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### **Tree planting and irrigation project on completed along South Dogwood Street**

New trees and an irrigation system have been installed along South Dogwood Street to enhance a section of path that wraps around Campbell River.

As part of the first phase of landscaping upgrades to the Dogwood Street extension, 80 European Hornbeam trees have been planted, and an irrigation system has been installed to provide water when weather conditions require until the trees become well established.

The trees were purchased with a \$9,000 grant from BC Hydro and Tree Canada.

A proven success in other areas of the City, the European Hornbeam tree grows quickly, provides good site lines and requires less maintenance than other tree species.

This first phase runs from the Holm Road Reservoir entrance into Beaver Lodge Lands to South Alder Street. The second phase will run from South Alder to Erickson Road, and the final phase will continue from Erickson Road to the Jubilee Parkway.

*“The trees line the most urban section of the 25-km Greenways Loop, and they’ll create shade and a comfortable setting for pedestrians along a busy traffic route,”* says Ross Milnthorp, the City’s general manager of parks, recreation & culture. *“The path is close to Campbell River’s southern residential areas and attracts large numbers of people, and the street trees will help make this area even more inviting.”*

Street trees in this area will also help keep the air clean, buffer wind, and absorb carbon emissions.

Parks Staff will be responsible for the ongoing street tree maintenance.

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