



## **ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Adopt-a-Road invites individuals, families, businesses, community groups, schools, and clubs to help keep road rights-of-way and boulevards clear of litter. It offers a way for environmentally conscious residents to contribute to a cleaner, more attractive community and reduce hazards caused by roadside debris.

Established in 2006, the program continues to benefit from dedicated volunteers. The city is divided into sections that participants may adopt for one year, committing to at least two cleanups annually. After completing your first cleanup and logging it with the City, volunteers receive recognition with signs installed at either end of their adopted area.

### **Program Questions**

#### **Who can apply?**

Anyone 13 years or older, including individuals, families, businesses, community groups, schools, clubs, and other community members.

#### **How do I apply?**

Apply to the Civic Works Department. For information, call 250-365-5979. Groups choose their cleanup times throughout the year.

#### **What roads are available?**

Eligible routes include those within City limits approved by Civic Works, including portions of Columbia Avenue. To check availability, contact the Civic Works Department.

#### **What equipment is provided?**

Upon request and availability, participants may borrow safety vests, trash grabbers, garbage bags and gloves. Contact the Civic Works Department if you wish to reserve any equipment.

#### **What commitment is required?**

- Clean approximately 2km
- Perform at least two cleanups per year
- Commitment for a minimum of one year

#### **Volunteer responsibilities**

- Designate a contact person to ensure participant responsibility and supervision of minors.
- Discuss safety procedures with all participants.
- Pick up and return borrowed equipment to 4500 Minto Road.
- Avoid hazardous items (heavy objects, syringes, dead animals, etc.) and report them to Civic Works.
- Dispose of collected litter or arrange City pickup at least 48 hours in advance (pickup occurs Monday-Friday before 1:30 p.m.).
- Tie filled bags and leave them at the roadside or another designated drop-off location.