

Field Technician - Training Opportunity (Permanent, Full-Time) - 1456

Close Date

October 2, 2024

Position Overview

If you're into getting your hands dirty, enjoy working in a high performing team and love working outdoors year-round, this is the gig for you! We are seeking a Field Technician in training to join our Civic Construction team. The successful candidate will perform construction work on important capital projects involving the installation and repair of various types of municipal infrastructure. This role requires moderate supervision of other team members and adherence to safety protocols to ensure a safe working environment.

Here, you're not just building roads and infrastructure—you're building your career and making a lasting difference. Across the City, we are focused on creating the highest levels of service excellence, based on an organization-wide community culture that celebrates our employees who make it all happen. If this sounds like a good fit for you, apply today!

The successful candidate must have the following qualifications:

1. Completion of senior secondary school or its equivalent.
2. BC EOC Level I Certificate in the following:
 - a) Water Distribution Systems,**or**
 - b) Wastewater Collection Systems
3. Minimum one year's previous experience performing water, sewer, or drainage installation and/or repair.
4. Valid BC Driver's Licence - Class 5.

For new hires, and for those working in designated positions of trust, including those working directly with vulnerable persons, no formal offer of employment will be made until an applicant completes a police information check. A comprehensive benefits package is included with this position. This is a CUPE local 900 position.

More than one may be hired.

For further information on the Field Technician position, please see the attached job description for the fully qualified position and for further information on the details around the training opportunity please see the attached terms and conditions.

Awarding of Training Opportunity:

To be successful for this training opportunity, applicants must meet the above requirements. Applicants are able to participate in a maximum of three training opportunities within the Department.

On-the-Job Experience and Training:

The successful candidate for this opportunity will be gaining experience towards becoming a fully qualified Field Technician. The exact length of the training opportunity may vary based on the previous experience of the successful candidate and the length of the position but will be a maximum of two years.



Pay Rate:

The successful applicant for this training opportunity will receive the pay rate of Pay Grade 10 (outside), \$34.958 per hour to start. After successful completion of the EOCP Water Distribution Systems or Wastewater Collection systems Level I and a minimum of two years' previous experience in the installation and/or repair of water, and wastewater infrastructure the candidate will receive the pay rate of Pay Grade 11 (outside) as a fully qualified Field Technician.

Time Commitment to the Position:

The successful candidate will be required to remain in the Field Technician position for a minimum of the amount of time it took the candidate to become fully qualified.

Hourly Rate

\$34.958

Hours & Days of Work

Monday-Thursday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Hours per Week

40

Please note if you need assistance or have individual needs or requirements throughout the application process, contact the Human Resources Department by email hr@kamloops.ca or in person at 6-510 Lorne Street so we can better support you.

We are an equal opportunity employer and thank all applicants for their interest. Please be sure to review the application requirements for each job you apply. Only those selected to participate in the recruitment process will be contacted.

Applications are accepted online at kamloops.ca/careers.

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JOB TITLE: Field Technician – Civic Construction

PAY GRADE: 11

NATURE AND SCOPE OF WORK

Performs skilled municipal construction work of a relatively complex nature under the limited supervision of the Civic Construction Supervisor, Crew Leader - Civic Construction and/or the Lead Hand - Civic Construction. Work involves the installation and repair of various types of municipal infrastructure, while assisting other team members. The job involves outside work year-round in dirty conditions, frequent exposure to unpleasant odours and sewer gases, a considerable amount of heavy lifting, and the possibility of incurring serious injury. The incumbent is required to exercise constant care in the performance of duties to ensure the safety of co-workers and must exercise common courtesy in routine dealings with other City employees and the public. Close care and attention are required to prevent errors resulting in serious damage and loss.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

1. Reviews daily work schedule and coordinates the required parts and materials needed to complete the assigned work.
2. Reviews grade sheets, as-builts, design drawings, and determines the location of underground utilities.
3. Assists the Lead Hand in providing occasional direction to other crew members on site to ensure work tasks are being completed.
4. Installs and repairs water and wastewater infrastructure.
5. Installs and repairs road structures and various other surface infrastructure.
6. Trains and mentors other team members.
7. Performs related work as required.

REQUIRED SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND KNOWLEDGE

1. Considerable knowledge of the materials, tools, equipment, and procedures used in the installation and repair of water, wastewater, road, and other municipal surface infrastructure.
2. Considerable knowledge of the safe operation of all related tools and equipment used in the civic construction industry.
3. Considerable knowledge regarding reading grade sheets and surveyor's stakes and operating a laser grade system.
4. Considerable knowledge in the methods for locating underground utilities.

5. Ability to train and direct others assigned to the crew.
6. Ability to exercise courtesy and tact in dealings with other City employees, third parties, and the public.
7. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
8. Ability to pass an annual respirator fit test.

PREFERRED LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

1. Valid BC Driver's License – Class 3 with air brakes endorsement.

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HOURS OF WORK

Non normal shifts are required.

Training Opportunity Terms & Conditions

The City of Kamloops encourages career development and professional growth for its employees. Training postings (including training opportunities and "in-training" postings) allow staff the prospect of moving into an area of the City operations that they may not otherwise have the experience or qualifications to bid into.

To support this, the parties have adopted the following terms and conditions for training postings. To illustrate your acceptance of the terms and conditions, please initial each item and date and sign at the bottom.

1. MANAGEMENT/EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The City recognizes that there is a joint responsibility for the development and success of the trainee. It is management's obligation to regularly monitor and assess the trainee's work to ensure that he/she is completing the requirements of the training. It is the employee's obligation to meet the commitments of the training posting, attend any training or educational sessions required and to participate in applicable duties at the workplace.

2. TRAINING TERMS

Training terms may vary in length, based on the amount of experience that the successful qualified applicant brings to the position.

3. ACCESS TO TRAINING

Employees will be allowed to access a maximum of two of the training types (training opportunity and/or in-training) during their employment with the City. The third training type, apprenticeship, will have a maximum of one opportunity.

Where the situation exists for an employee to pursue multiple opportunities related to a particular career path within a Division, consideration will be given on a case by case by the Employer to waive the access restrictions.

4. EMPLOYEE COMMITMENTS

- a) Employees must commit to the training term stated on the posting.
- b) After completion of the training term, employees must remain in the position for the commitment term stated on the posting.

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- c) For a period of one year after completing the training term, employees (unless they are otherwise employed full time outside of the classification), must accept any vacant shifts that should arise in the classification they have been trained in if that shift remains vacant after a posting or bid meeting process.

Any employee who does not fulfill the commitments of a training posting through his/her own actions will not be allowed access to any other training types in the future.

5. SENIORITY FOR TRAINEES

New employees hired for a training position will not obtain seniority during the training term. If confirmed in the position, seniority will be calculated as per the Collective Agreement and given to the employee at that time.

6. LAYOFF AND RECALL FOR TRAINEES

The trainee will be laid off before junior, fully qualified incumbents in the classification. The trainee will be recalled last after junior, fully qualified incumbents in the classification.

7. TRAINEE PROBATIONARY PERIODS

The probationary period for externally hired employees will be equivalent to the training term. As per Article 10(d), the employment of these employees may be terminated at any time during the probation period at the absolute discretion of the employer, provided however, that such discretion is not used in an arbitrary, perverse, or capricious manner.

Employees with seniority who do not fulfill the commitments of a training posting or who are deemed unsuccessful after passing probation will forfeit the right to return to his/her former position but will be allowed to use his/her seniority for one year to bid on another position.

The Union has agreed to consider requests for longer probationary periods based on the length of the training term and/or a trainee's progress.

8. OVERTIME CALL OUT

In the event of an overtime call out, fully qualified staff will be called first. Trainees may be considered at management's discretion.

Employee

Date