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**Council and Forestry Task Force to plant a tree for National Tree Day**

Mayor, Council and the City of Campbell River's Forestry Task Force will plant a tree this Wednesday to mark National Tree Day.

The red horse chestnut will be planted at the Splash Park in Willow Point Park on September 21 at 11 a.m.

The National Tree Day website describes the day as a celebration for all Canadians to appreciate the great benefits that trees provide us – clean air, wildlife habitat, reducing energy demand and connecting with nature. The website also states that planting trees beautifies and rejuvenates backyards, city streets, and parks and nurtures Canada's heritage of biodiversity and its multifaceted landscape.

The Forestry Task Force was created by the City of Campbell River earlier in 2016 to work to enhance and retain business, attract new forest investment capital, and enhance the sustainability of the forest sector to benefit the community and the City of Campbell River.

The Forestry Task Force investigates and makes recommendations on options to generate revenue, create employment, protect our watershed and wildlife habitat, enhance tourism and recreation, provide job training, research and education and promote non-timber forest resource business opportunities.

For more information on National Tree Day, visit [www.nationaltreeday.ca](http://www.nationaltreeday.ca).

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