
Board Member – New Westminister Utility Commission

Public Service Appointment Opportunity

The City of New Westminister is seeking interest from the public to serve on the City of New Westminister's Utility Board. New Board members are appointed to an initial 3 year term with the possibility of an extension. This is a public service opportunity and is an Order in Council appointment.

Our Utility purchases and distributes energy to 36899 residential and commercial customers within City boundaries utilizing two 69 KV substations with a capacity of 155mVA. In Addition, the Utility provides billing, collection, customer service functions, and constructs and maintenance of the distribution system. With thirty employees and revenues of \$51M, the Utility enjoys a reputation for innovation, leadership and excellent employee relations.

Under the policy direction of City Council, the Board of Commissioners oversees and guides the management of the Utility, which includes the dark fibre network, with a focus on the strategic priorities of Customer Experience; Operational Excellence; Innovation in alternative energy and energy conservation; and Financial Sustainability & Stewardship. In addition, the Board ensures compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; assesses management performance; represents and advocates for the Utility and supports an atmosphere that contributes to the success of the Utility.

Candidates will have an understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of a board and have the necessary experience and demonstrated skills to enable them to contribute to board decision-making and oversight. Preferred candidates will possess the education and experience with an understanding of legal; business; financial; regulatory and customer service issues typically gained through a senior managerial role. It is considered an asset if candidates possess experience in utility work; energy; public policy; dark fibre networks; and innovation in alternate forms of energy.

Consideration will be given to qualified individuals with a broad range of backgrounds in community, labour and business environments. The selection process will recognize lived experience and volunteer roles as well as paid employment and academic achievements. Past experience serving as a board member is considered an asset.

To support strong boards that reflect the diversity of our community, women, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or expression (LGBTQ2S+), and others who may contribute to diversity in public sector board appointments are encouraged to put their names forward for appointments.

This is a public service role for which a small honorarium is provided in recognition of service to the community.

To apply, please forward your cover letter and resume **by December 7, 2020**, quoting competition #20-85, to the Human Resources Department, City of New Westminister, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminister, BC, V3L 1H9, Fax: (604) 527-4619; or e-mail hr@newwestcity.ca

This opportunity is only open to Canadian citizens who have resided in B.C. for at least six months. We thank all applicants in advance; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.