

NEWS RELEASE

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City awarded 2015 TD Green Streets grant

Summary

The City of Nanaimo has been awarded a \$13,300 grant to plant trees in Hawthorne Park from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and Tree Canada as part of the TD Green Streets program. Nanaimo was chosen out of 125 applicants for the grant, along with 22 other communities across Canada.

Hawthorne Park is a 1.5 hectare (3.7 acre) neighbourhood green space near Wakesiah Road. The park was designed to meet community recreational needs and serve as a catchment basin for the surrounding subdivision and features walking trails and a stormwater retention pond.

The City of Nanaimo and park neighbours applied for the grant to further the community's park improvements vision. Grant contributions will help to see over 50 trees of differing size and species planted to provide more shade near the new playground and contribute to the overall urban forest, park ecology and quality of the neighbourhood. Interpretive signage about the unique park features and benefits of trees will also be installed.

The park was improved in 2014 under the City's Volunteers in Parks Program. Residents and the City partnered to install a new playground and create a community gathering hub. Several community barbeques and events have since been held in this public area.

Strategic Link: Environmental Responsibility: Protect/enhance environment; Community-building Partnerships: A Healthy Community that together and systematically addresses negative determinants and barriers to health and encourages healthy, active lifestyles.

Key Points

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Quotes

"Our success is measured by working with the community and other organizations. We are pleased to receive this grant from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation and Tree Canada which will help to improve the overall quality of the park and adjoining neighbourhood."

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