

Calgary tour de nuit Society



2015 Part-time Government Relations Intern

is one of Canada's most innovative cycling promotion organizations raising the profile of urban bicycle commuting. The *Tour de Nuit* Society is the event planner of the '[Ride the Road](#)' tour and has used this event to drive the commuter cycling agenda in Calgary since 2009. It was also the genesis of our 2010 legislative initiative at City Hall that led to a new municipal cycling study, a multi-million dollar increase in the cycling budget and the hiring of additional bureaucrats.

Dedicated bicycle infrastructure has been proven to be an effective technique to reduce the risk to experienced and potential bicycle commuters. Reducing risk generates demand. In November 2009, *Tour de Nuit* proposed to the City physically separated bike lanes through the heart of downtown Calgary— [the 5th and 6th Ave south 'Road Diet'](#)— with no loss in traffic capacity. Five million dollars (now equal to sixty) was first allocated by City Council for on street bike lanes in 1972 but the money was never spent.

The Calgary *tour de nuit* Society also maintains a provincial and federal government relations program to promote active transportation at these levels of government. In the last provincial election three Society members ran for provincial office representing three parties. One was re-elected and one was elected.

With investments in the Legacy Trail and the Tour of Alberta, the Government of Alberta is evolving into one of North America's top active transportation jurisdictions.

If you are passionate about bringing about a change in attitudes towards active and sustainable transportation in Alberta we want to hear from you. You will work with minimal supervision on a range of projects.

The Intern's role is to:

- Monitor active transportation issues across Canada
- Recommend strategies to strengthen supportive government policies
- Provide account management to assigned departments
- Communicate the benefits of active transportation to decision makers
- Provide content for website and social media
- And other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Excellent research skills and enrolment in a relevant post-secondary discipline
- Excellent verbal and presentation skills
- Ability to function in a team environment with multi-disciplinary members
- Creative thinker prepared to articulate and sell new concepts

This position is available under the [Serving Communities Internship Program](#) and certain eligibility conditions apply. Schedule is a flexible 80 hours over the academic year. A \$1,000 bursary is paid upon completion. Apply to: staffing@morepeoplecycling.ca

