



## News Release

### Community Clean Up Tackles Illegal Dumping in Roberts Creek

Sechelt, BC—September 6, 2016—The Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD) is inviting all members of the community to participate in the fifth annual “Backroad Trash Bash” taking place on Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year’s event will focus on cleaning up illegal dumpsites in the Roberts Creek area.

In 2015, the event received an overwhelmingly positive response as 42 people gathered to clean up trash illegally dumped at remote locations in Halfmoon Bay and Sechelt. Volunteers included residents, teams from London Drugs, Homesite Creek Campground and Solution Based Construction, members of the Sargeant Bay Society and Sunshine Coast Geocachers (CITO), and staff from the BC Conservation Officer Service, WildsafeBC, District of Sechelt and the SCRD. Materials collected included household garbage, furniture, metal, bullet shells and construction waste.

During this year’s event, community volunteers and the SCRD will again work to relay the message that dumping trash in the woods is unacceptable.

“Some materials that are dumped can be disposed of for free under product stewardship programs such as electronics, tires, lead acid batteries, and used paint. We also find yard waste which is not just unsightly, it can hide potentially dangerous or toxic material underneath, as well as attract rats and other vermin. Residents can drop off their yard waste for free at the Gibsons Residential Green Waste Facility, Salish Soils in Sechelt or the Pender Harbour Transfer Station,” says Robyn Cooper, Manager Solid Waste Services.

Sign-in begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Roberts Creek Elementary School gym, 1088 Roberts Creek Road, Roberts Creek. Volunteers are treated to a free BBQ lunch and a chance to win great prizes.

For Backroad Trash Bash information and to pre-register, contact [infrastructure@scrd.ca](mailto:infrastructure@scrd.ca) or phone 604-885-6806.

To report an illegal dump site, please contact the BC Conservation Service RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) at 1-877-952-7277 or [www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/rapp](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/rapp/rapp)

For more information about ongoing initiatives to help clean up illegal dump sites, visit: [www.scrd.ca/Stop-Illegal-Dumping](http://www.scrd.ca/Stop-Illegal-Dumping)

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