

Hello ENCAC Members,

Following our last update on November 17, 2021, we have been further advancing several tree planting initiatives within the City.

URBEI Updates: With the Urban Reforestation & Biodiversity Enhancement Initiative funding, approx. 106 new trees were planted in Dec. 2021:

- 69 in Grimston Park and
- 37 in Old Schoolhouse Park
- An additional 300 trees were purchased and will be planted in park locations across Queensborough in the near future. Once the planting in the Queensborough neighbourhood is complete, tree planting will commence in Brow of the Hill and Downtown neighbourhoods.

Tree Canada Updates: In partnership with Tree Canada, the city was awarded \$50,000 by to participate in their 2022 National Greening Program. The funding will be used to plant up to 25,000 native tree and plant seedlings in four of New Westminster's natural areas in two phases:

Phase 1: February 22 to April 1, 2023 – Queen's Park North and South (12,230 seedlings)

Phase 2: Late August to Early September 2022 – Hume Park and Glenbrook Ravine (10,600 seedlings)

Spring Tree Sale 2022: The tree sale occurs bi-annually and provides an opportunity for New Westminster residents to purchase up to two trees for their property. The trees sold out on the morning that the sale opened on Feb 28th and will be available for pick-up at Grimston Park on Saturday, April 2nd.

We look forward to providing a short slide presentation and update at the May meeting of the Committee.

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