



Raynor Park Celebration and Neighbourhood Tree Planting

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017

For Immediate Release

VICTORIA, BC – The community is invited to celebrate a new playground at Raynor Park this Sunday. Residents are also invited to join the City in planting 25 trees near the park for Tree Appreciation Day.

Earlier this year, the City asked residents for feedback on park and playground improvements for Raynor Park. The feedback, along with a review of nearby park and playground features and City guiding policies, helped inform the park improvements.

The new playground includes a natural play area with sand and log features, along with play structures and a disc swing. The improvements also include a new pathway, picnic area, benches and lighting.

Tree Appreciation Day is an annual event that recognizes the importance of trees in the urban environment. The City's Urban Forest Master Plan encourages opportunities for community members to participate in tree plantings. Since 2006, this annual event has brought the community together to plant more than 420 trees and shrubs in City Parks.

This year the CN EcoConnexions Tree Planting program has sponsored the planting of 200 trees in the City of Victoria, with the support of Tree Canada. These are the last 25 trees to be planted under this program.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

When: Sunday, November 5, 10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

What: Welcome, tree planting tips, planting of first tree

Where: Meet at Raynor Park, 530 Raynor Avenue in Vic West

Who: Join our donors and Vic West residents for this celebration and tree planting.

There are approximately 150,000 trees in our urban forest in Victoria. The City of Victoria manages 33,000 of these trees within its parks and boulevards. You can learn more about how the City manages its urban forest at victoria.ca.



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