



Job Opportunity: Heiltsuk Carver for Totem Pole Project BBCS

Seeking Heiltsuk Artist to Carve Totem Pole Featuring Heiltsuk Community Crests

Position: Heiltsuk Carver

Bella Bella Community School Board seeking a skilled Heiltsuk carver to create a 30-foot totem pole for install in front of our new school board office.

Project Details

- Totem to be carved in Bella Bella
- Totem Pole Dimensions: Approximately 30 feet (9.1 metres) tall
- Design: The totem pole to feature the four Heiltsuk community crests and Heiltsuk governance of education
- Materials: Locally sourced cedar
- Timeline: To be completed within 4 months of project start date
- Compensation: Competitive, based on experience and scope of work

Applicant Requirements

- Heiltsuk heritage and knowledge of traditional carving techniques
- Demonstrated experience in carving totem poles
- Ability to collaborate with elders and community members during the design process
- Commitment to cultural integrity and respectful artistic practice

How to Apply

Please submit the following to the Heiltsuk School Board:

- Letter of interest outlining your experience and connection to Heiltsuk carving traditions
- Portfolio of previous work
- References from past projects, if available

Applications can be sent by email to kfichtali@bellabella.ca or delivered in person at the school board office.

Deadline

Applications will be accepted until February 10, 2026. Early submissions are encouraged.

For more information, please contact the Heiltsuk School Board at 250-957-2322 or visit our office during regular business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to well being of the community and celebrate Heiltsuk identity for generations to come.