

# Press Release

## RESIDENTS PITCH IN TO BEAUTIFY PORT COQUITLAM ON APRIL 25

**Port Coquitlam, BC – Apr. 20, 2009...** Residents armed with garbage grabbers, gloves and bags will converge on seven locations in Port Coquitlam this Saturday during the Pitch In for PoCo Pride event.

The City's fifth annual community clean-up event – sponsored this year by Tim Hortons – will take place on April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at the following sites:

- Aggie and McMitchell Parks (led by Cllr. Mike Forrest)
- Downtown Port Coquitlam (led by Mayor Greg Moore)
- Gates Park (led by Cllr. Glenn Pollock)
- Hyde Creek Recreation Centre (led by Cllr. Darrell Penner)
- Lions Park (led by Cllr. Michael Wright)
- Terry Fox Park (led by Cllr. Brad West)
- Westwood Park (led by Cllr. Sherry Carroll)

"We're inviting residents to join us on Saturday to help keep our City clean and beautiful," said Mayor Greg Moore. "For only a two-hour investment in time, it will be an opportunity to get more involved in your community, meet other local residents and take part in a healthy outdoors activity. You'll also feel good about helping make our community a better place."

The City will be providing nitrile gloves, garbage bags, flagging tape, garbage grabbers, bottled water, wet wipes, a first-aid kit and a limited number of heavy-duty work gloves. Participants are asked to sign up in advance through [www.portcoquitlam.ca/pitch-in](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/pitch-in) to ensure enough equipment is available.

After the clean-up ends at noon, all participants will be invited to the Hyde Creek Hatchery & Education Centre, at 3636 Coast Meridian Road, to enjoy a free hot dog lunch and the hatchery's open house.

Residents may also choose to sponsor a clean-up at other locations on April 25, or conduct their own neighbourhood clean-up events during National Pitch In Week, April 19 to 25.

"By participating in Pitch In for PoCo Pride, our residents can make a real and lasting difference to our local environment," said Cllr. Sherry Carroll, Chair of the Environmental Enhancement Committee. "We'll not only be beautifying our community on Saturday, but we'll also be setting an example that will help deter littering and dumping throughout the year."

Safety is a primary concern at each year's clean-up. Participants are asked to wear long pants and heavy closed-toe shoes, bring work gloves if they have them, and to read the safety guidelines on the website. Participants will be directed to another location if bears are in the area.

For more information about the event, to sign up for April 25 or to register your own clean-up event, visit [www.portcoquitlam.ca/pitch-in](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/pitch-in).

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