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## MANAGER, URBAN FORESTRY *(Regular Full Time)*

Urban Forestry is responsible for more than 1,500 hectares of natural area parks and large urban forests, the Surrey Nature Centre, and over 75,000 street trees and 22,000 shade trees in parks within the City of Surrey. The City has planted, on average, more than 5,000 street and park shade trees each year over the last ten years and welcomed more than 10,000 visitors each year to the Surrey Nature Centre. The Manager, Urban Forestry will be responsible for directing the work of contractors, volunteers, and 40+ unionized staff who work within Urban Forestry.

The Manager, Urban Forestry will be responsible for providing overall leadership and management of urban forestry, stewardship, and nature education programs.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Establishing and maintaining effective relationships with other City departments and government agencies for the delivery of urban forestry programs
- Preparation and implementation of Corporate and departmental plans and strategies for service delivery
- Participation in the planning, design, and development of parks, civic facilities, and neighbourhoods relative to urban forestry
- Leading public consultation processes and acting as a departmental representative to community advisory committees and community associations
- Developing and managing the ~\$7.5M operating budget and ~\$1.6M capital budget
- Developing, recommending, and implementing urban forestry policies, procedures, and practices
- Preparation of reports to stakeholders and senior management; and hiring, evaluating, training, developing, and coaching employees

### QUALIFICATIONS

- The successful candidate will have graduated from a recognized university in natural or biological sciences, arboriculture, forestry, or other related academic programs associated with the practice of urban forestry
- Completed certification as, or has eligibility for certification as, a Municipal Specialist from International Society of Arboriculture
- Minimum of 5 years of progressive experience in park management or urban forestry management at a strategic level
- You will bring a strong understanding of park operations, community partnerships and community development
- You will actively display good judgment, decision making, initiative, and independence in resolving problems and conflicts
- Possess strong interpersonal skills, leadership, and management abilities within an environment of contract, union and exempt staff
- Advanced communication skills both written and oral. Comfortable presenting to large groups
- Public sector experience is considered an asset.

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