

## Community Park Vandalism

Senseless vandalism has occurred once again in the Parksville Community Park. During the night, a Sawtooth Oak in the park's Arboretum near the tennis courts was cut down for no reason other than pointless destruction. The vandalism was reported to the Oceanside RCMP this morning.

The City's parks staff are extremely disappointed to deal yet again with vandalism in the Community Park. The Sawtooth Oak was planted about twenty years ago by the parks foreman who spent much of his career searching out unusual, rare and hard to find trees to display in the Parksville Community Park Arboretum for the enjoyment of visitors to the park.

Over the past twenty years, the Arboretum has provided educational opportunities for school and university students as well as being a refuge of peace in a busy world. The Sawtooth Oak was around twenty centimetres in diameter at breast height with a canopy covering almost 40 square metres. Assessed in 2019, the value of the tree was \$3,525.

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