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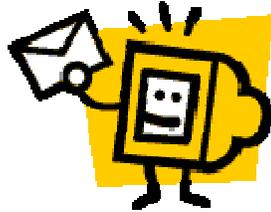


Nova Scotia's Adopt-A-Highway Program

Fall 2013

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

We would like to remind our groups to make sure they use our new contact information. Our new email address is aah@eastlink.ca. The mailing address is now 90 Research Drive, Bible Hill, N.S. B6L 2R2. Our phone number is 843-9467, and fax number is 896-7276. It is a good idea to remove our old email address from your contact list, so it does not get used in the future!



SPRING LITTER SWEEP WINNERS

FIRST PLACE (\$200):

ENFIELD/ELMSDALE & DISTRICT LIONS



Congratulations go out to the Enfield / Elmsdale & District Lions Club who found their very unusual item while cleaning up their route along Highway #331. It is a flamingo lawn ornament which is missing its' head.

The Lions send special thanks to Jerry at the highways garage in Milford. Donations were received from Papa K's restaurant and pizzeria of Enfield, Enfield Home Hardware, Superstore and Sobeys. They say "Thank you" to all Lions, suppliers and helpers. Your efforts make for a cleaner environment!. This group joined the AAH program in 2000, and has completed a roadside cleanup almost every spring since then. A great effort!

Thanks to all of our participants, and congratulations to the winners!

SECOND PLACE (\$100):

SUNRISE 4-H CLUB

Sunrise 4-H Club, in the Amherst area, sent in many pictures of their unusual finds. The remains of this porcupine were among the items submitted, and was the second most unusual article. The 4-H club picked



up 7 bags of litter and 2 bags of recyclables along their



section of Highway #6, in Truemanville. A picture of the 4-H club volunteers is included later in this issue.

THIRD PLACE (\$50):

MOSCHELLE COMMUNITY CIRCLE



Moschelle Community Circle has adopted Highway #201 within the Moschelle community boundaries. This year, they collected 12 bags of garbage and one bag of recyclables. Their unusual finds included a toilet seat, skates, and a mailbox and post. Our judges picked the toilet seat as the third most unusual find, which will earn this group a prize of \$50.

REPORTS FROM ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY GROUPS



RIVERPORT LIONS CLUB

At left, is a picture of the Riverport Lions Club finishing up their cleanup in Feltzen South, Lunenburg County. They clean Highway #332, the Feltzen South Road from Riverport Bridge to the Indian Path Road Bridge in Riverport. They worked for 2 hours, and collected 19 bags of garbage along their route.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

St. John's United Church is entering their 10th year of stewardship of their section of the beautiful Hwy 332 along the LaHave River. They collected 11 bags of garbage, and one bag of recyclables on their route in Middle LaHave. One item worth noting is that one of their ladies, in the trenches on the cleanup, did so with two broken bones in her foot. This group is dedicated to their cause!



LAHAVE RIVER WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION (LRWEF)



The LRWEF cleaned up along Number 10 Highway, from Veteran's Memorial Park, in Meisners Section, to the Annapolis County line. They gathered a total of 35 bags of trash, and 8 bags of recyclables. They had several residents assist them from New Germany and Meisners Section and later gave them certificates of appreciation. The LRWEF also participated in the 'Clean Across Nova Scotia' campaign. They cleaned Veterans Memorial Park, Cookville Provincial Park and the public boat ramp, parking area and accesses at Sucker Lake.

They presented 'Good Neighbour' Certificates of Appreciation at the Michelin Health & Safety Fair in Bridgewater. Seated left to right in the photo are Ron Gardner, Anjay Juckiewicz & Wayne Juckiewicz, with Ron Seney, standing behind. Later, they also recognized the Rev. Catherine Robar and Paulette DeLong as boosters of their clean-up initiative in their own community of Meisners Section. Jeannie LaPlante, owner of Charlie's Pizza in New Germany was recognized as a corporate sponsor of their team. This group also is campaigning for increased enforcement of littering laws.

METEGHAN LIONS CLUB

The Meteghan Lions Club carried out a very successful roadside cleanup in conjunction with Clean Across N.S. and the Waste Check program. They collected 40 bags of garbage and 2 bags of recyclables on their 6 ½ kilometer route. Their group included Lions' members, other volunteers and 6 youth. This was part of a larger "community" effort to clean up all of the Municipality of Clare, which saw nearly 300 volunteers collecting over 2.5 tons of waste!

One special mention was of a young lady who cleaned the sidewalks of Meteghan using her wheelchair. Nicolette Deveau

with the assistance of her young sister and mother did a wonderful job. They have committed to keep the Village of Meteghan clean year round! ☺



SHOPPERS DRUG MART - UPPER TANTALLON



The group from Shoppers Drug Mart - Upper Tantalton completed their cleanup of Highway #3 from the Intersection of Highway #213 west towards the Bike and Bean Shop. They collected 23 bags

of litter over a two hour period. Tom Campbell, Manager of the Shoppers Drug Mart, is a member of the St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club, who joined our program in 2010. He decided to get his workplace involved in the AAH program as well, and carry out a roadside cleanup in their local area!



HILL N' DALE 4-H CLUB



Hill 'n Dale 4-H Club, in the Bridgewater area, has been participating in the AAH program since 2000. Their club has adopted a section of Highway #325 in Wileville, Lunenburg Co. This Spring they collected 34 bags of garbage and two bags of recyclables. It is nice to see the youth enjoying their time while on the cleanup.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are a new group that have adopted Caledonia Road, from Main Street to Montebello, in Dartmouth. On their urban roadside cleanup they collected 14 bags of litter with 10 volunteers participating. We are pleased that the Knights of Columbus took on the Adopt-A-Highway program as one of their many projects.

ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

St. James United Church has another successful Adopt-A-Highway clean-up at Interchange 32 in Antigonish. A small but energetic group spent a pleasant three hours picking up highway litter and improving our environment. The spring team included: left to right: Mike Cook, Hope Graham, Gina Sampson, Barb DeMarsh, Michèle Ashby and Barb Shea. Photographer was Tim Hinds. A blue toboggan, toy panda bear, one roll each of dimes and nickels, what turned out to be a stolen licence plate and two tubes of "Lactating Cow Treatment" (complete with plastic syringes for inserting into bovine teats) were some of the interesting finds this time around.



Once again Bennett's Market kindly provided delicious post-clean-up snacks, and items acquired from the AAH program in Truro were distributed to all participants.

TOURISM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF N.S. (T.I.A.N.S.)



As part of Tourism Week, T.I.A.N.S., the Nova Scotia Tourism Agency (N.S.T.A.) and many other industry stakeholders participated in the Adopt-A-Highway program. For many years, T.I.A.N.S. has been committed to cleaning a 4 kilometer stretch of Route #333 in Peggy's Cove. The road leading to Peggy's Cove is one of the most travelled by visitors and attracts over 500,000 people a year.

Keeping the area around Peggy's Cove clean and beautiful is the perfect way to kick off Tourism Week," said Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Minister Graham

Steele. "I'm proud of our team of NSTA workers for putting in this extra effort in time for the upcoming busy summer tourist season." To find out more about their experience please read their blog, which includes additional pictures, at <http://voiceoftourism.wordpress.com/2013/06/17/tourism-week-update/>

2013 SPRING CLEANUP TOTALS

The Spring 2013 cleanup was an incredible effort, with 102 groups taking part. A total of 3176 bags of garbage and 310 bags of recyclables were removed from 495 kilometers of highway (that is almost the distance from Yarmouth to Antigonish!) and 4 highway interchanges. Over 1,300 volunteers carried out these many roadside cleanups for 3962



total hours. All together almost 52 tonnes of garbage and recyclables were removed for our highways this spring. The garbage pictured here represents 43 tonnes of garbage. So our volunteers picked up this pile of garbage, plus another quarter of the pile! It is an impressive sight, and we must remember that it is highly compacted, so loose in the ditches, it would add up to a pile much larger than this. It is an

outstanding service for our province to have this amount of unsightly litter picked up by our volunteers!

SPRING 2013 CLEANUP REPORT

THANK YOU to all the groups and individuals who volunteered their time to carry out a Spring cleanup this year.



The groups that participated were :

- 2nd Wellington Scouting
- 250 Vimy Air Cadets, Tantallon-Lewis Lake
- 569 Colonel GN Henderson Air Cadet Squadron Brookfield
- Atelier De Clare, Church Point
- Alexander Family, Stanley Section, Lunenburg Co.
- AMEC, Lawrencetown
- Annapolis Valley Geocachers, Kingston
- Antigonish Lions Club (with youth groups)
- Baha'i Community of West Hants
- Bass River Heritage Society
- Berwick & District Lions Club
- Bridgetown Lions Club
- Broad Cove Community Association
- Cape Forchu Waterfront Group
- Carlton Pathfinders
- Clarence 4-H Club
- Coastal Cruisers, Bridgewater
- Coldbrook & District Lions Club / CKRHS Leo Club
- Community of Lawrencetown Beach
- Dartmouth East Rotary Club, Main Street
- Dartmouth Rotary Club, Winmill Road
- Dillon Consulting, Halifax
- Earth Day Friends, Tatamagouche
- East Bay Area Community Council
- Enfield/Elmsdale & Dis. Lions, Enfield-Horne Settlement
- Englishtown Community Hall (partial)
- Eric & Joyce Higgins, Higginsville
- Fellowship Lodge #112 (AF & AM), Bible Hill
- Friends of Crescent Beach, Green Bay & Area Society
- Friends of Route #245, North Grant
- Friends of Taylor Head Park, Spry Bay
- Gospel Light Baptist Youth Group, Harrietsfield
- Great Village & Area Community School Association
- Harley Owners Group; Central Chapter, N. S., Elmsdale- Lantz
- Hill 'n Dale 4-H Club, Wileville
- Hub Campers, Lanesville
- Immaculate Conception Church, Lower East Pubnico
- Islands Track and Field, Freeport
- Joggins Fossil Institute, Macaan Woods
- Kingston Lions Club
- Knights of Columbus - St. Thomas More Council, Dartmouth
- Lahave River Watershed Enhancement Foundation, Meisners Section to New Germany
- Lake & Shore Community Recreation Society, Porter's Lake
- Lake Echo Lions Club
- Laura-Lee Johnson, South Brookfield
- Lawrencetown Lions Club
- LeMoine Development Association, Grand Etang
- Lower River Road Group, Cleveland, Cape Breton
- LRHS Key Club, Liverpool
- MPI Atlantic Canada Chapter/ AVW Telav, Halifax
- MacPherson's Mills Women's Institute
- Maxxam Analytics, Bedford
- Meteghan Lions Club
- Michelin – Plant Health and Safety Committee, Granton
- Middleton Lions Club
- Milford and District Lions Club (with 625 Air Cadets)
- Moschelle Community Circle
- Mt. Uniacke Cleanup Party, Mt. Uniacke -Lakelands
- Nailed It Construction, Sheet Harbour
- New Germany & Area Lions Club
- New Minas Lions Club
- North Brookfield W.I./ 4 Leaf Clover 4-H Club
- North Queens Community School, Caledonia
- North Shore Fire Dept., Malignant Cove to Cribbons Point
- Northumberland Regional High School, Alma
- NuStar Terminals Canada Partnership, Point Tupper
- Order of the Eastern Star- Annaval #31, Middleton
- Port Williams and District Lions Club & WI
- Queens Co. Special Olympics/Penny Lane Enterp., Milton
- River John & Area Lions Club (partial)
- River John Consolidated School
- Riverport & District Lions Club, Feltzen South
- Rotary Club of Sydney-Sunrise
- Rotary Club of Truro
- Sackville Lions Club
- Salt Springs 4-H Club
- Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Department, Port Bickerton
- Shoppers Drug Mart- Upper Tantallon
- South Berwick Women's Institute
- Spa Springs Women's Institute
- Springhill 2011 Lions Club
- St. Andrews 4-H Club
- St. James United Church, Antigonish
- St. John's United Church, Middle LaHave
- St. Margaret's Bay Lions Club
- St. Mary's & District Lions Club, Sherbrooke
- St. Paul's Church/ 3rd Spryfield Scout Troop #496
- Sunrise 4-H Club, Truemanville
- Tidy Highway 245, North Grant
- Toney River Community Centre
- TOPS NS #2045, East Jeddore
- Tourism Industry Association of N.S., Peggy's Cove
- Truro Lions Club/ 2nd Truro Venturers, Truro
- Walmart Associates/Amherst Walmart
- West Branch United Church
- West Pubnico Parish Council
- Weymouth Lions Club Branch
- White Point Beach Resort, Liverpool
- Wilson Family, Port Howe
- Winding River Art Gallery, Stewiacke
- Woodville Community Centre
- Yarmouth Area Community Fund, Overton

RRFB NOVA SCOTIA

MOBIUS AWARDS OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

Nominations are being accepted until September 16 for the Mobius Awards of Environmental Excellence. These provincial awards showcase innovative individuals and organizations that help make Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction.



Hosted annually by RRFB Nova Scotia, this year's Mobius Awards ceremony will be held on October 16 at Pier 21 in Halifax. Categories for the awards are as follows:

- Business of the Year (two awards will be presented)
- Region/Municipality/Authority of the Year
- Institution of the Year
- ENVIRO-DEPOT™ of the Year
- School of the Year
- Waste Reduction Education Program
- Innovation in Waste Reduction
- Best Community-Based Project
- Individual Excellence in Waste Reduction

To download a nomination form or find out more information, visit www.putWasteInItsPlace.ca or call RRFB Nova Scotia at 1-877-313-7732.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENTS

In celebration of Waste Reduction Week (October 20-26), RRFB Nova Scotia is partnering with several municipalities across the province to offer community shredding events. The intent of the initiative is to raise awareness of the importance of recycling paper products.

Events will take place on the following dates in the communities listed below:

October 19	Kentville & Antigonish
October 21	Halifax
October 22	Digby & Yarmouth
October 23	Pictou
October 24	Truro
October 25	Windsor & Sydney

Municipal waste reduction staff will be on site to offer promotional items, as well as information on local recycling and composting programs. More information will be available on each community event in September on www.putWasteInItsPlace.ca or by calling RRFB Nova Scotia at 1-877-313-7732.

NOVA SCOTIA RECYCLES CONTEST

Every September, RRFB Nova Scotia launches its annual school contest as an opportunity for young people to take action and promote waste reduction in their community. The contest encourages participation in recycling and composting programs, and celebrates the ongoing role of Nova Scotia youth in making this province a leader in waste reduction.

The contest is open to students in grades Primary to Twelve and offers \$55,000 in cash, prizes and scholarships. Students must use their imaginations to complete a design challenge, create a film, or write an essay – all in the theme of "Put Waste in Its Place."

Entries can be submitted in English or French and all submissions are due in February 2014. More information on the Nova Scotia Recycles Contest will be available in late September at www.putWasteInItsPlace.ca.

UNUSUAL FINDS

Some unusual finds for the spring 2013 cleanups were: crock pot, porcupine remains, poker chip set, scooter, skill saw, furnace fan blower, fire extinguisher, cell phone, buoys, kid's kitchen set, small electric motor, ski pole, work boot, bottle of solomon gundy, snuff cans, working thermometer, toilet seat, skates, deep fryer with the fat still inside, kitchen sink, a new license plate, toboggan, cow lactation treatment, stolen license plate, toaster, 2 full cans of paint, new toaster in box, circular saw, patio, bag of french fries, brass flamingo ornament without the head, and an old lawnmower. One group came across a huge turtle!

Sunrise 4-H Club (pictured here) found many unusual items on their cleanup, and won 2nd prize in our Litter Sweep Contest.



NEW GROUPS

"WELCOME!!"

- Springhill 2011 Lions Club
- Bedford Lions
- Quality Inn & Suites – Halifax
- Lower River Road Group, Cleveland
- Mt. Uniacke Cleanup Party, Mt. Uniacke-Lakelands
- Journey Community Church, Enfield/Oldham



DEPT. OF T.I.R. CLEANUPS

As part of the "Clean Across N.S." Campaign the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal conducted roadside cleanups along the 100 series highways. They decided to do this major project, as these highways are not under the AAH program.



There are safety concerns for our volunteers along these very busy roads. We had received a number of complaints about litter along the 100

series roads in the past, so we were glad that efforts were being made to address these concerns.

The many cleanups were very successful! All fourteen areas across N.S. participated in a cleanup of a 100 series highway, and collected a **huge amount of litter**. For example, in Antigonish alone they



got two ton trucks, and a half ton truck full of garbage, as well as two big signs that had fallen down. Overall, it is estimated that about 1000 bags of litter were removed from the ditches along the highways! The pictures show several of the Department of TIR staff hard at work. Also included is some of the garbage collected from the ditches.

We congratulate the Department of TIR for taking on this most important project. Many locals and tourists alike travel these major



thoroughfares, and we are appreciative that the TIR staff made efforts to improve their appearance.

COMMUNITIES CLEAN UP!

Some regions around N.S. have major cleanups in the Spring, when litter is most evident. The cleanup in the Prospect Road area is in its 7th year, and involves many communities, from Goodwood to East Dover. The area appreciates the assistance of the staff at the Beechville depot of the Dept. of TIR, who collects the numerous bags of garbage. In past years, over a hundred bags of litter were picked up during this project. "Afterward, the cleanup portions of the road looked wonderful, just like they always should" said one of the organizers, Rose Caissie. A barbeque is held at lunch time for the many helpers. This is not only a time to say "thank you" to the volunteers, but also brings people from the different communities together. An additional cleanup in the area takes place on the next weekend with the Prospect Road Lions, Citizens on Patrol, and this year the local Scout troop assisted. This helps to spread the work load over a period of time.



Another region that has a significant cleanup in the spring is in District 3 of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. The cleanup is organized by Mae Rowe, the C.B.R.M. Councillor for the district. Communities that participate include Boisdale, Christmas Island, Coxheath, Frenchvale, Georges River, Grand Narrows, Leitches Creek, MacAdams Lake, Northside East Bay and Seaview Drive. She started organizing the annual district wide cleanup in 2008. This year over 102 volunteers took part and collected 225 bags of garbage. One year they had approximately 300 people helping with the project! C.B.R.M. Solid Waste provides gloves, bags, and picks up the garbage afterwards. She has heard that the annual events are important to raise awareness, and people have noticed a reduction in the amount of litter collected. The fire departments and community groups are a great help with this cleanup. They are the bases for people to gather and get their supplies and the drop off sites for the collected garbage. Some locations have a barbeque afterwards as a thank you to the hard working participants. Volunteers get to participate in a draw for prizes which are donated by some local businesses and the CBRM.

We commend both of these areas in arranging and taking part in these major initiatives to encourage pride in their communities.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

-If you would like to sign up to receive our newsletter and other correspondence by email, please send your request to our email address on this page. We will add your name to our electronic mailing list.

-Feel free to send along pictures and/or write ups about your cleanups for our newsletters (such as



the group from AMEC in the Lawrencetown area, pictured above). We are interested to hear ideas that our groups may have as well.

LOOKING FOR HOSTS!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION

We were very pleased with the outcome of taking our VIS “on the road”, and had a very successful conference in Port Williams in 2012. Last year we returned to the central area the province to Truro. We are ready to head out on the road again next Spring, and we are putting out a call for proposals for our Volunteer Information Session. Do you have an idea for a location for a VIS? We would need a venue, a caterer, and perhaps a near-by tour idea. You may include some suggestions of speakers in the area that could be of interest to our volunteers. If you have an idea, please send it along to the AAH office, and we may consider it for a future VIS location.

VERY IMPORTANT PERMIT (V.I.P.)

The Litter Cleanup Permit is **very important** to our office and the Adopt-A-Highway program. All groups should have a permit on hand during the cleanup. It gives them permission to perform a cleanup along the roadway. After the cleanup, **please send a copy of the permit to our office** so we know that your group has completed your roadside litter cleanup. The data on the permit (number of volunteers, time spent on cleanup, amount of garbage, etc.) is essential for our program.



PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

We have a selection of promotional items that are available for our volunteers after they have completed their litter cleanups. We have tape measures, bandage dispensers (contains 5 bandages) pocket hand sanitizers, pens, and window decals. If you would like any of these items, please let us know when you send in your completed litter permit.



The Central Chapter of the Harley Owners Group (pictured above) often gets some of our promotional items to hand out to their volunteers on the day of their cleanup.

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If you have missed a recent issue of our Adopt-A-Highway newsletter, be sure to check out our website for a link to many of our previous issues, along with updated information regarding the program.

www.gov.ns.ca/agri/wi/projects/adopt.shtml

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