

## CITY OF HAMILTON

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES GROUP – FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE SECTION – LOCATION – 1301**  
**UPPER OTTAWA STREET)**

**ARBORIST II - CUPE 5167**

### **SUMMARY OF DUTIES**

Reporting to Supervisor Urban Forestry, performs Urban Forestry operations.

### **GENERAL DUTIES**

Trim, reinforce and remove trees; clean site of debris.

Plant and transplant trees by both mechanical and hand methods.

Work at various heights, including work in proximity to energized conductors, performing tree maintenance and tree removal, using aerial device and/or manual climbing using approved climbing and safety equipment and techniques.

Assist those working at heights in the handling of ropes or acting as a spotter.

Drive, operate and inspect various equipment including trucks, tractors, aerial tower, chain saws, pruners, brush chipper, tree stumper and other associated equipment and techniques.

Clear hydro lines by pruning trees.

Set up signs and cones for traffic control.

Inspect trees; record condition and problems; recommend action.

Receive and investigate complaints.

Write reports; complete truck and daily work sheets.

Performs preventative maintenance on vehicles, equipment and tools such as greasing, sharpening and adjusting; wax boom.

Receive and answer inquiries at job site from public, utilities and staff.

Perform forestry operations under all weather conditions.

Work in accordance with the provisions of applicable Health and Safety legislation and all City of Hamilton corporate and departmental policies and procedures related to Occupational Health and Safety.

Perform other duties as assigned which are directly related to the major responsibilities of the job.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Forestry trade related training and experience related to the duties listed above normally acquired by a combination of education and work experience.
2. Preference will be given to candidates with a Diploma in Arboriculture or equivalent and/or ISA Certified designation.
3. Must have a good working knowledge of tree morphology, physiology and dendrology of those trees common to the Hamilton area.
4. Must be able to understand and follow detailed procedures in performing Urban Forestry trade type work.
5. Demonstrated ability to safely operate urban forestry equipment including but not limited to chain saws, brush chippers, 8 ton crane, stumping machine and aerial devices.
6. Demonstrated ability to climb trees with rope and saddle working at various heights, including work in the vicinity of energized conductors.
7. Ability to perform aerial rescue.
8. Must possess Certification in the Safe Operations and Maintenance of a Chainsaw.
9. Must possess a valid First Aid/CPR Certificate.
10. Must possess a Class "D" Licence with a "Z" endorsement.
11. Must be able to lift a minimum of 23kgs daily with an occasional requirement to lift to 45kgs.
12. Must be able to obtain a Utility Line Clearing Technician Proficiency certificate within one year.
13. Demonstrated knowledge of the Health and Safety Act and applicable regulations as it relates to the position.
14. Preference will be given to those applicants with a current Safety In Line Clearing Operations Certificate.
15. Knowledge of relevant legislation such as the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations including W.H.M.I.S legislation and Book 7 Traffic Control and applicable regulations as it relates to the position.

**THIS POSITION REQUIRES A VALID CLASS "DZ" DRIVER'S LICENCE AND PROOF THEREOF IS REQUIRED AFTER HIRE.**