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The Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the Arbor Day Foundation Recognises Burnside as a Tree City

The City of Burnside receives Tree Cities of the World designation

The [Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations](#) (FAO) along with the [Arbor Day Foundation](#) has recognized Burnside with [Tree Cities of the World](#) designation. The international program celebrates cities across all continents that meet core standards for the care and planning of urban trees and forests.

To achieve recognition, Burnside met the five core standards: establish responsibility, set the rules, know what you have, allocate the resources and celebrate achievements.

“The Tree Cities of the World program recognises the efforts cities take toward greener, healthier communities,” said Hiroto Mitsugi, assistant director general, Forestry Department, FAO. “The most successful urban landscapes are those that have factored trees into the plan. We applaud Burnside’s work to plant and care for its urban trees.”

“Burnside joins cities around the world that have taken steps toward robust and healthy city forests,” said Dan Lambe, president, Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees clean our air and water, provide shade, and beautify the places we live and work. This designation signifies Burnside’s commitment to being a healthier, happier city.”

Burnside Mayor Anne Monceaux said this outcome was another milestone moment for Council in their efforts towards climate change mitigation and environmental management and associated initiatives, following the climate emergency declared in 2019.

“Burnside joins cities such as London, Paris and New York,” Mayor Monceaux said. “We can always do more, and this latest announcement, a true privilege, complements our other sound programs including switching to LED street lighting, renewable power, biodiversity programs, waste education and campaigns and the urban forest interactive website.”

“Trees are the lungs of our planet and are vital to sustaining life on earth; playing a critical part in our own City but of course the global ecosystem.”

The Tree Cities of the World program is built off the success of the Arbor Day Foundation’s [Tree City USA](#) program, which has provided recognition to cities within the United States for more than 40 years. The vision of the Tree Cities of the World program is to connect cities around the world in a new network dedicated to sharing and adopting the most successful approaches to managing city trees and forests.

Trees provide multiple benefits to a city when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighbourhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information is available at [TreeCitiesoftheWorld.org](https://www.TreeCitiesoftheWorld.org).

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About the Arbor Day Foundation

Founded in 1972, the Arbor Day Foundation has grown to become the largest non profit membership organisation dedicated to planting trees, with more than one million members, supporters and valued partners. Since 1972, more than 350 million Arbor Day Foundation trees have been planted in neighbourhoods, communities, cities and forests throughout the world. Our vision is to help others understand and use trees as a solution to many of the global issues we face today, including air quality, water quality, climate change, deforestation, poverty and hunger.

As one of the world's largest operating conservation foundations, the Arbor Day Foundation, through its members, partners and programs, educates and engages stakeholders and communities across the globe to involve themselves in its mission of planting, nurturing and celebrating trees. More information is available at arborday.org.

About the FAO

Established in 1945, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), is a Specialised Agency of the United Nations system that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. The Organisation is comprised of 194 Member States, 2 associate members and 1 member organisation – The European Union. Its aim is to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living for all people in FAO member countries, to secure improvements in the efficiency of production and distribution of food and agricultural products, to ensure the sustainable management of natural resources and to contribute towards expanding the world economy and ensure humanity's freedom from hunger. FAO is currently present in over 130 countries.

More information is available at www.fao.org