



2016 in Review

After a long hiatus the Adopt-a-Program newsletter is back! 2016 has been a successful year for the Adopt-a-Program. Ellen's Park, Forest Hills Park, Langley Meadows Park, and numerous streets and trails in the Township were adopted this past year. We saw the highest involvement to date with one time cleanups as more people wanted to give back to the community. 2017 is almost here and we are looking at how the program can evolve to help keep the Township litter-free for years to come.

2016 New Adoption Summary:

24 streets, 5 trails, 3 parks, 183 volunteers



Welcome New Participants:

- 99 Hens Farm and Garden
- Ana, Max and Quantas
- Anonymous
- The Balducci Family
- Bertrand Creek Enhancement Society in Memory of Gordon Smith
- The Cohen Family
- Cyrus & Family in Honour of Lolo Berto
- The Darvoudis Family
- G & L
- The Halliwell's
- The Hazuria Family
- The Hunt Family
- Hwanhee & Onew
- In Loving Memory of Bob Waugh
- Jeff Chambers and Family
- Ielam' arts and cultural café
- Lynn
- Marcus and Adam Battistel
- Marshall & Kelly Real Estate
- The Morriss Family
- Oscar Evans
- PacificSport Fraser Valley
- The Pypers
- Rohan Sharma & Family
- S+C Smith
- Seyem' Qwantlen Business Group
- Stromer
- The Sweetland's
- Taryn Guiel Real Estate
- Team Keen
- Winston's Walk
- The Wright's

Database Update

This past summer we updated our database, confirming participants who joined prior to July 2015 were still active in the program. Although we are sad to see some groups go, this means new areas are now up for adoption! Visit tol.ca/adopt to view our updated Adoption Map. If you wish to withdraw from the program, please contact the Adopt-a-Program Coordinator at 604.532.7300 or adopt@tol.ca.



Adopt Spotlight

Langley Christian High School

If Murrayville looked exceptionally clean towards the end of October, it is thanks to Langley Christian High School who conducted a community cleanup on October 20th. The high school is involved in annual service projects involving street cleanups, as well as helping local organizations such as the Langley Environmental Partners Society and the Salvation Army Gateway of Hope. This year 325 volunteers made up of students, teachers, and educational support staff picked up litter as part of the cleanup, as well as helping out designated homes in the school community by doing yard work. This is in addition to being regularly involved with their adoption of 48 Avenue between 232 Street and Fraser Highway. Interesting items collected included a tire, a grocery cart, a wasp nest, a garbage bag of weeds, and a bucket of tar hidden inside a bush, all of which were collected in a safe manner.

When students were asked, “why do you think it is important to give back to the community?” they responded with:

“We are responsible for its upkeep. We live here and contribute, in part, to the state it’s in, so why just leave it if it’s going downhill? That’s not what good stewards do.”

“Because [the community] gives so much to us.”

“We are made from the community – we are part of it and they of us.”

“To show we care – because it is one way we can show love to others.”

The school hopes to get involved in more one time cleanups in the future.

Well done Langley Christian High School!



Need More Supplies?

Contact the Adopt-a-Program Coordinator at adopt@tol.ca. Supplies can be picked up from:

Civic Facility

20338 - 65 Avenue
Monday, 8:00am - 7:00pm
Tuesday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Operations Centre

4700 - 224 Street
Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm



The Cart Program Roll-Out is Complete!

August and September was a busy time for the Township as we implemented the new cart collection program, delivering 44,000 carts to residents who receive municipal collection. Adopt-a-Program volunteers with municipal collection can continue to set out collected litter in the yellow Adopt-a-Program bags. Please note, bags will only be picked up if it is a garbage collection week. If you have questions or would like to request an exchange, please call 604.532.3533 or visit tol.ca/exchangecarts.



Did you know:

Garbage collected in the Township is loaded on trucks and sent 300 kilometres North to the Cache Creek landfill while compost can be processed at one of many local facilities.

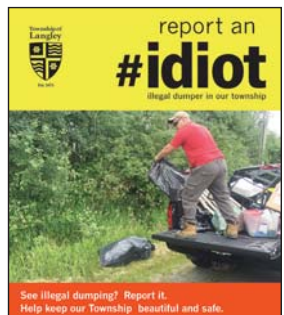
Illegal Dumping Update

The Township spends over \$400,000 per year on litter and illegal dumping. So far this year there have been over 500 incidents of illegal dumping in the Township. In June we launched the illegal dumping campaign called #idiot, standing for **illegal dumper in our township**. The campaign includes posters, bus and newspaper ads, and social media content with the goal of warning illegal dumpers they could be fined \$500 for their actions. In addition, providing resources for legal disposal options and promoting avenues for reporting offenders have been important components of this campaign in an effort to reduce the number of illegal dumping incidents.

The campaign coincided with the launch of a new proactive enforcement protocol. Instead of having illegal dump sites cleaned up immediately after they are reported, a Bylaw Enforcement Officer is now the first staff person on the scene. They set up caution tape and signs to draw people’s attention to the site, warning offenders that the waste is under investigation. The signs provide resources for legal disposal options as well as information on how to report offenders. This protocol is based on research from around the world that shows up to 50% of dumpsites may be cleaned up by offenders when they realize their waste is being investigated.

How can you help?

Report illegal dumpers by calling 1.844.SEE.DUMP (733.3867) or visit tol.ca/illegaldumping.



Good News!

By popular demand the Township has created a roadside mowing and brushwacking map to assist with planning your Adopt-a-Street cleanup. Visit tol.ca/adopt to access the map, and select the green “Layer List” icon to see a breakdown of active and planned mowing areas.



Have you Spotted Invasive Species?

The Adopt-a-Program has been keeping streets, parks, trails, and creeks litter free for over a decade and is considering expanding. If you have been looking to go above and beyond removing litter from streets, the Township is working to provide information on the identification and removal of invasive species in the near future. If you are interested in potentially participating in this additional component, please e-mail adopt@tol.ca to receive information as it becomes available.



Used Gypsum Now Accepted at the Langley Transfer Station

After banning used gypsum from local transfer stations last year, Metro Vancouver has chosen the Langley and Maple Ridge transfer stations for a new pilot program. Residents can drop off small amounts of previously installed gypsum by double bagging it in specially marked bags, available from several retailers in Langley. For more information, including load limits and fees visit www.metrovancouver.org and search for "used gypsum".

Public Spaces Waste Pilot

You may have seen different multi-stream receptacles on Township streets this past spring and summer which included single stream recycling and organics. Waste audits revealed that recycling rates are promising enough to begin expansion while organics diversion should be focused on high food waste areas such as parks with concessions. In addition, introducing a waste stream specifically for pet waste would further reduce garbage. Look out for new receptacles in Walnut Grove in 2017.



Questions about the Adopt-a-Program?



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Question:

What makes up 39% of waste in roadside receptacles?

Answer: Pet Waste