

Adopt-a-Road Program Town of Pelham

Thank you for being a part of the Town of Pelham's Adopt-a-Road program and doing your part to beautify our community. This program is designed for environmentally conscious citizens, community and civic organizations, private businesses and industry to contribute to a cleaner environment and a more beautiful road system.

Under the program, groups and individuals agree to adopt a section of road in the Pelham area and keep it clean. In addition to the satisfaction gained by providing a cleaner environment and helping the community, the volunteers are recognized by a sign erected by the Town acknowledging your efforts.

Volunteer's Responsibilities

Volunteers will:

- Appoint or select an authorized group representative to act as a liaison between their group and the Town;
- Ensure that the authorized representative attends a safety meeting provided by the Town and in turn provides annual safety training to volunteers of their organization. Training will only be done once;
- Pick up litter, a minimum of three times per year to maintain a clean road;
- Collect only litter from the adopted road section;
- Notify the Town prior to cleanup;
- Utilize all appropriate safety equipment as provided by the Town and follow the safety rules contained in the agreement.

The Town of Pelham's Responsibilities

Town will:

- Select a specific section of Town road to be adopted (taking into consideration the organization stated preference);
- Provide safety vests, road work signs, trash bags, safety information and training, flags and traffic cones; contact Jodi Shishkov to request supplies jshishkov@pelham.ca; supply pick up will be available at the Meridian Community Centre
- Erect a sign with the group's name displayed at the beginning and end of each adopted section of road;
- Remove and dispose of filled trash bags;

Remove litter from the adopted road section that have been flagged by the group as being too large, heavy or hazardous for the group to remove.

General Inquiries

Each group is required to sign an agreement, agreeing to the terms and conditions of the program.

The agreement contains a form to be signed by the participants which holds the Town of Pelham harmless from any responsibility for injuries or damages that they may cause or suffer as a result of participating in the program.

Youths under 18 years of age that are involved in the program must have the signed consent of a parent or guardian.

Safety Guidelines for Adopt-a-Road Volunteers

Let think about safety

There are a few simple rules that you must remember when it comes to safety working along the roadway. These rules must be reviewed by all volunteers before each clean-up session.

Volunteers must:

- Receive safety training prior to the first pick-up of the year and review safety rules before each clean-up;
- Be at least 12 years old;
- Provide at least one adult (19 years or older) supervisor for each 5 workers;
- Always wear Town approved safety vest;
- Display the "road work" sign before starting the clean-up;
- Car pool to minimize the number of vehicles at the work site and always disembark from the vehicles to the side adjacent to the ditch;
- Park parallel to the road and as far off the traveled portion as possible;
- Park vehicles on the same side of the roadway as the volunteers;
- Clean up only one side of the roadway at a time and work towards on coming traffic;
- Pick up litter during daylight hours only;
- Flag hazardous and unidentifiable items for pickup by Town staff;

- Stay clear of any maintenance or construction operation and equipment;
- Stay clear of any water hazards;
- Discontinue work in inclement weather;
- Close the "road work" sign when finished the litter pick-up.

Volunteers must not:

- Disembark from vehicles until the "road work" sign has been displayed;
- Walk or pick up litter on the pavement, shoulder, or in the median;
- Work on bridges, overpasses, steep ground, or in tunnels;
- Touch or pick up hazardous items or anything that cannot be identified;
- Wear clothing or display material that might distract motorists;
- Use or possess illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages before or during the cleanup;
- Step, jump or sit on trash bags.

For your own safety

- Stay mentally alert at all times;
- Wear protective footwear and gloves;
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs;
- Wear a baseball cap or a wide-brimmed hat and sun screen;
- Drink lots of fluids while you work, especially on hot, humid days;
- Be aware of any special needs of fellow volunteers (i.e. medical);
- Avoid exertion;
- Stay alert for and avoid hazardous plants (i.e. poison ivy) and stinging insects;
- Keep an adequate supply of flags and trash bags on hand.

In case of emergency

- Have a first aid kits immediately available;
- Pre-select the most direct route to the nearest medical emergency facility;
- Always have transportation immediately available;
- Know where the nearest telephone is located.