

ADOPT – A – ROAD

Locator # _____

Agreement

Red Deer County hereinafter called the “Department” and _____, hereinafter called the “Volunteer Group”, are entering into this Agreement to permit the Volunteer Group to contribute toward the effort to control litter and enhance roadside and neighborhood appearance.

The Department does hereby authorize the Volunteer Group to participate in the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Program by picking up litter, and conducting other enhancement work if specified, within the assigned section of road. By signature below, the Volunteer Group Leader acknowledges awareness that the safety of volunteers is of primary importance and agrees to the following terms and conditions.

The Volunteer Group does hereby agree:

1. To pickup litter a minimum of three times per year for a period of three years. Additional cleanups may be done as necessary to maintain a neat appearance.
2. To reserve Safety Kits containing clean-up supplies and materials from the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Coordinator two weeks in advance of the clean up and pick-up the kits during regular business hours.
3. To conduct activities with safety in mind and comply with the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Safety Rules (attached to this Agreement) and any other conditions that may be required by the Department.
4. To designate a Volunteer Group Leader and the leader will have a copy of the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Safety Rules with him/her while working on the roadside.
5. Each volunteer in the cleanup shall receive and review the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Safety Rules before participating in roadside activities.
6. Each volunteer shall sign a Volunteer Informed Consent/Release form prior to their participation in each cleanup.
7. To leave filled trash bags by the roadside for pickup and disposal by the Department and provide the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Coordinator with the specific location of the filled trash bags.
8. To provide the Department copies of the completion Form and Consent/Release agreement with names and signatures of individual Volunteers in the cleanup within seven calendar days following each and every clean-up activity.
9. To return to the Department in good condition the safety kits, unused trash bags furnished by the Department after the completion of the agreement term.
10. The Volunteer Group Leader shall report any injuries incurred by Volunteers during cleanup activities to the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Coordinator within two working days of the injury.
11. Participating minors (under 18 years of age) must be supervised by an adult. One adult must be present for every four minors during cleanup events.

If, in the sole judgment of the Department the Volunteer Group, the Volunteer Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this agreement, the Department may terminate the adoption Agreement immediately and remove the group’s **ADOPT-A-ROAD** signs.

The Department does hereby agree to:

1. Provide safety information for the Volunteer Group Leader prior to the first cleanup and provide safety materials and training aids for use in instructing Volunteers.
2. Furnish and install an **ADOPT-A-ROAD** sign with the Volunteer Group name or acronym displayed at the assigned area following completion of the first cleanup event.
3. Furnish the Volunteer Group with trash bags and safety equipment for Volunteers to use during cleanup activities.
4. Remove the filled trash bags.
5. Assist the Volunteer Group, in cleaning up litter and/or debris under unusual circumstances (i.e. when large, heavy, or hazardous items are found).

- 6. Coordinate, at its discretion, publicity efforts with the Volunteer Group to solicit local media coverage.

Other Considerations, Terms and Conditions

It is recommended that the Volunteer Group have at least one person on the crew with a valid First Aid Card during Cleanup activities.

It is also recommended that the Volunteer Group have a cellular phone or radio on site in case of emergency.

Recycling is an accepted and encouraged activity. Volunteer groups are encouraged to take recyclable materials to transfer stations.

The Department is authorized to suspend this Agreement temporarily if road maintenance and /or construction is required within the limits of the assigned area. Once these activities have been completed the Volunteer Group will be notified and the Agreement restored.

This Agreement is not assignable or transferable, either in whole or in part.

The Term of this Agreement shall commence on: _____, and shall be renewed every three years unless terminated by the Department or the Volunteer Group. Upon termination of this Agreement, the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** sign shall be removed and remain the property of the Department.

VOLUNTEER GROUP INFORMED CONSENT/RELEASE:

On behalf of _____, Volunteer Group, I have read the terms and conditions for participation, and I agree and acknowledge the following:

1. Volunteers in this program are under the control of our group and not Red Deer County. Our organization will evaluate all Volunteers to determine that they have been instructed and are suitably responsible individuals who will abide by the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Safety Rules and use due care and caution while participating in the cleanup program.
2. The Volunteer Group Leader will instruct each Volunteer prior to his/her participation in any activity. Each Volunteer will have reviewed the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Safety Rules prior to participation in the program.
3. Individuals in the Volunteer Group recognize that this program will expose Volunteers to traffic along roadways, as well as other potential hazards. It is the Volunteer Group's responsibility to provide the Department with a copy of the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Volunteer Informed Consent/Release form with names and signatures of individual Volunteers in the cleanup within seven days following each and every work activity.
4. The Volunteer Group and its Volunteers, collectively and individually, agree to release and forever discharge Red Deer County, its officers and employees from all claims, action, or damages of every kind and description which may accrue to or be suffered by any Volunteer by reason of their participation in the **ADOPT-A-ROAD** Program or any of its activities in which they participate.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF OUR VOLUNTEER GROUP, AND CONSENT TO ITS TERMS.

VOLUNTEER GROUP LEADER

RED DEER COUNTY

Signature Date

Signature Date

Print Name

Print Name

Organization

Organization