

## **ARBORIST 1**

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation STATUS: Regular- Full Time

NO. OF POSITIONS: One UNION: CUPE, Local 387

HOURS OF WORK: 7:00AM – 4:00PM, 40 hours per week SALARY: \$40.37 per hour (2024 rates)

plus comprehensive benefits package

The City of New Westminster is currently seeking a qualified Arborist to join our Urban Forestry Operations Division. This full-time job opportunity will allow you to apply your varied work experience and skills to meet the challenges of managing and growing the city's urban forest. Under the direction of the Urban Forestry leadership team, you will be responsible for carrying out skilled arboricultural work including tree planting, cultivation, pruning and tree removal; pest and disease control; climbing trees of considerable height to either prune or perform tree removal; and operating an aerial lift truck.

## If you have the following characteristics and attributes, we want to meet with you!

- o Completion of Grade 12, supplemented by formal training and/or completion of an arboricultural apprenticeship program.
- A minimum three (3) years of experience performing a variety of arboricultural work tasks as part of a crew (i.e. tree worker or utility arborist).
- o Arborist certification (International Society of Arboriculture) and Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ).
- o Can work independently, as well as in a team environment.
- o Has superior public relations, interpersonal, communication, organizational, multi-tasking and leadership skills.
- Has comprehensive knowledge and experience demonstrating best practices used in tree planting, pruning, removing, relocating, climbing and mitigating risks related to trees; and can assist in identifying and monitoring tree pests, diseases, and potential hazards.
- Has knowledge of tree biology for a range of tree species, varieties, and related growth and cultural requirements to support healthy specimens.
- O Has proficiency in safe tree climbing techniques (MRS and/or SRS) and aerial lift operation.
- O Has experience in pruning trees per ISA Best Management Practices.
- o Can assist with routine site inspections, and with tree bylaw compliance investigations as required.
- o Must have a valid Class 5 BC driver's license (with air brake endorsement) with safe driving history.
- o Must be able to successfully pass and maintain a clear Police Information Check.
- o The following certifications are considered assets:
  - Traffic Control Person (TCP) Training;
  - Utility Specialist certification;
  - Completion of additional post-secondary education in arboriculture, landscape technology or related field;
  - ITA Climbing Arborist or Arborist Technician certification; and
  - Valid BC Pesticide Applicator's License.

## What We Offer:

Work-life balance – 3 weeks of paid vacation and an optional compressed day off program Health and wellness – comprehensive benefits, plus other wellness-focused programs and benefits Retirement benefits – including municipal pension plan Career development – ongoing learning, leadership development, and education development program

Apply online with your resume and cover letter in one document at <a href="www.newwestcity.ca/employment">www.newwestcity.ca/employment</a> . This position will remain open until filled.

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.