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Let's Clean Up The Garbage Around Nanaimo!



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To: Mayor & Council for the City of Nanaimo

We, the residents of Nanaimo, request that the City take action to help clean up the unsightly amount of garbage that is found along our streets, alleys, bus stops and ditches littering our residential areas and by-ways. It has become an embarrassment to the citizens of Nanaimo, and a frequent comment by visitors - that many areas of our city have become an eyesore due to the neglected garbage that is not being cleaned up.

Several areas in Nanaimo are especially bad. The City has a responsibility to its citizens to lead and assist in keeping our city clean. We believe the recently implemented 'Keep Nanaimo Clean' campaign, though helpful, does not address the necessary clean up that needs to take place, nor offers solutions to

aid the citizens such as providing more garbage cans . A clean city is the foundation for building pride amongst it's residents, which in turn creates a collective and cooperative effort to keep the environment garbage free and beautiful.

Some citizen ideas to remedy this problem are:

- 1. Provide more garbage cans for the public. Bus stops should all have a garbage can, as well as high walking-traffic areas.**
- 2. Utilize those in the local corrections facility to clean up the garbage.**
- 3. Impose a garbage or "Litter" tax on convenience stores and fast food outlets to offset garbage removal, as most of the garbage comes from these businesses.**
- 5. Spearhead a city wide 'Clean Up Nanaimo' campaign, an annual event which could call upon groups, organizations and all residents of Nanaimo to pick up garbage on a specified day.**
- 6. Hire homeless and other less fortunate people, as those on welfare, to pick up garbage on a continuing basis.**
- 7. Impose harsher fines and community hours in cleaning up the trash on those caught littering.**
- 8. The need for better education around the issue of littering.**

These are just a few ideas, and not all are supported by all citizens. However, the need to remedy the problem of unsightly garbage around our city is a serious concern. Representing We, the citizens of Nanaimo, I request that solutions to the current and ongoing problem of garbage littering our streets and residential areas be implemented without delay.