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Media Advisory

Mission Point Park Rejuvenation (Trees for Tomorrow) Project Launch
November 5, 2009

Sechelt – Sechelt will contribute matching funds to the Province of British Columbia’s grant of \$25,000 grant from the “Trees for Tomorrow” program to rejuvenate vegetation in Mission Point Park by adding new trees.

Residents are invited to participate in the planting of the trees on November 5, 2009 starting at 9am. Attendees are asked to assemble at the waterfront side of the white house located at 4595 Sunshine Coast Highway. Please dress for the weather, wear gloves to participate in the tree planting and if possible, bring a shovel.

During this event, there will be presentations about tree planting and the natural and historic significance of the Mission Point area. Mission Point Park is a new 1.4 ha (3.5 acres) park made up of three former residential waterfront properties which have been purchased by Sechelt. The park lies at the mouth of Chapman Creek and along a large sand spit and sandy beach at the southern end of the Davis Bay Seawall.

A Master Plan for the park has been drafted (DMG Landscape Architects) together with a volunteer committee of residents and technical experts. A low impact, natural park with an emphasis on passive recreation, ecological protection, providing interpretive information was recommended by the Committee. A Tree Assessment (DMG, May 15 2008) advised that the park’s current tree cover needed diversification to ensure long term sustainability.

Planting new and more varied trees in Mission Point Park will showcase Sechelt's pro-active approach for reducing our community's carbon footprint. With each new tree absorbing approximately 0.250 ton of carbon dioxide, this project has the potential to offset greenhouse gas production by between 37.5 and 75 tonnes.

“Expanding of park space also increases opportunities for active and healthy living,” said Sechelt Mayor Darren Inkster. “Mission Point Park connects to the Davis Bay Seawall and this will extend the length of this popular walking and jogging route. With the increased park areas, our residents also have more opportunities to enjoy healthy, active outdoor activities.

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