

## Historical Worker

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### **DEFINITION**

Work of this class involves the maintenance, security and lecturing on the technical as well as historical aspects of a specific craft, or specialized area, and to answer inquiries received from the general public. The crafts and specializations include Smithing, Wood Working, Boat Building, Cobbling, as well as work as a Teamster. The kind and level of this work is demonstrative of historical crafts and is not to be construed with the journeyman status trades as recognized by the Alberta Apprenticeship Board and/or the City of Edmonton.

### **TYPICAL DUTIES\***

To maintain the security of the artefacts in the assigned area and to assist in keeping the assigned area clean and neat.

Maintains good public relations in dealing with questions received from the general public, and to provide historical information of the specific craft or specialty area.

Performs other related duties as required.

**Smithing:** The lecturing and demonstration of the techniques and equipment of Smithing work used in the construction, modification, and repair of wagon wheels, replacing of bolts, the making of iron stripping for reinforcing as well as the construction of hinges, foot scrapers, tongs, spikes, copper rivets, and other related items, etc.

**Wood Working:** The lecturing and demonstration of the techniques and equipment used by wood workers during the early 1900's in the construction, modification and repair of buildings, benches, windows, doors, sidewalks, as well as the construction of single cabinets, and the repair of wood work on wagons, etc.

**Boat Building:** The lecturing and demonstration of the techniques used in the construction, modification, and repair of York Boats, using the tools, materials and techniques used in the original method of construction.

**Cobbling:** The lecturing and demonstration of the techniques used in the construction, modification, and repair of shoes, moccasins and other types of footwear in existence during the 1885 period.

**Teamster:** Responsible for the grooming, cleaning, feeding and care of the draft animals and to ensure they are presentable to the general public at all times. Ensures that the stables are kept neat and clean. Ensures that the wagons are in good repair and are regularly checked to ensure maximum safety for the passengers.

### **KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS**

Knowledge of the skills, techniques and materials which were typical of the historical period of specialization.

Ability to effectively deal with the public.

Sufficient strength and agility to perform the required duties.

Knowledge of restoration and conservation techniques as applied to artifacts.

Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the craft or area of specialization.

Ability to understand and execute oral and written instructions.

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS**

Job Level

Completion of the tenth school grade. Five years' experience in the applicable craft or area of specialization. Individuals not possessing the required experience will be trained in the area of specialization by the City of Edmonton.

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Salary Plan	<u>10M</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>10B</u>	<u>10C</u>
Job Code	0030			
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