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Volunteers Come Together to Clean Barsby Park

Volunteers Remove More than 400 Kg of Garbage From A Downtown Park

Summary

On Monday, March 16, eight Nanaimo citizens came together to clean up downtown's Barsby Park. Spearheaded by Park Ambassador, Diana Kirsh, the group of volunteers collected over 400 kilograms of garbage which consisted of mixed metal, including 3 shopping carts, tires, clothing, glass and other debris in a matter of two hours.

Strategic Link: The Park Ambassador component of the Volunteers in Parks Program is an excellent way to build and strengthen community partnerships which is one of the six pillars identified in the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Key Points

- Barsby Park, one of Nanaimo's downtown parks, is located between the downtown waterfront and Bowen Park. This clean-up undertaken by volunteers increases the beauty of the area and will encourage citizens to visit the park.
- Park Ambassadors are participants of the City of Nanaimo's Volunteers in Parks Programs where citizens can volunteer in various capacities to improve and protect Nanaimo's parks and open spaces. Some options include park clean-up, invasive plant removal and playground development.

Quotes

"Barsby Park is a beautiful park located downtown between the waterfront walkway and Bowen Park. Thanks to some great volunteers who really care about their community, a large amount of garbage has been removed making this area an even more desirable area to visit."

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Quick Facts

- Diana Kirsh, a Park Ambassador with the City of Nanaimo, organized the event by hanging posters of the event inviting community volunteers. It was also advertised in the Spring and Summer Activity Guide. She received help from seven other citizens.
- The volunteer work party at Barsby Park took place on Monday, March 16 for a two-hour period where over 400 kilograms of garbage was removed.

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