



News Release

SCRD Annual Backroad Trash Bash a Success

Sechelt, BC—September 27, 2016 —The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is celebrating the success of its 5th annual “Backroad Trash Bash”, which took place on Saturday, September 17.

Thirty seven volunteers gathered to clean up trash illegally dumped in Roberts Creek and Sechelt. The volunteers who participated included community residents, the London Drugs Blue Crew, staff from WildsafeBC, BC Conservation Officer Service, BC Parks, Tetrahedron Outdoor Club, Solution Based Contracting and the SCRD. The Gibsons Lions Club provided a BBQ lunch.

This year, three tonnes of waste was collected, including household garbage, electronic waste, furniture, appliances, metal, and construction waste.

“The majority of what we found at illegal dumpsites can be recycled responsibly at one of the three recycling depots here on the Sunshine Coast or disposed safely at the Sechelt Landfill or Pender Harbour Transfer Station,” says Robyn Cooper, SCRD Manager, Solid Waste Services. “Illegal dumping is unacceptable and the SCRD is working with local partners and other regional districts to address this problem.”

If an illegal dump site is found, please report it to the Conservation Officer Service Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) line at 1.877.952.7277 or online www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/form.htm

“Illegal dumping has serious effects on the environment, wildlife habitat, public health, and the ability of community members to use and enjoy outdoor recreational areas,” says Garry Nohr, SCRD Board Chair.

To learn more about illegal dumping visit www.scrd.ca/Stop-Illegal-Dumping.

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