

URBAN FORESTRY LABOURER

DEPARTMENT:	Parks and Recreation	STATUS:	Temporary Full Time
NO. OF POSITIONS:	One	UNION:	CUPE, Local 387
HOURS OF WORK:	see below*	SALARY:	\$32.88 per hour (2024 rates) + benefits

The Parks and Recreation Department is looking for a motivated and positive team player to work with our Arboriculture and Natural Areas team in growing/maintaining our robust urban forest, and increasing biodiversity across the city. Your responsibilities, under the supervision of senior staff and crew leader, include:

- Supporting pruning crews;
- Assisting in a full range of supportive tree maintenance activities;
- Invasive plant removal
- Natural Areas monitoring/ maintenance (weeding, brushing, mulching)
- Planting native trees/ shrubs, plants;
- Green waste removal/ debris clean-up
- Manual watering duties for both Arboriculture and Horticultural operations with a large water truck; and
- Interacting with members of the public in a professional manner while fulfilling day-to-day duties.

If you have the following characteristics and qualifications, we want to hear from you:

- Completion of Grade 12 (or equivalent), supplemented by related experience in arboriculture/forestry/urban forestry
- Completion of a diploma in arboriculture or natural resource management as an asset.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn the methods, materials, tools and equipment used in the work.
- Ability to follow the safety precautions required in the work.
- Ability to effectively perform tasks with minimal supervision.
- Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with crew members and other City departments.
- Ability to demonstrate and provide exceptional customer service skills.
- Ability to perform sustained manual/physical labour and to work in all weather conditions.
- Valid Class 5 BC Driver's License and clean driver's abstract.
- Work experience in arboriculture or natural area management will be considered an asset
- Experience operating 1-ton dump trucks with a trailer will be considered an asset.
- The successful candidate must be able to pass and maintain a clear Police Information Check.

*The successful candidate will be available to work up to 40 hours per week (which may include weekends and shift work). Work terms are based on operational requirements and may be up to 10 months in duration and may be adjusted due to the seasonal and operational requirements.

Apply online with your resume and cover letter in one document at www.newwestcity.ca/employment by March 26, 2024.

To support a workforce that reflects the diversity of our community; women, Indigenous Peoples, racialized individuals, persons of diverse sexual orientation, gender identity or expression (LGBTQ2S+), persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to diversity of our workforce, are encouraged to express their interest.

New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples. It is acknowledged by the City that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. We are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

We thank all applicants for their interest and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. This position is only open to those legally entitled to work in Canada.