



We are hiring a full time, professional journalist for our new morning radio news program featuring voices and perspectives of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

Reporter for Vancouver Co-op Radio CFRO 100.5 FM covering the Downtown Eastside and Greater Vancouver.

Since 1975 Vancouver Co-op Radio has been providing broadcast and podcast access to diverse community voices across the greater Vancouver region.

Each week our 350 volunteer broadcasters produce 145 hours of original programming in over 10 languages out of our beautiful radio station located in the heart of the Downtown Eastside. Our broadcast signal reaches south to Bellingham, east of Abbotsford, and west to Nanaimo. Each hour of programming is uploaded as streamable content to www.coopradio.org and select shows produce podcast series.

Our hyperlocal focus on issues that are important to communities who are otherwise under and/or mis-represented in mainstream media aligns with our mission to provide a voice for the voiceless. Our volunteer public affairs broadcasters have a history of keeping stories alive long after corporate outlets have moved on, including the opioid crisis and murdered and missing women.

This year, we are excited to be participating in Canada's new '[Local Journalism Initiative](#)' which supports the creation of original civic journalism relevant to the diverse needs of people living in news deserts and areas of news poverty across Canada.

Vancouver Co-op Radio is seeking an energetic, keen reporter with a masters in journalism or equivalent for a unique and exceptional opportunity. You will cover the daily news with an emphasis on local residents, Nations, businesses, NGOs in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

This unique and vibrant neighbourhood, often referred to as the poorest postal code in Canada, is home to diverse and interesting people and cultures who are continually mis-represented in the mainstream.

During this one year contract, you will be expected to produce at least 3 articles a week, and help coordinate a one hour news program, Monday to Friday, during the highly popular morning drive shift from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. You will have the support of a morning news team of volunteers (including researchers, co-hosts, and technical operators), and an editorial committee of local stakeholders.

All stories produced for the show will be broadcast over 100.5 FM (coverage includes Vancouver, Lower Mainland, east of Abbotsford, south to Bellingham, and west to Nanaimo and the Sunshine Coast), www.coopradio.org, with podcast distribution through Spreaker.com. The articles will be available to other news media through NCRA Exchange.

SCOPE:

- One Year Freelance Contract Position
- \$30 per hour
- 30 hours per week
- We are open to Job Sharing

Your hourly rate will be paid to you by Vancouver Co-op Radio through a grant from Government of Canada.

THE APPLICANT IDEALLY WILL :

- Hold a university degree or college or technical diploma in Arts, Journalism, Communications, or Broadcasting (Radio or Television Arts) from an accredited educational institution;
- Be a member of the Canadian Association of Journalists (or similar organization);
- Have 2-3 (or more) years experience in broadcast and/or print journalism;
- Have strong on-air interviewing skills;
- Have a distinct clear voice;
- Sensitivity to the complex relationships within the Downtown Eastside
- Excellent people skills. A good communicator. A good listener.
- Strong talent as a researcher and as a journalist, original news gathering, writing, editing for short-form and long-form reports;
- A keen interest in reporting on and investigating a wide range of issues. This includes urban planning, poverty, addiction, mental health, affordability/housing, Indigenous rights, equity and harassment issues.
- An ability to work as part of a team, facilitate editorial meetings, delegate tasks to volunteers, collaborate as well as an ability to work independently when needed.
- Desire to be a part of an emerging morning news player, with ideas to promote better audience engagement and outreach
- Strong social media skills

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR IN YOUR PORTFOLIO :

- An ability to craft compelling stories with dramatic leads and a strong narrative arc
- A strong, distinct voice
- Solid research, original reporting, network of sources who trust you
- A sense of how to reach a wide audience with essential stories that are urgent to the public interest
- Visual storytelling strength through photography and video is a huge plus

PLUSES

- Experience / qualifications in teaching journalism / adult learning / facilitation
- Awards
- Previous Campus-Community Radio experience

YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO REPORT ON:

- Community meetings
- Local and regional politics, police and judicial proceedings
- Local community health initiatives, including response to opioid crisis;
- Urban planning, development, and encroaching gentrification of the surrounding area
- Housing and affordability issues
- Local Indigenous issues
- The impact of industry and climate change on local communities

YOU WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH:

- Radio Show Collective Volunteers (researchers, hosts, writers, technical operators, etc.) to help put the show together each week;
- Radio Show Editorial Committee (established journalists, DTES stakeholders etc.) to provide guidance and direction, share contacts and other resources.
- Promotional support for the show via social media marketing, radio advertising, live events, print materials, etc.

TO APPLY

To apply: send resume and a cover letter explaining why you would like to join Vancouver Co-op Radio's morning news team. Please include three links to stories.

[morningnews\[@\]coopradio.org](mailto:morningnews[@]coopradio.org)

We'll be in touch if we would like to follow up with an interview, but we can't respond to all applicants. Thank you to everyone for your interest in this position.

Deadline: Feb 21, 2020

This project is funded by the [Community Radio Fund of Canada](#) and the Government of Canada's [Local Journalism Initiative](#).

Vancouver Co-operative Radio is an affirmative action employer. We welcome applicants from underrepresented groups including, but not limited to, Indigenous people, people of colour, trans and queer-identified people, people with disabilities and people with multilingual skills and backgrounds.

Vancouver Co-operative Radio, CFRO, 100.5 FM is a non-profit, listener-supported, multi-lingual community radio station that has provided Vancouver with alternative public affairs, music, and arts programming since 1975. Located in the Downtown Eastside, Co-op Radio produces creative and engaging programming for communities whose voices are underrepresented in the mainstream media. Our organization is rooted in values of participation, co-operation, social justice, independence and community.