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Position Title: Arboriculture Technologist

Position Status: Full-Time Regular

Department: Parks & Environment (Regional Parks)

Employee Group: GVRDEU

Location: 4515 Central Boulevard, Burnaby

Salary Range/ Wage Rate: \$45.34 hourly plus 6.25% deferred compensation

This role receives an additional 6.25% deferred compensation on hours worked. The additional 6.25% can be taken as compensation or time off.

As a certified arborist, you will be responsible for tree management practices on over 14,000 hectares of regional park land, with a focus on hazard tree management.

Do you have a passion for trees, nature and the outdoors? We invite you to join us in Regional Parks' role to help protect natural areas and connect people with them.

This role: *(The duties described are intended to be representative of the position and are not to be considered as all inclusive)*

- Acts as the lead Designated Tree Management Contact for Regional Parks and is responsible for activities such as: assist with the coordination and the implementation of the Metro Vancouver Hazard Tree Management System, maintains the associated Tree Risk Assessment Database for Regional Parks, utilizes Property Interest Information & Management System to determine if trees are on Regional Park lands.
- Conducts and/or coordinates scheduled or on-demand hazard tree risk assessments across the regional parks system and recommends mitigation measures as required, in compliance with MVRD approved tree management policies and procedures and arboriculture industry standards. Writes and/or reviews certified arborist reports as required.
- Responsible for coordinating operational activities related to tree management and may supervise staff and contractors regarding: hazard tree risk assessment, project site preparation, mitigation and remediation, and wildfire hazard planning/mapping and danger tree abatement.
- Collaborates, and in consultation with natural resource management staff and contractors, responsible for tree replacement, site restoration, forest health monitoring, and the implementation of climate change adaptation strategies.

- Consults with field staff and contractors to ensure all necessary approvals and permits are in place before any tree management projects are carried out.
- Maintains an inventory of culturally modified trees, modified by aboriginal people for traditional tree utilization in regional parks.
- Assist with the evaluation of risk posed by potentially hazard trees on adjacent properties to Regional Park lands, assessing their potential impact on public safety, environmental protection, property and critical infrastructure within regional parks, as required or upon request. Communicates with adjacent property owners regarding tree related concerns.
- Assists in preparation of tree management program budgets, requests for proposals, and contracts.
- Produces work schedules, safety plans, cost estimates and project summaries.
- Reviews municipal planning and development plans related to tree management. May assist to represent MVRD where tree protection, tree replacement and / or tree compensation is required from adjacent land owners.
- Assist in training Regional Parks staff and contractors in knowledge of the Metro Vancouver Hazard Tree Management System and the application of the Tree Risk Assessment Database.
- Coordinates with Designated Tree Management Contacts from other Metro Vancouver departments with hazard tree management programs (Water Services, Liquid Waste Services, Solid Waste Services, Metro Vancouver Housing).
- Coordinates with outside agencies related to hazard tree risk within regional parks, such as BC Hydro, Telus, Fortis BC, etc.
- Participates in emergency responses such as forest fire mop up and wind storm cleanups with focus on emergency remedial tree work.
- Performs other related duties as required.

To be successful, you have:

- Diploma in a Natural Resources Management technology program and a minimum of two years related work experience; or an equivalent combination of training and related work experience.
- Certified Arborist (International Society of Arboriculture – ‘ISA’) designation.
- ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ).
- Valid Wildlife/Danger Tree Assessor’s Certificate for Parks and Recreation areas (provincial program) or must complete the course work and examination requirement in the first 6 months of being in the position*.
- Sound knowledge of forest health, pathology, survey and inspection techniques, and tree management operations.
- Sound knowledge of existing MVRD policies and procedures, municipal bylaws, provincial and federal legislation related to tree management.
- Knowledge in the maintenance and operation of equipment used in the arboriculture industry.
- Demonstrated ability to safely and effectively supervise staff and contractors.
- Good Knowledge of WorkSafe BC and BC Hydro regulations and safety procedures.
- Demonstrated knowledge in the development and implementation of worksite safety management plans.

- Demonstrated proficiency in standard office and technical software applications such as field mapping, hazard tree management, and GIS.
- Sound written and oral communication skills including report writing and presentation skills; ability to communicate complex information, requirements and implications to diverse audiences.
- Knowledge of native tree species in the Pacific Northwest region of Canada.
- Ability to work between office environment and working outdoors performing field work with frequent exposure to adverse weather conditions.
- Current Occupational First Aid Level 1 Certification or ability to obtain certification within six months*.
- Valid Class 5 BC Driver's License.

*** An extension to the six (6) month requirement will be granted where the employee cannot attend the training/exam for the certification due to extraordinary circumstances.**

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