

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Parks and Recreation	<b>STATUS:</b>	Auxiliary (assignment length: 12 to 14 weeks)
<b>NO. OF POSITIONS:</b>	One	<b>UNION:</b>	CUPE, Local 387
<b>HOURS OF WORK:</b>	24 to 40 hours per week	<b>SALARY:</b>	Labourer 1: \$29.38 per hour (2021 rates) + 12% in lieu of benefits and vacation

The City of New Westminster is seeking an enthusiastic, driven and reliable summer intern to join the Parks & Recreation Department in the field of Urban Forestry. With mentorship from the city's Senior Arborist and the Arborist Technician, the successful applicant will gain valuable industry-specific experience working alongside a variety of skilled tradespeople in natural areas and arboriculture operations, as well as public outreach programming and planning for new tree planting. All work performed will contribute to advancing the city's goals to increase tree canopy cover and enhance biodiversity through the preservation, enhancement and management of trees on city-owned streets, boulevards, parks and open spaces.

**Responsibilities:**

- Restoration efforts in parks and open spaces including soil preparation, planting, invasive plant removal, watering, and trail maintenance.
- Field work including arboriculture ground operations, tree mulching, tree watering, and soil restoration.
- Community programming and administrative tasks related to the Adopt-A-Street-Tree Program, planning for tree planting on city-owned lands, and collecting tree inventory data.
- Desktop tasks including ArcGIS and Excel data management.
- Communication with the general public (via phone, email and in-person) relating to Arboriculture work.

**Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated interest in Urban Forestry and/or Natural Areas Restoration and enrollment in secondary school, technical school, and/or post-secondary institution.
- Enrollment in formal education in the areas of Urban Forestry or Natural Resource Management (including Fish & Wildlife) considered an asset.
- Ability to follow the safety precautions required to perform the work.
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to perform sustained manual/physical labour and to work in all weather conditions.
- Valid BC Driver's license with a safe driving record is an asset.
- The successful candidate must complete and maintain a clear Police Information Check (PIC).

**Eligibility:**

Partial funding for this position has been provided by the Government of Canada through Parks Canada as part of their commitment to the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) program, and the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA). Youth experiencing barriers to employment are encouraged to apply! A complete list of eligibility criteria can be found here: <https://cpca.ca/funding/youth-employment-experience/eligibility>. Eligible applicants must be:

- between 15 and 30 years of age when employment begins (inclusive)
- a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person as defined by the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
- legally entitled to work in Canada
- legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations

Apply by sending your **cover letter and resume in one document** quoting the competition number, by May 18, 2022 to the Human Resources Department, City of New Westminster, 511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC, V3L 1H9, e-mail to [hr@newwestcity.ca](mailto:hr@newwestcity.ca) using the following format in the subject line: **LAST NAME First Name #22-102**

*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.*