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Parksville Engagement – Urban Forest Strategy

We are working with Diamond Head Consulting to develop an Urban Forest Strategy to provide baseline information about the state of the urban forest, develop a long-term vision, and adopt tangible goals to grow and manage our urban forest to sustain future generations.

Public engagement on the Urban Forest Strategy currently underway, will continue until October 22. Thank you to those who visited *Let's Talk Parksville* and participated in the first round of engagement; please spread the word to ensure the vision for the urban forest includes the many voices that shape our community. There will be a second opportunity to have your voice heard during winter 2022, during the second round of engagement on the draft Urban Forest Strategy. Our goal is to complete the strategy in March 2022.

The public can learn more about the Urban Forest Strategy and provide their input by participating in three online engagement tools on the Let's Talk Parksville project page. Visit <u>Lets Talk Parksville</u> through the end of October to take a survey, share your ideas, and submit a mapping location.

We want to hear from you! To have your opinion shape Parksville's urban forest, be sure to:

- 1. Take the 15-minute <u>SURVEY</u> to share what you value in the urban forest and priorities for management to inform the vision, principles, goals, and targets in the Urban Forest Strategy.
- 2. Use the <u>MAP</u> tool to share locations where you value the urban forest and locations where you would like to see improvements to the urban forest throughout the City. Let the project team know why it is an important urban forest location and the reasons why you visit the area. You can also upload a photo of the urban forest location to show us and other community members what you are describing. You can submit as many locations as you wish, and view locations submitted by other community members.
- 3. Share your ideas for the Urban Forest Strategy with the project team using the <u>IDEAS</u> tool and read what others are suggesting.

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