

Job Title: Planning Analyst (Environment and Sustainability)

Requisition ID: 36389

Company

Located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and selilwataʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples, Vancouver has a commitment to becoming a City of Reconciliation. Vancouver consistently ranks as one of the world's most liveable cities and is working towards being the greenest city in the world. Named among Canada's Top 100 Employers, BC's Top Employers, and Canada's Greenest Employers, the City of Vancouver seeks colleagues who can help shape and embody our core commitments to sustainability, decolonization, equity and outstanding quality of life for all residents. Consider joining our committed team of staff and being part of an innovative, inclusive and rewarding workplace.

Main Purpose & Function

This position supports the team in implementing the Park Board's long-term vision developed as part of the Park Board's Biodiversity Strategy and Parks and Recreation Services Master Plan (VanPlay) to build an ecological network that supports nature across the city, as well as shorter-term environmental programs, actions and projects. Working within the Park Board's Planning, Policy & Environment group, this position contributes to the development and coordination of major projects, strategic planning efforts, policy initiatives, comprehensive plans or master plans that guide the overall development and delivery of the City's parks, recreation and natural systems.

Specific Duties & Responsibilities

- Responsible for the program administration, data collection, synthesis and research activities that provide the foundation to the implementation of the vision of preserving and advocating for environmental and local food aspects of Vancouver's parks and recreation services.
- Works with Planner I and/or Planner II on complex projects including review of relevant policy such as Biodiversity Strategy, site analysis and preparation of graphics for use in projects, policy and strategies.
- Contributes to Board reports and memos (that are presented to Park Board Commissioners by senior staff), briefing notes, external correspondence and prepares presentations.
- Supports work conducted by garden and stewardship groups, external contractors, advises and develops studies, surveys, and monitoring and evaluation tools, prepares and delivers presentations to internal and external audiences, and implements public engagement plans.
- Liaises with research institutions and other stakeholders, including the non-profit sector, foundations and senior levels of government. The work involves cross-departmental research coordination and provides support to research projects based on park, recreation and environment planning priorities.
- Supports Park Board and City of Vancouver Indigenous engagement with Host Nations, facilitating initial communications and continuing project referral processes.
- Aligns efforts between the Park Board and the City of Vancouver including the Climate Change Emergency, Rain City Strategy, and related corporate goals
- Other duties/responsibilities as assigned

Qualifications

Education and Experience

- University degree in planning, biology, ecology, environmental science, local food, or related discipline, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Demonstrated understanding, experience and interest in environmental, park, and recreation policy and program research and analysis specifically relating to current-term and long-range planning
- Experience in program administration, data analysis and interpretation, report writing and research coordination related to urban park, recreation and environment is required
- Familiarity with the principles in reconciliation and decolonization is preferred.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Strong knowledge of environmental, urban park, and recreation issues, including demographic, planning and development trends
- Excellent written and verbal communication, presentation, and interpersonal skills, with a variety of audiences
- Familiarity with Vancouver's park system, land use, physical environment and existing naturally managed areas (urban forest, shorelines, streams, wildlife, etc), Climate Emergency, local First Nations interests, and important urban ecosystem values and issues.
- Excellent information and data management and analytical skills, including the ability to interpret and map census data
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to adapt to priorities and meet prescribed deadlines in a changing environment
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment as part of a team and ability to manage competing pressures
- Ability to be resourceful and efficient to obtain data and research within existing frameworks
- Proficiency in the use of MS Office Suite,
- Ability to use GIS software (ArcGIS), Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)is preferred

Where operationally appropriate and subject to change, the City of Vancouver has a Flexible Work Program. This program allows staff to work remotely 1 – 4 days a week from locations that are a daily commutable distance from their work at a City worksite. At this time this position is eligible to be part of the Flexible Work Program.

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Business Unit/Department: Board of Parks & Recreation (1400)

Affiliation: CUPE 15 Parks

Employment Type: Temporary Full Time

Position Start Date: September, 2022

Position End Date: August, 2024

Salary Information: Pay Grade GR-024: \$38.68 to \$45.68 per hour

Application Close: August 28, 2022

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