

## **Art Conservator Job Description - Contract**

Hours: Hours flexible  
Wage: Hourly rate commensurate with experience  
Start Date: March, 2023  
End Date: September, 2023  
Posting Closes: March 17, 2023

This position will be responsible for examining public art within Squamish, determining their condition, suggesting methods for treatment and recommending preventive conservation techniques to ensure that art of any age will survive to be enjoyed by future generations. The Art Conservator will spend most of their time applying various treatments to artwork to ensure physical stability, as well as document the work they perform on each work of art. This position requires close communication and consultation with Squamish Arts, the District of Squamish, artists, and private businesses.

### **Duties:**

- Examine public art works, determine their condition, suggest methods for treating them and recommend preventive conservation techniques to their owners
- Restore and conserve public art works such as murals, sculptures, paintings, and memorials
- Research new conservation and restoration techniques
- Consult with Squamish Arts, private businesses, the District of Squamish, or private individuals
- Take photos of objects for documentation
- Estimate restoration costs

### **Job Requirements:**

#### **Education, training & qualifications**

- Conservators require a master's degree in art conservation or
- Completion of a three-year college program in conservation technology and several years of experience in conservation work.

#### **Skills:**

- Excellent knowledge of conservation protocols.
- Excellent organizational, quantitative, analytical, and problem solving skills.
- Critical thinking by using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
- Determine the kinds of tools and equipment needed to do a job.
- Excellent communication skills (oral, written, and presentation).
- Proficient in the use of photography as well as standard adobe applications including photoshop.