

Public Service Announcement

Call for Community Coroners

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The Nunavut Coroner's Office is recruiting community coroners for all communities in Nunavut.

Community coroners play a crucial role in investigating sudden, unexpected or unexplained deaths in the territory. These investigations ensure that no death is overlooked or ignored and help prevent similar deaths in the future. Community coroners are responsible for fact-finding and provide leadership and coordination at death scenes.

Preferred candidates for this position should have education or experience in legal, medical, or investigative fields. Excellent communication skills are essential for working with the public, police, and medical personnel. Applicants must be proficient in speaking and writing in English to ensure proper documentation is provided to authorities. Applicants must be able to work with grieving individuals and families in a sensitive, supportive manner during one of the most painful and distressful times in their lives. They should be able to perform their duties calmly and professionally even under challenging circumstances. Knowledge of the Inuit language, communities, culture, land, and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit is a valuable asset.

The Chief Coroner's Office provides all necessary training. Successful candidates must be willing to travel to the morgue or the location of a death at any time including during inclement weather.

Community Coroners provide service on an as-needed basis and are paid a service fee, per case. This position is not full-time. Community coroners are appointed by the Minister of Justice upon the recommendation of the Chief Coroner for up to three years.

For more information, please contact Michael Foote, Chief Coroner at 867-975-6562 or mfoote2@gov.nu.ca.

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