

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Tree Planting Relay in Nanaimo

*Planting trees in honour of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day*

#### Summary

On April 22, 2020, Earth Day Canada launched its municipal tree planting relay. On the 22nd of every month until Earth Day 2021, cities across Canada are participating by pledging to plant at least 50 trees in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. The City of Nanaimo took on this pledge during the month of November. Throughout the month, approximately 250 trees and 350 shrubs were planted. Douglas Fir, Red Alder, Big Leaf Maple, Giant Sequoia, Nootka Rose, Oregon Grape and Snowberry were among the new trees and shrubs added to the community's greenspaces.

Planting trees is the perfect way for cities, including Nanaimo, to highlight their dedication to addressing climate change and to reiterate their commitment to sustainability.

These trees and shrubs were planted along the Chase River and in Third Street Park by students from Nanaimo District Secondary School, John Barsby Community School and students from the Vancouver Island University Parks Canada Club.

*Strategic Link:* Links to the Livability and Environmental Responsibility themes by increasing sustainability and addressing climate change.

#### Key Points

- Each month, municipalities across Canada have been challenged to plant at least 50 trees in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.
- The City of Nanaimo planted over 250 trees and 350 shrubs during the month of November.

#### Quotes

"With COVID-19, the City of Nanaimo was unable to have its usual Earth Day Celebration. This tree planting relay is a great opportunity to still do our part to make Nanaimo greener and re-commit to being sustainable as we do our part to reduce our impact on the environment."

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