Municipal Internship Program

2025 Host Profile for County of Wetaskiwin (website)



Community

The County of Wetaskiwin is an innovative community filled with potential and opportunities, offering an exceptional quality of life for those seeking to start their careers in a welcoming and dynamic environment. Nestled in central Alberta, the County boasts stunning natural landscapes, including lakes, trails, and open countryside, making it ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Residents enjoy a perfect balance of rural charm and modern

amenities, with affordable housing, recreational facilities, and proximity to urban centers like Edmonton. As a forward-thinking municipality, the County is dedicated to sustainability and growth, offering exciting opportunities to be part of impactful initiatives that shape its future. Community connections are at the heart of the County, fostering a sense of belonging and collaboration. Whether you're seeking meaningful work, a close-knit community, or the chance to make a difference while enjoying a relaxed pace of life, the County of Wetaskiwin offers everything you need to thrive.

Natural Attractions: Explore nearby lakes for boating, fishing, swimming, and camping. Enjoy scenic trails and parks ideal for hiking, cycling, and wildlife viewing. Cultural and Recreational Attractions: The County of Wetaskiwin is rich in culture and community spirit, offering a variety of experiences for residents and visitors such as the Reynolds-Alberta Museum, local fairs, rodeos, farmers' markets, and the Pigeon Lake Music Festival. The County is conveniently located near Edmonton and Red Deer, offering easy access to urban amenities such as shopping, dining, entertainment, and healthcare services, all while maintaining the tranquility of rural living. Additionally, it is just a 20-minute drive from the Edmonton International Airport.

Municipal Projects

The intern will be involved with several projects. The Hamlet Public Engagement Plan: You will play a key role in developing a comprehensive engagement plan for the County's hamlets, aimed at strengthening connections between residents and local government. Communication and Advocacy: You'll assist in enhancing the County's public profile through communication strategies and advocacy efforts. This includes crafting key messages for provincial government relations, promoting tourism, and engaging stakeholders in initiatives like recreational development and economic growth.

The Top Three

The top three aspects that we are looking for in a candidate include:

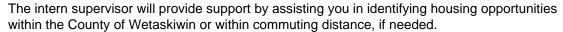
- Innovation: The ideal candidate brings a fresh perspective, asking thoughtful questions and analyzing existing processes to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Adaptability: The successful candidate is flexible and eager to step outside their comfort zone, taking
 on unique opportunities and projects as they arise.
- Strong Communication Skills: The candidate should have strong skills in communication, engagement, or public relations, with the ability to express ideas clearly and confidently.



Work

You will work primarily in the office.

Accommodations





Want to learn more about the County of Wetaskiwin?

Here are a few links where you can explore more about this vibrant community.

Discover Wetaskiwin County West_ is a one-stop resource for visitors to plan their journeys and for residents to explore nearby gems. The County of Wetaskiwin leads in sustainability with the Sustane Project, a groundbreaking initiative that transforms 90% of waste into alternative fuels, fertilizers, and synthetic naphtha while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Follow the County on Facebook or LinkedIn and check out the County of Wetaskiwin Prospective Interns Page

Workplace

Here are two insights from previous interns that worked for the County of Wetaskiwin:

The internship program has allowed me to work closely with experienced professionals in planning and land use management. I appreciated the hands-on experience I gained, particularly in reviewing development permits and engaging with the community. Additionally, I valued the supportive and collaborative environment, which allowed me to learn and grow both professionally and personally. The experience gave me a deeper understanding of the impact of land use



policies on community development and the importance of thoughtful planning. - Eanimi Agube

The County offers interns a wide-range of unique, challenging, and enjoyable experiences, and there's always an opportunity to learn and develop while working with individuals with extensive knowledge and experience in their fields. That being said, the best part about working as an intern with the County is the freedom to ask questions about what's happening, offer a different perspective or solution to an issue, and see the impact that a new way of looking at things might have on the way the County operates. The County takes pride in asking all employees for their input and suggestions, and helping individuals develop through seeing their ideas come to fruition. - Ben Cowan

Transportation

Public transit is not available in the County of Wetaskiwin. Prospective interns will need a valid driver's licence and reliable transportation to commute to work.

Salary

The municipality of County of Wetaskiwin No.10 is offering an annual salary of \$62,000.

