



Metro Vancouver – Join us in our commitment to provide services and solutions to one of the world’s most livable regions. We deliver service excellence in the areas of regional growth planning, air quality, water, liquid and solid waste management, regional parks, affordable housing, and community engagement to over 2.4 million residents. We invite you to bring your skills, passion, and expertise to help us in our commitment to sustain and enhance our region’s livability. We offer competitive salaries; excellent benefit packages; a municipal pension plan; employee wellness programs; and varied opportunities for professional growth and development. *Our Parks, Planning and Environment Department is currently seeking a:*

Park Planner II (Full-Time Regular)*

DUTIES:

Performs system scale project assignments related to the investigation, development and adoption of short and long range strategic or system scale plans, policies (e.g., strategies, frameworks & procedures), forecasts and other analysis for the regional parks system. This entails the development of work plans, research, complex analysis, project management, comprehensive report writing, staff and public engagement process development and delivery, delivering presentations to Regional Parks Committee and Board, managers, municipal councils and the public, and the development and preparation of policy proposals; coordinates preparation and interprets biophysical and social surveys including statistical analysis, mapping, compilation, opinions, and measurement of land for parks and recreation use.

Conducts various system scale planning assessments including the evaluation of natural lands for recreation and conservation potential, the identification of the public's need for parks, evaluation of economic viability, evaluation of major infrastructure projects, forecasting of future needs, and makes recommendations on priorities; in consultation with a superior, makes recommendations concerning the acquisition of land, its utilization and required budget allocations. Supports annual reporting of performance indicators and long range capital planning and development processes.

Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts; provides information and assistance to the public on technical and administrative matters; consults and liaises with other Metro Vancouver Regional District departments, municipal staff and various other government and non-government agencies in carrying out and coordinating various system-wide parks planning initiatives and programs; as required, represents the Department at forums, workshops and seminars.

Directs the work of consultants engaged in parks planning activities and ensures performance of contract according to Metro Vancouver Regional District standards; leads interdisciplinary planning teams and directs the work of staff assigned to special projects; provides technical direction and advice to Area Planners relating to such matters as system policy, strategic direction and site plans for regional parks.

Performs other related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

University graduation in Landscape Architecture, Parks Planning, Environmental Sciences, Resource Management or a related discipline; completion of courses in environmental sciences, outdoor recreation planning, plus extensive related park planning experience as a Park Planner I, preferably including some supervisory responsibility, or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Thorough knowledge of the methods, techniques, principles and practices applicable to parks system planning programs, projects and policy development.

Thorough knowledge of regional parks operations and activities and of departmental policies, procedures, rules and regulations as they relate to the work performed.

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of parks or environmental planning and design, and recreation and conservation planning work.

Considerable knowledge of the parks and recreational needs and interests of the community being served.

Good knowledge of governmental and legal procedures for park developments and of the by-laws relative to park planning activities.

Good knowledge of advanced planning and information technology tools such as GIS.

Ability to perform technical studies and research work and to prepare related reports on a variety of park planning and related environmental matters.

Ability to be creative and to use sound judgment in planning for future developments.

Ability to direct the work of assigned project staff and to oversee the performance of contracts by consultants.

Ability to act in a liaison capacity in coordinating the activities of various external government and non-government agencies, municipalities and special interest groups and, where appropriate, to integrate their needs and program plans with regional park planning strategies and program plans.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to use the Microsoft Office suite of software and applicable information technology tools.

Valid B.C. Driver's License.

****Flexible schedule required***

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While we greatly appreciate all the replies we receive, regretfully only those selected for an interview will be contacted.