

School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes)

JOB DESCRIPTION

MAINTENANCE - ARBORIST – CERTIFIED

Rate of Pay: **Band # 14**

Location: **Maintenance**

SUMMARY

- ensures all tree coverage on district facility property does not pose a threat or hazard to students or school property. Performs maintenance tasks to support the overall maintenance at the school district.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- responsible for tree care, limbing and removal of hazardous trees.
- inspects and identifies hazardous trees, protecting the safety of the public, property and environment.
- maintains safe, secure environments and initiates safe work plans for tree limbing/removal.
- manages falling hazards and hazardous tree removal, planning for limbing, bucking and special falling techniques.
- assess and secure site, recognizing limitations.
- predict and plan for safe work practices.
- select, inspect and maintain climbing equipment.
- loads, transports and unloads equipment required
- assess hazardous weather conditions.
- ensures use of specialized rigging, knots, hitches and friction control.
- safe and appropriate use of hardware (carabineers, blocks, pulleys and climbing gear).
- performs all duties with awareness of safe standards and appropriate Industry Standards.
- maintenance and repairs to power equipment.
- operates motorized mechanical vehicles and equipment such as trucks, vans, power mower and a variety of power and hand tools
- supervises worksite crew.
- awareness of appropriate emergency response.
- maintains inspection records/logs and advises the Area Coordinator of any items requiring immediate attention
- provides assistance to other employees in the District maintenance program as requested
- assists in the cleanliness of the shop, work areas, warehouses and grounds

QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE

- completion of Grade 12 (Dogwood Certificate)
- successful completion of the Utility Arborist apprenticeship program
- playground Inspector Certificate
- WHMIS Certificate and familiarity with Work Safe BC safety procedures
- valid B.C. Driver's License class 5 & an exemplary driving record as demonstrated by a current driver's abstract

EXPERIENCE

- one and a half years of arborist experience
- two years of relevant work experience in *(a grounds maintenance role)* irrigation and proper lawn maintenance

SKILLS & ABILITIES

- the Facility Arborist must have the necessary skills and abilities to:
- conduct a risk assessment of a situation and respond in an appropriate and timely manner.
- act and communicate in an ethical and professional manner
- work with district employees to understand the issue
- thoroughly understand the risk involved in a situation and determine the appropriate approach
- ability to perform a variety of skilled tasks necessary to perform the role of arborist