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CITY OF NANAIMO THANKS ITS PARTNERS FOR PITCHING IN ON LITTER CLEAN-UP

Nanaimo – Non-profit groups were out again this fall cleaning up litter on Nanaimo’s community streets while raising funds to support their organizations’ services.

The seventh annual *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program involved 16 registered non-profit groups collecting litter along neighbourhood streets in 2009, once in late spring and once in early fall.

Nanaimo’s Public Works Department thanks the 616 volunteers who participated for their civic spirit and efforts to make the City a cleaner, more attractive place to live.

A total of 609 bags of broken glass, paper, plastic, miscellaneous car parts and other debris were collected along 100 km of community streets. Participating community groups received \$50.00 per km for the routes covered, raising a total of \$10,000 for their organizations.

Organizations involved in the 2009 *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program were: Church of the Nazarene, Christ Community Church, Clay Tree Society, Edgewood Foundation, 1st Wellington Brownies, 3rd Nanaimo Pathfinders, Chase River Pathfinders, Island Crisis Care, Morrell Sanctuary Society, Nanaimo Area Land Trust—Tuesday Hikers, Nanaimo Association for Community Living, Nanaimo South Pony Club, Nanaimo Lions Club, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, 1st Neck Point Venturers, and Young Life.

Groups interested in participating in the 2010 *Partners in a Cleaner Community* should watch for announcements in February about the program and application details. If there are questions in the meantime, call Nanaimo Public Works at 250-758-5222

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