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

Nanaimo – For the second time this year, non-profit groups were out on Nanaimo's streets cleaning up litter while raising funds to support their organizations.

The eighth annual *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program involved 16 registered non-profit groups collecting litter along neighbourhood streets in 2010, once in late spring and once in early fall.

The City of Nanaimo thanks the 558 volunteers who participated for their community spirit and contribution to making the City a cleaner, more attractive place to be.

A grand total of 544 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 2010 *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program were: 1st Neck Point Scouts, 1st Neck Point Venturers, Chase River Pathfinders, Christ Community Church, Church of the Nazarene, Claytree Society, Edgewood Foundation, Island Crisis Care, Lion's Club, Marantha Church, Morrell Sanctuary Society, Nanaimo Area Land Trust - Tuesday Hikers, Nanaimo Association for Community Living, Nanaimo Hindu Cultural Society, Nanaimo Travelers Lodge, and the 3rd Nanaimo Pathfinders.

Groups interested in participating in the 2011 *Partners in a Cleaner Community* program 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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