

Region of Queens Municipality
SOLID WASTE COMMUNITY LITTER COLLECTION PROGRAM

Purpose

The purpose of the Solid Waste Community Litter Collection Program is to provide opportunities for community groups throughout Queens County to earn grant funding in exchange for organizing a community litter clean-up program in a location authorized by Nova Scotia Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) and Region of Queens Municipality.

Eligibility

Any incorporated non-profit community organization or group within Queens County is eligible to apply once per fiscal year. Only organizations that supply proof of approval from NSTIR are eligible to apply.

Available Amount

Each year, Council shall establish a budget amount to be awarded for community litter collection funding. Funding shall be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis each year, upon the submission of a complete application including all required forms, permits, and authorizations. Funding will be provided at a rate of \$100 per kilometre cleaned, including both sides of the road. Organizations can receive up to \$300 per year.

Safety

All volunteers with successful applicants must ensure that all participants are provided with safety vests and gloves and made aware of safety measures for the clean-up of solid waste alongside Queens County highways. The area being cleaned must have appropriate signage and pylons placed along the area being cleaned to ensure the safety of all volunteers. All participants must be 18 years of age or older or be supervised by at least one person over the age of 18 for each 4 participants between the ages of 12-17.

Clean-ups shall only take place during daylight hours.

Supplies

Region of Queens Municipality will supply all successful applicants with the required safety vests, gloves, highway signage and pylons, along with waste and recycling bags. Participants may keep any refundables collected to support their volunteer organization.

Collection of Waste

All waste collected shall be bagged and placed at roadside for collection by Region staff or delivered to an agreed upon location by Region staff. Hazardous materials shall be set aside in a designated area and your Region contact shall be notified immediately upon the conclusion of your collection to ensure no hazardous materials are left at roadside unattended. Large items not baggable shall be left in one or more designated areas for pickup.

Evaluation

At the conclusion of the community litter program, the applicant's contact shall notify the Region contact to perform an evaluation of the clean-up to ensure that the clean-up was successfully carried out. If the evaluation confirms a successful clean-up, a requisition for payment to the group will be made thereafter.

Promotion

The successful applicant shall acknowledge the contribution of the Region of Queens Municipality in all written and social media notifications or promotions of their community litter clean-up. The applicant also agrees that the Municipality may use the name of the successful applicant and any pictures taken of the community litter clean-up for the purposes of promoting the program in the future.

Liability

Each successful group must hold and maintain during their community litter clean-up, liability insurance of not less than \$2 million per occurrence.

Limitations

Region of Queens Municipality reserves the right to process applications for funding and award funding each fiscal year in a fair and equitable manner, where when multiple applications are received during the same week, to award funding to groups that have not previously been awarded funding prior to awarding funding to a successful group from the most recent fiscal year.



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APPLICATION FORM AND REPORTING DATA**

Organization Name: _____

Organization Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Location of Litter Collection Program (please be very specific)

Number of Kilometres: _____ Copy of NSTIR Permit Attached: _____

Date of Proposed Collection: _____ Time: _____

I affirm that I am an authorized agent of the organization named above and that we will undertake to carry out a solid waste collection program on the noted roads, streets, or properties contained herein and that we have read and understand the program guidelines and agree to abide by the supervision, health and safety, and reporting requirements.

Signature of Authorized Agent Date

Municipal Approval Date

Report

Number of Volunteers: Under 19 _____ Over 19 _____

Number of Black Bags Collected: _____

Number of Blue Bags Collected: _____

Hazardous Materials Found: _____

Total Collection Time: _____

Most Often Collected Item: _____ Most Unusual: _____

Safety Vests Provided _____ Returned _____

Gloves Provided _____

Garbage Provided _____ Returned _____

Blue Bags Provided _____ Returned _____

Roadside Check Date _____ Solid Waste Removed _____ Initials _____