



News Release

Volunteers Needed for the Trash Bash Annual Community Clean Up

Sechelt, BC—August 30, 2018— The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is inviting all members of the community to participate in the seventh annual “Backroad Trash Bash” taking place on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year’s event will focus on cleaning up illegal dump sites off forest service roads in Pender Harbour and Egmont.

Since the event launched in 2012, over 45.5 tonnes of illegally dumped material has been hauled out of forests and off backroads and disposed of responsibly at the landfill. Each year, an average of 40 to 50 volunteers help clean up a different area of the Sunshine Coast. Past events were held in Halfmoon Bay to Sechelt in 2015, Roberts Creek in 2016, and Port Mellon to Elphinstone in 2017.

“Some materials that are dumped can be disposed of for free under product stewardship programs such as electronics, tires, lead acid batteries, and used paint,” says Remko Rosenboom, General Manager, SCR D Infrastructure Services.

For this year’s event, the SCR D is asking community members and businesses to volunteer their time and services to help clean up illegal dump sites and relay the message that dumping waste in the woods is unacceptable.

Sign-in begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Pender Harbour Lions Park, 13776 Sunshine Coast Highway, Madeira Park. Volunteers are treated to a free BBQ lunch and have a chance to win great prizes. To pre-register, email infrastructure@scrd.ca or phone 604-885-6806. For more details about the Backroad Trash Bash, visit www.scrd.ca/trashbash

To learn more about the issue of illegal dumping and how to report dump sites in the region, the SCR D invites the public to view the “Stop Illegal Dumping” video made in partnership with the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities at www.scrd.ca/stop-illegal-dumping

Residents are advised to report an illegal dump site to the BC Conservation Service RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) line at 1-877-952-7277 or www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/rapp

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