

Date: 05 February 2009
Ref: NR060214Litter PU

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CITY OF NANAIMO INVITES NON-PROFIT GROUPS TO BECOME PARTNERS IN A CLEANER COMMUNITY

Nanaimo – The City of Nanaimo is inviting registered non-profit groups to participate in a City program that helps them raise funds and gain recognition while making Nanaimo a cleaner, more attractive community.

The 2009 program is available for a limited number of registered non-profit groups. Approved groups will be offered opportunities to pick up litter along community streets twice in 2009, once in late spring and once in early fall.

Participating organizations must appoint a minimum of six volunteers per group who are at least 12 years old and provide insurance, protective clothing, adult supervision and transportation. Supervisors will be required to attend a scheduled safety training session sponsored by the City.

The City will provide safety vests, trash bags, gloves, road safety signs and collection and disposal of litter collected. The City will contribute \$50 per kilometre to the non-profit group upon completion of its assigned area. The City will also provide each group with signs highlighting their group's participation and acknowledging their contribution to making Nanaimo a better place to live.

In 2008, thirteen community organizations were selected for the *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program. More than 500 volunteers participated and raised money by collecting over 500 bags of litter, miscellaneous car parts, broken glass and other debris along more than 100 kilometers of roadside boulevards, parks and trailways throughout Nanaimo.

Service groups interested in participating in *Partners in a Cleaner Community* should contact City of Nanaimo Public Works at 250-758-5222 to learn more about the program and receive an application form. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is March 13, 2009.

Contact Information:
Gary Franssen, Manager, Sanitation, Recycling & Cemeteries
Tel: 250-758-5222
gary.franssen@nanaimo.ca

