

NEWS RELEASE

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Fifty street trees planted in the Old City

Old City street and boulevard enhancement continues

Summary

The Nanaimo Old City Association volunteers, with assistance from the City of Nanaimo, planted 50 ornamental plum, cherry, red maple and Katsura trees starting on Saturday April 23rd. The planting has been made possible through a BC Hydro re-greening grant awarded to the City of Nanaimo this past winter. This will be the fifth grant awarded to the City and neighbourhood groups. The result of these grants has been the addition of over 200 street trees that to date have significantly enhanced the beauty and vibrancy of the South End and Old City Neighbourhoods.

Strategic Link: This planting program supports the Environmental Pillar of the Strategic Plan and Module 3 of the Urban Forest Management Strategy.

Key Points

- BC Hydro grants support re-greening initiatives.
- Street tree planting programs support healthy neighbourhoods.

Quotes

"Boulevard and street tree plantings enhance the aesthetics of a neighbourhood and create an increased sense of community and cohesion."

Alan Kemp
Urban Forestry Coordinator
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Quick Facts

- Over two hundred trees have been planted by volunteers on Machleary Street, Kennedy Street and Haliburton Street over the past decade using grants supplied by BC Hydro.

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