

Public Service Announcement

The Nunavut Coroner's Office is recruiting for community coroners throughout Nunavut

and in Iqaluit.

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Community Coroners provide service on an as-needed basis and are paid a fee for service, per case. This is not full-time employment. Coroners are responsible under the 'Coroners Act' for conducting thorough, independent investigations of all sudden, unexpected and unexplained deaths to determine who died, when, where, by what means they died and to confirm their identity. The coroner's investigation is to ensure that no death is overlooked, concealed or ignored and the most important purpose of a Coroner's investigation is to identify risk factors to prevent similar deaths in the future.

The background preferred for community coroners is previous education or experience in Legal, Medical or Investigative fields. Ability to speak and write in English is required to provide the appropriate documentation to various Public, Police and Medical Personnel. The job requires excellent communication and analytical skills in dealing with public, police and medical personnel.

Applicants should have a demonstrated ability to work with grieving families in a sensitive, supportive manner and can provide leadership, coordination at scenes, offer information and links to support through a difficult time. Coroners are dedicated individuals who are concerned about community safety, and work with grieving families in one of the most painful and distressful events in a person's life.

The Coroners Service provides both classroom and practical training for community Coroners. The Coroner is a quasi-judicial service, Coroner service is involved as a fact finding, not faultfinding agency that provides independent services to the family, communities, government agencies and other organizations.

Successful candidates should be willing to travel to the morgue or to a location of a death in any weather and at any time of the day or night. They must be able to perform Coroner duties calmly, professionally under unpleasant circumstances and situations and deal with emotionally distraught individuals. The coroner is medical-legal death investigator appointed by the Minister of Justice upon recommendation from the Chief Coroner for a maximum of three (3) years.

Knowledge of Inuit language, communities, culture, land and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is an asset.

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We are looking for coroners in all communities in Nunavut.

To apply, or for more information, please contact:

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