

Management & Protection of Trees Bylaw 2013 No. 7126 – Amendment Process

- Stage 1 – “Housekeeping” Amendments (In-Progress)
 - Provide clarity and address known issues / inconsistency
 - Improve administrative efficiency
- Stage 2 – Comprehensive Amendments (Scheduled Q4 2022 / Q1 2023)
 - To be informed by Benchmarking Study
 - Requires Stakeholder consultation
 - Ensure bylaw alignment with Community expectations

Tree Voucher Program

- First introduced at Earth Day 2017
- Available to Nanaimo residents only
- Funded by cash-in-lieu contributions from developer's and fines from bylaw enforcement
- 1,610 Vouchers sold between 2017 and start of COVID-19
- Non-Contact electronic application / redemption process introduced September 2020 and 141 Vouchers sold
- 1,339 Vouchers sold in 2021
- 516 Voucher applications received as of April 30, 2022
- Over 3,500 Vouchers provided since program inception

Tree Voucher Program Continued

- Vouchers currently worth \$90; however, average redemption cost ranges between \$38 and \$90 (Average per April 2022 invoice = \$55.62)
- Redemption exclusively at Green Thumb Garden Centre since introduction
- Currently soliciting interest from other garden centres to increase opportunities for residents to purchase from their preferred garden centre