

NEWS RELEASE

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City launches 2019 Partners in a Cleaner Community Program

Annual program seeking applicants

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Partners in a Cleaner Community Program has been established as a public service program for non-profit community groups to enhance local litter collection activities by picking litter on or along City rights-of-way. This program is also being extended to the business community, as the City has heard from several business who want to give back to their community.

Under the program, City-selected public land and/or roadside boulevards are assigned to a limited number of volunteer or charitable groups. Groups will be provided with safety vests, trash bags, gloves, road safety signs and collection and disposal of litter collected. 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.

Approved groups will be agreeing to perform litter pick-up services for their assigned area twice annually; once during late spring and once during early fall. Community groups who would like to participate in the program can contact the Public Works department at Public.WorksInfo@nanaimo.ca, 250-758-5222 or drop in to the Public Works Department at 2020 Labieux Road to obtain an application.

Strategic Link: The City's Partners in a Cleaner Community program builds community partnerships and supports the City's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability.

Key Points

- The City will contribute \$50 per kilometre to each registered non-profit group upon completion of its assigned area.
- This roadside litter program has been established as a public service program for non-profit community groups to enhance local litter collection activities by picking litter on or along City rights-of-way.
- 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 orientation/safety training session provided by the City.

Quotes

"This is a great program that engages our community in helping to keep our city streets and trails clean. I'm really proud of how our partners have adopted different areas in past years and am looking forward to receiving applications for our 2019 program."

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