

## CITY OF HAMILTON

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES GROUP - FORESTRY & HORTICULTURE SECTION - LOCATION - GAGE PARK/UPPER OTTAWA)

### GARDENER II/ FORESTRY ASSISTANT - CUPE 5167

#### SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Reports to Horticulture/Forestry Supervisor, Carries out horticultural practices to maintain grounds and gardens and performs general forestry labouring duties with the forestry section.

#### GENERAL DUTIES

Analyse, create and implement the use of horticultural materials such as annuals, perennials, shrubs and sod.

Maintain annual & perennial beds and shrubs by weeding, pruning, fertilizing, mulching and watering.

Implement and maintain horticultural displays such as "Chrysanthemum" show.

Assess, diagnose and report annual, perennial, shrub, soil and turf problems; implement corrective action such as cultural, mechanical and when necessary, pesticide spray programmes, where permitted by law.

Operate tools and equipment such as edger, sprayer, leaf blower, weed eater, rototiller and tractor.

General Forestry Labour duties such as dragging brush, feeding brush into a chipper, minor chainsaw use. Pruning trees from the ground as required.

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.

Help assist in setting up signs and cones for traffic control.

Assist in receive and investigate complaints.

Receive and answer inquiries from the public.

Load and unload vehicle.

Perform preventative maintenance on tools and equipment.

Maintain inventory of materials used.

Recommend the use of materials such as flagstone, interlocking stone, timber and display boards; complete projects.

Perform minor maintenance on tools, equipment and irrigation.

Communicate with contractors and other departments.

Performs snow removal around the yard.

Work in accordance with the provisions of all 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. Horticultural trade related training and work related experience in horticulture to include soft landscaping, annual, perennial and shrub installation and maintenance. Two year Diploma in Horticulture or related field preferred.
2. Technical knowledge required regarding plant materials. Must be capable of performing a particular trade and carrying out a variety of complex tasks. Requires the use of specialized skills.
3. Landscape Exterminator Licences required at the time of application.
4. Chainsaw Certification required. Chipper Training required within 6 months of starting in the position.
5. Previous demonstrated experience operating tools, equipment and vehicle used in horticulture and forestry operations.
6. Knowledge of relevant legislation such as Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations including W.H.M.I.S. legislation, and Book 7 Traffic Control.
7. Must possess a valid Class "DZ" Driver's Licence.

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

**THIS POSITION WILL HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FORESTRY SECTION (1301 UPPER OTTAWA ST) DURING WINTER OPERATIONS**

**THE INCUMBENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR THIS POSITION AND THE WORKPLACE.**