

	Title: Parks Worker	<i>Date: January 2016</i>
	<i>Department: Engineering, Parks and Environment (Parks Operations Division)</i>	
	<i>Classification:</i>	<i>Pay Grade</i>

Nature and Scope of Work

This is maintenance, custodial and manual work of some variety involving the care and upkeep of one or more parks and/or recreational or playground areas. An employee in this position assists in the maintenance of floral areas, turf, sports fields, playgrounds and related adjacent areas and with the cleanliness, maintenance and minor repairs of park buildings and washrooms. The work requires physical effort and agility in the performance of semi-skilled and unskilled construction and maintenance tasks. At times a Parks Worker carries out duties under the supervision of a superior who issues detailed oral instructions on assignments. At other times a Parks Worker may be required to work alone and when working alone they are expected to use good judgement in completing tasks. Independent tasks are subject to inspection by a supervisor for workmanship and conformance with established procedures.

Illustrative Examples of Work

Performs a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the maintenance and construction of parks and in median and boulevard maintenance such as:

1. Hoeing, raking, weeding, watering, fertilizing, power edging, grass cutting, power raking and related unskilled and semi-skilled gardening tasks; assists in landscaping tasks including planting of flowers and shrubs.
2. Maintains turf, dirt and/or asphalt sports and playground areas such as tennis courts, ball diamonds, football fields. Cleans and repairs outdoor spray parks and cement areas.
3. Maintenance duties in parks buildings, washrooms and dressing rooms; minor painting tasks; cleans catch basins and drains.
4. Operates small self-propelled lawn mowers, power saws and brush cutters at ground level; falls and bucks small trees and performs related park forestry operations.
5. Sets forms, mixes and tamps concrete, assists in concrete finishing for manholes, catch basins, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, retaining walls and similar structures.
6. Litter pickup, empties litter receptacles, swamps on garbage trucks, including unloading of garbage trucks at disposal area.
7. Erects and dismantles park playground equipment, benches and bleachers and performs maintenance and construction work on wire and wooden fences.

8. Assembles, maintains, repairs, inspects and replaces nets used in parks, playgrounds and sports fields.
9. Performs related work as required.

Required Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

1. Working knowledge of the methods, techniques, materials, tools and equipment used in general construction and maintenance work.
2. Working knowledge of the methods, materials, tools and equipment used in maintaining grounds, buildings, shrubs, trees and flower beds.
3. Ability to perform a variety of semi-skilled manual tasks requiring the use of some independent judgment and action in the construction and maintenance of parks and parks facilities.
4. Ability to understand and effectively carry out oral and simple written instructions.
5. Some skill in the use of a variety of tools used in general maintenance and construction work.
6. Sufficient physical strength, stamina and coordination to perform heavy manual outdoor work in all weather.

Desirable Training and Experience

1. Grade 12;
2. Experience in general construction and maintenance of parks and other landscape work.
3. Equivalent combination of training and experience.

Required Licenses, Certifications and Registrations

1. Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence in the Province of British Columbia.