

Equal Opportunity Employer

A local business was looking for office help. They put up a sign in the window, stating the following: HELP WANTED. Must be able to type, must be good with a computer and must be bilingual. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A short time later, a dog trotted up to the window, saw the sign and went inside. He looked at the receptionist and wagged his tail, then walked over to the sign, looked at it and whined.

Getting the idea, the receptionist got the office manager. He looked at the dog and was surprised to say the least. However, the dog looked determined, so he lead him into the office. Inside, the dog jumped on a chair and stared at the manager.

The manager said, "I can't hire you. The sign says you have to be able to type."

The dog jumped down, went to the typewriter and proceeded to type out a perfect letter. He took the page to the manager and jumped back on the chair.

The manager was stunned, but then told the dog, "The sign says you have to be good with a computer."

The dog jumped down, went to the computer and proceeded to demonstrate his expertise with various programs and presented them to the manager. By this time the manager was dumb-founded. He looked at the dog and said, "I realize you are an intelligent dog with excellent abilities but I still can't give you the job."

The dog jumped down, went to the sign and put his paw on the sentence that said Equal Opportunity Employer.

The manager said, "Yes, but the sign also says that you have to be bilingual."

The dog looked him straight in the eye and said, "Meow."

(Submitted by Alice Miller)

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Most recently, I have been in discussion with Parks Canada regarding the Point Traverse Lighthouse. While you may have seen that the Feds are looking to divest themselves of lighthouses, this one has been with the St. Lawrence National Park since the mid '90's. They have no intention of parting with it and indeed are planning to do restoration work starting this summer with an engineering report on its condition. We also had discussion about Main Duck Island and Yorkshire Island ("The Ducks" is apparently the proper name I learned recently). The St. Lawrence National Park is interested in developing an " Island Stewards" program for The Ducks. This is a formal program which they help organize and support. During the accessible months, the Island Stewards would check in on the facilities and have a direct liaison with the Park for maintenance issues.

We also discussed the Trillium Wind Project proposed for the offshore waters of the Islands to the south. This is a large project and it appeared that the Park has not had much connection from Trillium on it. I attended both the Picton Open House and the Cape Vincent Open House to get a feel for the reaction to wind turbine developments on the other side of the Lake. It's very much like here. I had more chance to speak with the staff of Trillium in Cape Vincent and passed on the Parks Canada contact information. I also spent part of the morning at the BP (yes, the same one) Wind Company speaking to an optioning landowner about the two (2) developments planned for the Cape Vincent area.. Because it was too late to catch the ferry back, I spent the night at the Tibbett's Point Lighthouse Hostel and had a full night to take in the Wolfe Island turbine lights - something I had only taken in once before in Pincher Creek. Happy to talk about those experiences with anyone interested. The "hostel" was superb if you are into those kinds of very reasonably priced accommodations.

Finally, there is a plan by Canadian Wildlife Services to fence the wildlife area at Prince Edward Point to limit access and hopefully better protect the wildlife. After a phone call, it was clear that the Parks Canada folks knew nothing about this. So on one federal hand, we're trying to get the lighthouse fixed up for people to go there as a destination. On the other federal hand, there's a plan to stop people from getting to it - inadvertently, I assume. So this one needs some more discussion!

And that's a little part of the municipal work for me this past month...

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