



**The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is
currently recruiting for:**

HISTORIC SITE INTERPRETER

BACKUS HERITAGE CA

Position: Historic Site Interpreter

Posting No.: 089-25

Posting Date: January 28, 2025

Closing Date: May 1, 2025 or until filled

Job Status: Summer Employment

Department: Backus Heritage Conservation Area

Rate of Pay: \$17.20

Hours of Work: 35 Hours/Week

Position Summary:

If you have a passion for interpretation, history and museums, then Backhouse Historic Site, with the Backus Heritage Conservation Area, would be a great place for you to gain career focused skills and experience. The Backhouse Historic Site is a living history site featuring the 1798 Backhouse Mill: A National Historic Site, the 1852 Backus family homestead, along with a collection of historic buildings including a rare octagonal schoolhouse, log cabins, barns, and carriage and blacksmith shop.

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority is seeking two (2) Historic Site Interpreters at Backus Heritage Conservation Area. The successful candidates will be energetic, creative individuals who will provide information services and dynamic costumed interpretation of early life in Norfolk County in the Backhouse Historic Site. The interpreters act as a vital component of the site, bringing history to life through guided tours, hands-on activities, period demonstrations and special events throughout the summer operating season

The positions are pending funding by Young Canada Works (YCW)

Requirements:

- Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Canada (have a valid social insurance number) and be between the ages of 16 and 30.
- Candidates should be currently enrolled full-time in high-school or in a post-secondary institution with a focus on education, history, public history, cultural resource management, museum studies, tourism or other related fields.
- Successful candidates must be registered as a Young Canada Works (YCW) candidate prior to employment at www.young-canada-works.canada.ca
- Applicants must show a willingness to commit to fulfilling the work contract (length depends on when the successful applicant is available to start and funds available)
- A negative Criminal Records and Judicial Matters check (CRJMC) for those 18 years of age or older

Qualifications:

- Prior experience working with the public
- Prior experience leading and/or organizing tours, presentations, or recreation and educational programming
- Excellent communication skills and interpretive abilities; must be comfortable with public speaking
- Must be willing to wear a historical costume for an extended period of time in all weather conditions
- Strong knowledge of, or willingness to develop, an understanding of 19th Century historical information

- Strong interest in strengthening program development and interpretation skills
- A drivers license and reliable vehicle is an asset
- Basic French is an asset

Responsibilities:

- Provide excellent customer service
- Assist with the planning, preparation and delivery of special events for the general public including demonstrations, tours, costumed presentations
- Greet visitors upon arrival to Backhouse Historic Site, guide tours and answer questions
- Perform and explain activities associated with the historical time frame of the Backhouse Historic Site (farming, domestic life, trades and leisure)
- Communicate and interpret effectively various aspects of mid-19th century Ontario history within historical context of the Historic Site
- Demonstrate personal development in the areas of program development, interpretation and cultural history
- Maintain the cleanliness, maintenance and inventory of facilities and collections
- Perform a variety of sanitary maintenance duties including the cleaning of program areas, equipment and public washroom facilities
- Keep accurate record of all relevant statistics
- Garden maintenance, as required
- Evening and weekend work is required

Location/Working Conditions:

- Backus Heritage Conservation Area, Port Rowan, ON
- Varied shifts, must be available to work flexible hours including evenings, weekends and holidays
- Outdoor and indoor working environment
- Rural area – no public transportation

Benefits:

- Free access to LPRCA Conservation Areas
- Eligible to enroll in OMERS pension plan

Term of Employment:

- Approximate Starting date: May 13, 2025
- Approximate Ending Date: September 2, 2025

Application Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2025 or until both positions are filled

To apply: Please send your cover letter and resume in a single PDF or MS Word document addressed to: Nicole Sullivan, Long Point Region Conservation Authority, email hr@lprca.on.ca (Subject: 089-24 Historic Site Interpreter)

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. Personal information collected will be used solely for applicant selection in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Long Point Region Conservation Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) upon advance notice of specific accommodation requirements.