Metro Vancouver

General Manager, External Relations

Metro Vancouver is a federation of 21 municipalities, one Electoral Area and one Treaty First Nation that collaboratively plans for and delivers regional-scale services. Its core services are drinking water, wastewater treatment and solid waste management. Metro Vancouver also regulates air quality, plans for urban growth, manages a regional parks system and provides affordable housing. The regional district is governed by a Board of Directors of officials from each local authority.

The General Manager, External Relations performs a strategic and senior leadership role in the provision of management and advisory services to Metro Vancouver in the areas of external relations, including intergovernment relations, strategic communications, media relations, issues management, community engagement, brand management, multi-media asset development, website development and management, event management and development of communication campaigns to support key corporate areas (such as water conservation and waste reduction). The General Manager, External Relations also provides leadership to the National Zero Waste Council and Conference, the Leadership and Engagement International Program and Regional Culture.

The work of the of the General Manager and the External Relations department is guided by four key objectives:

- Increase public awareness, understanding, and alignment with Metro Vancouver services and policies
- Enhance communication, engagement, and collaboration with member jurisdictions
- Develop and implement engagement strategies for infrastructure projects and regional policy and planning initiatives
- Engage other orders of government and their agencies in support of regional priorities

The General Manager, External Relations will be a strategic leader and communicator who has demonstrated their success in bringing stakeholders together to address issues, challenges and/or opportunities. The ideal candidate is a consummate, creative convenor who has showcased their ability to collaborate to achieve critical goals and objectives on complex issues. In addition, they will possess strong business acumen, the experience to provide expert counsel, and leadership and management of highly engaged leaders. This person will offer extensive experience leading an organization to foster effective relationships with the federal, provincial, local government and other key partners to meet Metro Vancouver's mission of delivering services and solutions for a livable region.

Applications are encouraged immediately and should be submitted online at https://www.odgersberndtson.com/en/careers/18353. For more information, please contact Esther McGregor or Amelia Keller of Odgers Berndtson. We thank all those who express an interest, however only those chosen for further development will be contacted.

Metro Vancouver is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Accessible Canada Act, 2019 and all applicable provincial accessibility standards, upon request, accommodation will be provided by both Odgers Berndtson and Metro Vancouver throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

Odgers Berndtson is deeply committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in all the work that we do. As part of our efforts to better understand our ability to reach as broad a pool of candidates as possible for our searches, our DEI team would like to encourage you to take a moment and access our Self-Declaration Form.