

MAINTENANCE WORKER – PARKS

1. Nature and Scope of Work

This is semi-skilled maintenance and manual work of considerable variety pertaining to maintenance, repair and upkeep of one or more parks, recreational facilities or playground areas. An incumbent of this class performs repairs on sprinkler systems, inspects playground equipment, park furniture, trails and park premises, and various facilities for damage and operational safety, and performs minor repairs and maintenance as required. An incumbent also directs the work of one or more labourers and prepares and maintains routine records related to the work. Oral and written instructions which may be accompanied by sketches and layouts are received from a superior who checks work for quality and conformance to established standards.

2. Illustrative Examples of Work

Checks playground equipment and related installations for damage and to ensure safe operation according to established guidelines; performs routine maintenance and repair tasks such as lubricating moving parts, replacing worn parts and pressure washing structures; erects and dismantles playground equipment or removes and replaces aging and inadequate equipment.

Identifies playground equipment and facilities requiring more complex repair or replacement and notifies superior of same; recommends installation of new equipment or parts and orders replacement parts as directed; implements manufacturers' maintenance and safety provisions.

Checks the operation of sprinkler systems in City parks, boulevards and around City buildings; performs a variety of maintenance and repairs tasks, overhauls and rebuilds controls, valves and sprinklers and makes recommendations on system design and modifications.

Inspects trails, park premises and facilities such as fences, bridges, stairs, railings and viewing platforms for physical condition, vegetation encroachment and safety concerns; documents problems and performs minor repair and maintenance as required; clears paths and trails, cuts brush, trims trees and shrubs; performs trail resurfacing and drainage installation as required.

Prunes trees and shrubs under direction; plants trees in forested areas; falls and bucks trees and performs related park forestry operations.

Performs a variety of skilled and semi-skilled horticultural tasks; lays turf; carries out necessary cultivation, rehabilitation maintenance and related tasks such as seeding, fertilizing, aerating, rototilling, and mowing a variety of grass areas.

Directs the work of one or more labourers engaged in routine maintenance work.

Operates a light vehicle to transport tools, materials or equipment.

Operates a variety of power and hand tools used in routine trail construction and maintenance tasks at ground level; operates small garden tractors and ATVs.

Prepares and maintains routine records related to the work.

Performs related work as required.

3. Required Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Considerable knowledge of the assigned park and trail areas, playground areas and park facilities, and of the rules and regulations governing the use of same.

Considerable knowledge of the methods, materials, equipment and tools used in performing routine repair and maintenance tasks related to grounds, turf-grass management, park facilities and playgrounds, sprinkler systems, gardening, horticulture work.

Sound knowledge of the hazards and safety precautions and standards applicable to the work.

Ability to perform a variety of semi-skilled and unskilled repair and maintenance tasks for grounds, park facilities and playgrounds, under minimal supervision.

Ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions and maintain records as required.

Ability to direct the work of one or more labourers.

Skill in the use of tools, equipment and materials used in the work.

4. Desirable Training and Experience

Completion of Grade 12 supplemented by a certificate in horticulture or turf-grass management from a recognized post-secondary program plus sound experience in general parks maintenance work; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

5. Required Licenses, Certifications and Registrations

Drivers Licence for the Province of British Columbia.

CPRA – Certified Playground Inspector.

St. John Ambulance First Aid Certificate or equivalent.