

Arborist Employment Opportunity

About the City of Sarnia

Located at the mouth of the St. Clair River on the shores of Lake Huron, the community of Sarnia is known for its breathtaking waterfront, pristine beaches and beautiful parks system. Situated on the American border, just a short drive from London, Ontario, the community boasts a host of recreational opportunities, state-of-the-art healthcare, a vibrant cultural scene, and excellent education paired with a high standard of living and mild climate.

Ranked one of the most affordable medium-sized city in Ontario, Sarnia, with its 72,000 residents, is home to over 1,000 acres of parkland and 40 km of trails in addition to 4 golf courses, 16 art galleries, 6 museums, and 3 theatres across the County.

The Role

Are you passionate about trees and their role in creating vibrant, green urban landscapes? Do you have a keen eye for safety and a love for working outdoors? Join our team and be a key player in transforming our city's green spaces!

As an Arborist with our Forestry and Horticulture Services team, you'll be at the forefront of urban tree care, performing a variety of exciting arboricultural tasks that ensure the health and beauty of our city's trees. Your expertise will help shape and preserve our urban forest, making a lasting impact on the community.

In this role, you'll engage in a variety of tasks, including pruning, trimming, and removing trees to maintain their health and aesthetics. You'll diagnose and treat tree diseases and pest issues, ensuring our urban forest remains vibrant and resilient. Safety is paramount, and you'll operate with a strong emphasis on performing all tasks without incident. Your work will significantly impact the community by enhancing our city's green spaces and contributing to environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Job title: Arborist

Hourly Rate: \$29.76 (\$29.34, probationary rate), 2023 rates

Union: [CUPE Local 2713](#)

The Candidate

We're seeking someone with a genuine passion for trees and outdoor work, coupled with a strong commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards. The ideal candidate will have proven experience in arboriculture and a deep understanding of tree care practices. Additionally, they will be a team player, able to work collaboratively with a dedicated team of forestry professionals.

Qualifications

- Diploma in Arboriculture, Urban Forestry, or related discipline
- Certified Arborist certificate from the Ministry of Skills & Labour or International Society of Arboriculture
- Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) Line Clearing - Safety Awareness training
- Working at Heights training that meets the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Mobile Crane Operator 0-8 Tonn training
- Ontario Traffic Council Book 7 training
- Utility Work Protection Code Program
- Valid First Aid & CPR Certification
- Valid DZ class driver's licence with an abstract acceptable to City guidelines
- Ontario Pesticide Training & Certification (OPT&C) Commercial Land Exterminator License with Industrial, Forestry and Landscape designations is recommended

Why Work With Us

This role offers the opportunity to make a real difference in your community by helping to create beautiful, sustainable urban environments. You'll benefit from opportunities for training, development, and career advancement in the field of urban forestry. Enjoy a dynamic work environment that keeps you on your toes, working in various outdoor settings across the city. You'll be part of a passionate, supportive team that values your expertise and dedication.

The City offers competitive salaries alongside extended health, dental and travel benefits, life insurance coverage, access to our Employee & Family Assistance Plan (EFAP), and enrollment in the OMERS (Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System) pension plan.

We're an organization focused on the health and well-being of our employees, including a priority on work-life balance delivered through a unique earned-day-off package in addition to vacation time offerings.

Apply

Are you ready to climb to new heights and help our city thrive? Apply now and join us in our mission to create greener, healthier urban spaces! Email your application to hr@sarnia.ca with the subject line '2024-14 –Arborist' by July 10, 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you to our team!

We are an inclusive and equitable Corporation that encourages applications from qualified individuals of all genders, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and Indigenous persons. Appropriate accommodations will be provided upon request throughout the hiring process as required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Information received relating to accommodation and diversity will be addressed confidentially.

Personal information is being collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine the qualifications for employment with The Corporation of the City of Sarnia. Questions about this collection should be directed to the City Clerk, 255 Christina St. N., Sarnia, ON N7T 7N2, 519-332-0330 ext. 3366.