



Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

Parks Operations Service Review – Seasonal Staffing

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Vancouver's Park System by Numbers

- 1360 hectares (13.6 km²) of park land
- 229 neighbourhood parks
- 2 destination parks
- 1 Botanical garden and 1 plant conservatory
- 3 major golf courses and 3 pitch and putts
- 9 artificial turf fields (+ 2 new at Empire Bowl)
- 143,000 street trees and approximately 300,000 park trees
- 4 service yards
- 1 Greenhouse operation
- 1 Tree farm



Staffing Levels

- Park maintenance is a year round requirement in Vancouver.
- Two distinct peaks in our maintenance schedule.
- Greatest demand is from March to mid-August
- Second smaller surge from mid-October to end of November.
- Over the past 3 years, Parks has adjusted the full-time and part-time staffing profile to match the seasonal maintenance demands.

Seasonal Staffing Levels

In 2015, we are adding 22 additional temporary staff.

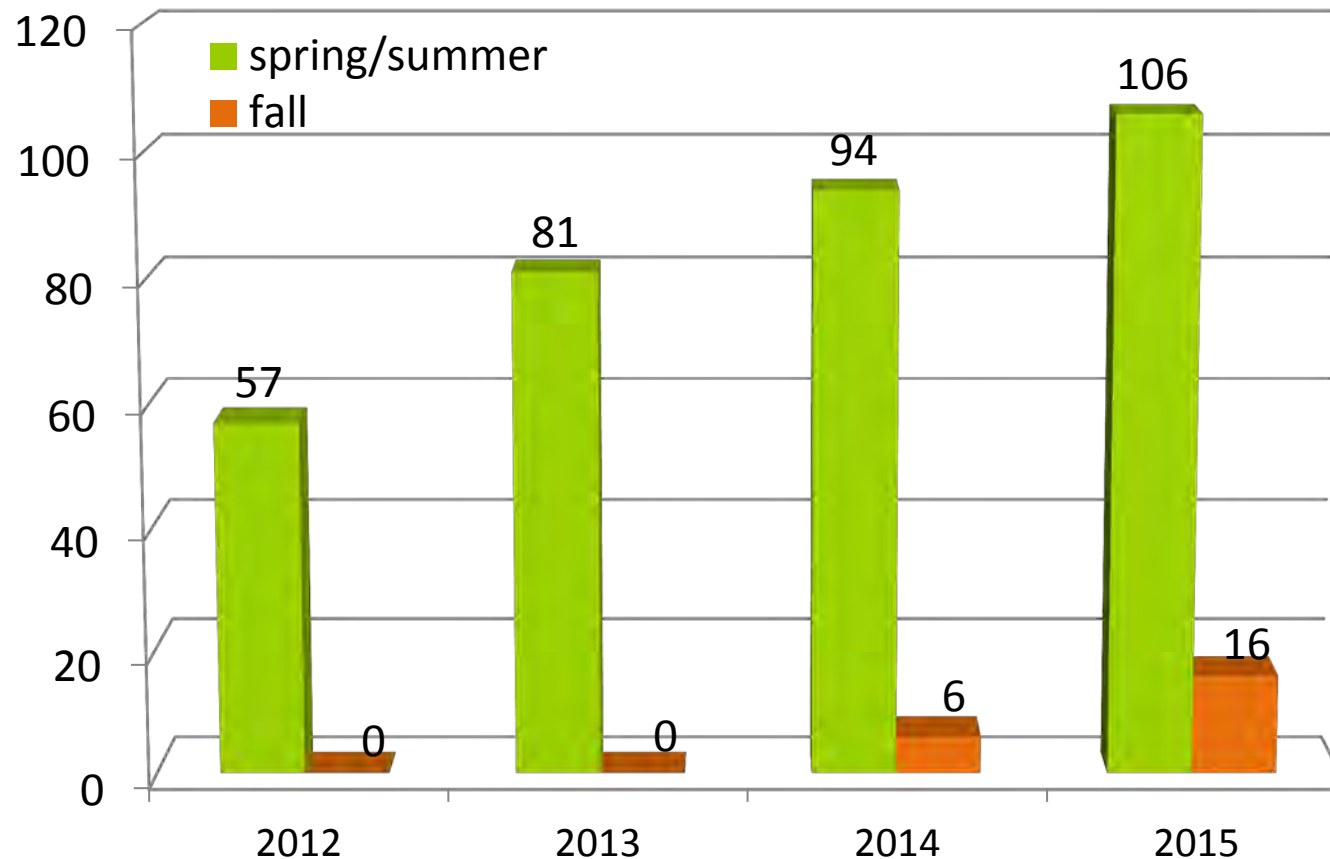


Figure 1: Seasonal Staffing Numbers 2012 -15 (Part-time + Auxiliary)



Continuous Quality Improvement

As part of the continuous quality improvements for Parks Operations in all sections, staff will be focusing particular attention on the following key areas in 2015:

- Streets horticulture
- European Chafer Beetle management
- Demand maintenance and invasive species management
- Artificial turf field maintenance
- Tree watering





European Chafer Beetle Management



Demand Maintenance/Invasive Species Management



Before: October 17, 2014



After: October 28, 2014

Artificial Turf Field Maintenance



Tree Watering



Vancouver's park system is vast and growing.

While Parks Operations have on-going and continuous quality improvement plans in place, a comprehensive Parks Operations Service Review, to be completed by the end of 2015, will set standards and provide new tools to address the challenges of maintaining Vancouver's much-loved and world class parks systems.



