water Resilience

Watershed Wanderings

By Megan Peloso
Pioneer Columnist



Hi! If you've been following, welcome back. If not, this is the final article in a series to share, tease apart, and think more locally about three themes that came out of a recent Watersheds Forum in Vancouver.

Grandmother Josephine is a respected Anishnaabe elder and Water Walker. She has walked more than 17,000 kilometres around the shorelines of all five Great Lakes to raise awareness about issues threatening freshwater in the region. She addressed our group at the Musqueam Cultural Centre, after a voyageur canoe trip through strong headwinds to the mouth of the Fraser River.

Someone in the audience asked Grandmother Josephine about the disasters brought by extreme drought and flooding: What was happening to the water system of the planet? What could we do? In a strikingly calm, assured tone, I was surprised when she responded that "Mother Earth is healing herself."

Before you discount this remark too quickly — as our critical minds are adept at doing — consider that the ability of ecosystems to bounce back when faced with assault has been demonstrated and verified by researchers whose life's work is observing nature's behaviours. The ability of nature to "bounce back" has been referred to as healing, repair, recovery and, more popular today, resilience.

The power of language, rising up to the surface again!

Wetlands, for example, are believed to be absolutely crucial to the natural recovery of ecosystems, both coastal and inland. Despite docile appearances, wetlands are places of true landscape drama. If you've gone out to the bluffs of the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area throughout the seasons, you've witnessed drastically different scenery. Absorbing abundance, cleansing impurities, and dispersing water when it is needed. Healing, repair, recovery, resilience.

You might even say that the internationally renowned Columbia River Wetlands cushioning Columbia Lake and Lake Windermere are a truly remarkable example of healing power at work. Why not? It is very likely that, without them, Lake Windermere would not only be more turbid (cloudy) and too warm to accommodate sensitive fish species like trout, but also critically overburdened with algae-creating nutrients like phosphates and nitrates, which could greatly degrade the experience of our favourite water-based sports and activities.

Although we know wetland systems are one of nature's best repair mechanics (sometimes called nature's kidneys), we don't know as much about the level or frequency of assaults that can be tolerated before resilience is irreversibly destroyed. According to scientific estimates, 64 per cent of the world's wetlands have disappeared (the majority drained, filled or converted) since 1900 (www.ramsar.org). Ensuring the Columbia Wetlands remain intact and functioning is therefore a very important task that will ultimately benefit all who enjoy the lakes of the Columbia Basin.

Lake Windermere Ambassadors' continued efforts to monitor water quality and test for nutrient levels will help to gauge the resilience and tolerance of our large watershed ecosystem over time. Healing is certainly a different way to think about the changes we are seeing in landscapes and waters. But, as we often say (thank you, Einstein), problems are not solved with the same thinking that created them.

Let us know what you thought of the three-part series! Find Lake Windermere Ambassadors on Facebook, Twitter (@LakeAmbassadors) and Instagram (lakeambassadors).

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LVL Press Operator Position

Brisco Manufacturing Ltd., a privately held Canadian Company specializing in producing High-Quality Certified engineered beams and other products from Laminated Veneer Lumber, is seeking to hire a Press Operator for our plant in Brisco, BC.

Our facility is located just north of Radium Hot Springs in the beautiful Columbia Valley in British Columbia.

General Summary: The Press Operator is required to learn various tasks including Loading and unloading the Press using cranes, planning various configurations, finishing and packaging, counting inventory as well as general cleanup and other duties as required.

Key Responsibilities:

- Perform tasks efficiently focusing on Safety, Quality and Production while meeting deadlines.
- Using a variety of equipment such as hydraulic press, planer, glue machine, cranes and hand tools.
- Fill out paperwork accurately.
- Work effectively together with assigned crew.
- Following established procedures to safely produce high quality results.

Qualifications:

- Experience in manufacturing or equipment operation an asset. Willing to train the right candidate.
- Safety Oriented
- Ability to follow direction and work together with others to complete assigned tasks.
- Ability to use simple mathematics.
- Physically fit, Team player, able to work from heights.
- Self reliant, organized, motivated and quality oriented.

This is a full-time position, which offers a competitive wage and comprehensive benefits package.

We wish to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Please address cover letter and resume to Ralph Tomlin – VP Operations and e-mail pdf file to: epetersen@briscowood.com or Fax to 250-346-3218

Deadline for application is 5 pm (MST) Monday, December 12, 2016.