

Parksville Community Park Tree Work

On Thursday, June 9, three dead trees will be removed in the Parksville Community Park. It is always unfortunate when trees require removal; however, here is the explanation:

- A tree along the waterfront walkway was a maple tree. Crews monitored the tree last year as it was defoliating, provided supplemental irrigation and fertilizing, hoping it would survive. We noted signs of insect damage and along with the extreme heat in 2021, may have contributed to its death. This maple is a memorial tree and will be replaced in an adjacent location later in the fall.
- Two trees south of the Lions Ventureland Playground also struggled last year during the heat dome. Unfortunately, vandalism to the irrigation system during this time may have contributed to their death. These two trees, a fir and a sequoia will be replaced, possibly in an alternative location.

The Parksville Community Park is home to 570 trees. These trees store an estimated 90,000 kilograms of carbon, remove about 330 kilograms of pollutants from the air each year and prevent an estimated 3.5 million litres of rainfall run off from entering storm catchments each year.

The City of Parksville is fortunate to have been awarded \$2,500 from BC Hydro's Community Re-Greening Program and this fall with matching City funds, we will plant 5-7 cm caliper trees, valued at \$5,000. As well, the City will continue to replant the urban forest with 3,000 native trees and shrubs in locations such as Shelly Creek Park, Bridgewater Park, Foster Park, Parksville Wetlands and other naturally treed sites. This brings our total to almost 14,000 trees planted in the past five years.

Each month, we feature a *Tree of the Month* on our social media channels. We continue to offer tree rebates, please refer to our website for more details.

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