

## Zero Waste Pilot Project Coordinator

### Sackville Farmers Market

May-August

35 hours/week

\$14/hour



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The [Sackville Farmers Market](#) exists to foster the local food system, build community, and develop the local economy in Sackville NB through the operation of a year-round farmers market. We envision a market and business environment that generates positive ecological and social impact.

The Farmers Market will be piloting a waste reduction project with support from the NB Environmental Trust Fund to replace single-use plastic and styrofoam packaging with durable, reusable alternatives. In the pilot year, we will be purchasing reusable containers and the necessary equipment to process/sterilize them. An intern will be an asset in terms of implementing the project and helping generate metrics and project reports that can in turn enable us to refine the initiative for year 2, and create tools that can be used to reproduce the initiative in an ecologically intelligent way across food service providers and public markets throughout the region.

Over three years, the goal of the project is to develop a self-funding distribution and processing centre for durable reusable containers that could be used by food service providers throughout the Town and region, similar to the GO Box Program in Portland, OR Eco2Go at McGill University.

#### Tasks may include:

- Assist in project operations (distribution and processing of containers)
- Assist in project-related communications (marketing and partnership development with food service providers)
- Develop tracking and evaluation tools to understand and compare the cost, energy and waste footprint of the pilot project (quantity of waste diverted from landfills, energy costs of operating and maintaining the project) and generate recommendations for Y2 of the initiative
- Gather information on zero-waste and waste reduction initiatives at public markets across jurisdictions and provide recommendations
- Assist in the functioning of the Sackville Farmers Market (marketing, operations, communications)

#### Qualifications:

- Organizational skills
- Ability to generate metrics and reports
- Communication skills
- A background or interest in environmental sciences and/or entrepreneurship would be an asset.

To apply, please submit a targeted cover letter and resume (as one pdf document) to [careers@mta.ca](mailto:careers@mta.ca) by *January 31, 2020*.