Tree Planting at Mayors Grove to Mark Victoria’s 150th

Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2012

VICTORIA, BC – Tomorrow morning, Mayor Dean Fortin and visiting Twin City Mayor Barbara Arnott of the City of Napier, New Zealand will plant a ceremonial tree at the Mayors Grove in Beacon Hill Park to mark Victoria’s 150th anniversary. The two mayors will be joined by members of their respective City Councils.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:
Participants will arrive at the park by horse drawn carriage. After the ceremonial tree planting, City Parks staff will provide delegates with a tour of Beacon Hill Park.

What: Ceremonial Tree Planting at Mayors Grove to Mark Victoria’s 150th Anniversary
When: Wednesday, August 1, 2012
       Tree Planting: 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Tour of Beacon Hill Park: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Where: Mayors Grove in Beacon Hill Park, located off Arbutus Way

Parking is available in the parking lot off Arbutus Way, just past the Mayors Grove.

This is Mayor Arnott’s first visit to Victoria. The City of Napier has been twinned with the City of Victoria since 1973 and is Victoria’s longest standing Twin City.

Victoria City Council has established a Twin City relationship with Napier, New Zealand; Suzhou, China; Morioka, Japan; and Khabarovsk, Russia. The purpose of the Twin City relationship is to foster and promote global cooperation, cultural understanding and economic development.

The Mayors Grove was established in 1927 in Heywood Meadow during a convention of western mayors. The grove is now home to more than 30 trees, all planted in celebration of visiting dignitaries from around the world. Some of these dignitaries include Winston Churchill who planted a Hawthorn in 1929, the King of Siam who planted an Oak in 1931, and Lord Baden-Powell who planted an Oak in 1935.

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