

## Tree Donation Program

### *Celebrate with trees*

There are many reasons to participate:

- To give back and help us build our urban forest
- To acknowledge the service of someone special
- To remember or honour a family member or friend
- To celebrate the birth of a child

Whatever the reason, the tree you donate will ensure Nanaimo remains green and full of beauty while providing you with a lasting memory.



## Why Plant Trees?

### *Nanaimo's urban forest*

*City Plan: Nanaimo Remained* identifies urban tree canopies, natural areas and greenways as a fundamental part of the City's infrastructure providing many benefits, including:

- Wildlife habitat
- Shade provision
- Heat mitigation
- Storm water management
- Ecosystem health
- Air and water quality improvements
- Connection to nature

*"Trees add beauty to our neighbourhoods, help clean the air and provide habitat for a variety of wildlife that we all enjoy"*



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*coming together to  
make Nanaimo greener*



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### PROGRAM CRITERIA:

- The cost for a tree is \$1500.
- Applications will be accepted on-line between January and July ([www.nanaimo/goto/treedonations](http://www.nanaimo/goto/treedonations)).
- Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- City of Nanaimo staff will identify a specific planting location for each year's donated trees. This location may change from year to year. Visit our website for this year's location.
- A Certified Horticulturalist will plant the trees during planting season (spring or fall) and will help with the tree selection process based on that year's planting location.
- The tree will be maintained by the City of Nanaimo for 10 years or until fully established.
- Donation information will be added to the NanaimoMap layer for public viewing and included on an honour board at the planting site.



## Tree Donation Frequently Asked Questions - Visit our website for more FAQs

### **WHY ARE DONATION TREES LIMITED TO CERTAIN LOCATIONS? CAN I PLANT AT ANOTHER LOCATION?**

*We select locations for donation trees based on where they are going to provide the greatest benefit to our environment and where we can easily monitor, water and care for them, thus ensuring they have the maximum opportunity to live long and thrive. Every year new planting areas will be selected.*

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY TREE DIES, IS DAMAGED OR VANDALIZED?**

*Anytime within the first 10 years of the tree being planted, should it suffer irreparable damage or death, we will replace it for no extra charge.*

### **WHY DOES IT COST THIS MUCH?**

*The cost covers the purchase of a large nursery tree as well as its planting, all needed materials including soil and fertilizer and ongoing maintenance, including watering for three years and pruning. It also covers replacement costs should that be required.*

### **HOW DO I KNOW WHICH TREE IS MY TREE?**

*All trees will be inventoried and mapped in our NanaimoMap program available on the our website. It will be designated as a donated tree and include the identifying information and any dedication or description you provide.*

### **WHY CAN'T I SELECT THE TREE SPECIES?**

*We will select the trees based on characteristics that will be best suited for conditions of the planting location and to ensure we get the right variety and mix of new trees. Additionally, tree species availability can be extremely variable from year to year making it difficult to coordinate the order of a large variety of specific species.*

### **CAN ANYONE DONATE A TREE? WHAT REASONS CAN I DONATE A TREE FOR?**

*Any individual or organization can donate a tree. You are not required to be a resident of the City of Nanaimo. Reasons for donating are various and will include: as a way of giving back to your community, remembering a deceased family member or friend, paying tribute to someone for community contributions, to celebrate the birth of a new child, etc.*

### **WHY IS THERE AN ANNUAL TREE QUOTA? WHY FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED?**

*In order to ensure that trees have the highest possible success rate and receive the best possible care, we can only plant what is within our capacity to maintain. Because of there is a maximum limit of trees we can receive, we must operate this system on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be made in full in order to secure your tree.*

### **HOW WILL MY TREE BE RECOGNIZED?**

*Upon acceptance of your application and payment, you will receive a certificate of gratitude for your donation. Your tree will also be inventoried and mapped in NanaimoMap GIS mapping system, along with the information you provide. Your donation will also be marked on a tree donation honour board located close to where your tree is planted.*

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR A DONATION TREE?**

*Our preferred method is that you apply online. If you cannot apply online, you can apply in person at the front counter of the City of Nanaimo Service and Resource Centre 411 Dunsmuir Street.*

