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Forestry Learner

3 Vacancies

Posted: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Job Number: CC-22-04

Job Type: Casual Full-time, Up to 8 Months, Union - 3 Vacancies

Position Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Choose Barrie

The City of Barrie is a vibrant, progressive, and growing community with deep connections to our heritage, to nature and to the opportunities surrounding us.

Our community values quality of life; the ability to play year-round with 300 hectares of park space, our beautiful waterfront, our lively downtown core and the nearby hills, wetlands, and forests. We also value connections; to our neighbours and the community, to our road and rail network, and to the opportunity Barrie provides to enjoy life.

Everything Barrie has to offer, from the water we drink to the roads we travel on, has one thing in common - municipal workers. Joining a municipality is one of the most rewarding, engaging, and exciting careers you could choose. It is a career you can take pride in knowing that every day you make a positive impact on an entire community. We are one team, with one goal and we all work together to continue making our community great.

The Opportunity

The Operations Department is comprised of three Branches: Parks and Forestry; Roads, Stormwater, Rail and Fleet Operations; and Solid Waste and Technical Operations. Key responsibilities include the operation and maintenance of the City's public works infrastructure and system, the operation of the City's landfill and the collection of solid waste, and maintenance of the Corporation Fleet Assets.

The Forestry Learner is part of a front-line team directly responsible for performing all required maintenance of municipal trees within the City of Barrie. Maintenance activities include assisting with the inspection, pruning, removal and replacement of trees on streets and in active and passive parkland throughout the City. This is an entry-level forestry position with day-to-day responsibilities related to assisting the Forestry Journeypersons with urban arboriculture which is integral in ensuring that the citizens of Barrie enjoy a safe urban forest along with all of the benefits that a healthy urban forest canopy provides.

Our Culture and Qualifications of the Job

Corporate Culture

- Your workplace values align with our corporate values of ***Strive, Share and Care*** and you want to join us in providing exceptional services and programs to build a prosperous, growing and sustainable community

Education (degree/diploma/certifications)

- Secondary School Diploma
- Working towards and in the process of obtaining a College Certificate in Urban Arboriculture or related discipline from an accredited association, organization and/or institution
- Certificate for Chainsaw Safety and Cutting Techniques obtained within the last three (3) years

Experience

- Six (6) months of experience in an arboriculture or urban forestry role

Knowledge/Skill/Ability

- Basic understanding of urban arboriculture
- Basic knowledge of chainsaw maintenance
- Ability to deal with the public in a courteous and efficient manner to promote a high standard of customer service and public relations at all times
- Ability to learn computer literacy utilizing Microsoft Office Suite (e.g. Outlook, Word, Excel) as well as other Tree Inventory (e.g. TRIMS) and Work Order (e.g. Cityworks) systems

Conditions of Employment

- Satisfactory Criminal Record Check*

Please note that this is a requirement of the position for any new employees to the City of Barrie in accordance with the **Police Record Check Procedure. Existing employees will be grandparented from this requirement.*

Other Important Information

Location: Operations Centre, 165 Ferndale Drive North, Barrie, Ontario

Hours: The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Wage: This position is within the CUPE Local 2380 Bargaining Unit with the following pay level and 2022 pay range:

- *Pay Level:* Level 2
- *Yearly Salary:* \$46,321.60 to \$55,390.40 per year
- *Hourly Pay Rate:* \$22.27 to \$26.63 per hour

Don't meet the credentials as outlined but have years of directly related experience? Please see the City's **Education Equivalency Procedure** to determine if you may qualify for equivalency. Further information is available at www.barrie.ca/JobOpps.

- Position Equivalency Code: A

Please note that verification of educational credentials will be required from the preferred candidate prior to an employment offer.

The City of Barrie is committed to providing a safe working environment for our employees and members of the public with whom we interact regularly and as such City of Barrie has recently implemented a **COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure**. This procedure aims to strongly encourage vaccination for all City staff and mandate full vaccination amongst City staff in high-risk worker groups, critical worker groups, or in accordance with provincial directives and within the limits of the Ontario Human Rights Code. All new employees will be subject to the **COVID-19 Vaccination Procedure** as a condition of their employment.

The City of Barrie is an equal opportunity employer, dedicated to creating a workplace culture of inclusiveness and welcomes applications from qualified individuals of diverse backgrounds. We are committed to providing barrier-free and accessible employment practices and we will accommodate the needs of applicants under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the recruitment and selection process. If contacted for an employment opportunity, please advise if you require Code-protected accommodation and we will work with you to meet your needs.

*Disclaimer: The job posting has been designed to indicate the general nature and essential duties and responsibilities of work performed by employees within this job title. It may not contain a comprehensive inventory of all duties and responsibilities required of employees to do this job. For full position details, please request a copy of the Job Description by emailing **HR.Recruitment@Barrie.ca**.*

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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