



National Tree Day

September 26, 2012

- WHEREAS: For the first time in Nanaimo's history, the City of Nanaimo has declared September 26, 2012, to be "**National Tree Day**"; and
- WHEREAS: The celebration across Canada will include a number of activities including tree dedications, plantings, educational workshops, outdoor educational tours, schoolyard plantings and seminars; and
- WHEREAS: This community initiative is shared with Tree Canada. Trees are a very important part of us and we want to make sure that the environmental and economic benefits to our citizens are celebrated; and
- WHEREAS: This is the first time that an official day has been set aside to celebrate trees in Nanaimo and was officially recognized by the Government of Canada in 2011. It coincides with National Forest Week, the last week of September; and
- WHEREAS: Challenges like global warming need to be faced in which the role of trees will only gain in importance. With 10% of the world's forest, Canada is indeed a forest nation. But are we a forest people?;and
- WHEREAS With 80% of us living in cities and towns, sometimes we forget how much trees lend to our lives in terms of air and soil quality, aesthetics and psychological well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Ruttan, on behalf of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim September 26th, 2012, as "NATIONAL TREE DAY" in the City of Nanaimo.

Mayor John Ruttan

Dated this 28th day of June, 2012.

