



City of Castlegar Adopt-A-Road Program

The City of Castlegar Adopt-A-Road Program is a litter-reduction campaign designed to remove litter and debris from city roads and improve the quality of the environment. The first Adopt-a-Road cleanup is planned for summer, 2006. We hope that many groups will participate in this effort to cleanup city roads. The program establishes a partnership between volunteer groups and the City of Castlegar Transportation & Civic Works Department by working together in the efforts of litter control along neighborhood roads.

The City's road network is divided into areas. A volunteer group must commit to caring for the entire length of roadway within one of these areas for a period two years (including a minimum of two cleanups per year). Once the first clean-up has been completed, the City will install and maintain 'Adopt-A-Road' signs which display the volunteer organization's name.

As a volunteer, you will receive:

- A safety orientation from the coordinator
- Safety equipment including safety vests, trash bags and road warning signs
- Adopt-a-Road signs located at either end of the adopted road section recognizing the adopting organization (after completion of the first cleanup)
- The opportunity to contribute to community beautification
- Recognition for a job well done.

Who can apply?

- Individuals, families, service organizations, or businesses
- They request a section of road they want to adopt
- The adopting group plans and decides when they do their cleanup

What roads are adoptable?

- Initially sections of Columbia Avenue within City limits (expanded later)
- Roads that are approved by the coordinator
- Roads that have not already been adopted by another group

What roads have been "adopted?"

To find out which road segments have already been adopted call the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator at 250-365-5979.



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What commitment do I have to make?

- Clean about 2 kms of road
- 2 times a year (minimum commitment)
- for at least 2 years

How do I apply?

To get an application form, call the Adopt-A-Road Coordinator at 250-365-5979. Send in your name, address, day and evening phone number, and the road you are interested in adopting, to:

Adopt-A-Road Coordinator
Transportation & Civic Works Department
City of Castlegar
460 Columbia Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G7

Telephone: 250-365-5979

Facsimile: 250-365-0594

e-mail: civicworks@castlegar.ca



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Contact Person:		Date of Application:	
Name of Organization:		Daytime Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Evening Phone:	
City, Province, Postal Code:		Email Address:	
Are any volunteer below 18 years of age?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Approximate number of people participating in litter clean-up effort?			
Road section the groups is interested in adopting?			
Civic Works Operations Review:			
Approval:			
Signature		Name	Date
Mail or fax this form to:		Traffic Review:	
Adopt-A-Road Coordinator			
Transportation & Civic Works Department			
City of Castlegar			
460 Columbia Avenue			
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G7			
Fax: (250) 365-0594			



FAQ

What is the Adopt-A-Road program you ask?

It is a program whereby various individuals, families, service groups or businesses volunteer to provide a cleaner environment and a more scenic roadway system by collecting refuse and debris from the road right-of-way.

What if my family or group is interested in participating?

If your group or organization is interested in the Adopt-A-Road program, you just need to enter into an agreement with the City of Castlegar agreeing to pickup litter in one of the zones designated within City roadways allowances over a minimum period. In turn, the City will supply safety equipment and training and place a sign at each end of the adopted section, naming the group involved in the program in recognition of their efforts. The agreement states that the adopted section of road right-of-way will be cleaned **at least** two times/year.

The pick ups must be done during periods of good visibility and during daylight hours. Pickup would stop in the event of rain, fog, etc., and will not be carried out on dates specified by the agreement with the City: long weekends or holidays. The reason for this stipulation is the increased traffic and staff availability.

The City will require 48 hours notice before pickups, so that arrangements can be made for our work crews to pick up the bags of litter, and transfer them to a disposal site.

Once an agreement has been approved, the City will run a short training session to ensure your volunteers are able to carry out the program properly and safely. The City does not want anyone injured while doing this, and participants must be aware of the risks involved.

After an agreement is finalized, the City will supply a "kit" to the group or organization consisting of safety vests, traffic cones or signs, garbage bags, flags (for tagging heavy debris and hazardous items that will be picked up by the City), and printed safety guidelines for volunteers. The minimum age of those participating has been determined to be thirteen (13) years. The City believes that this is a responsible age when participants can be expected to understand and apply safety rules.