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## Adopt-a-Park Program

### Our Goal

Our goal is to enhance the appearance and hospitality of our parks and green spaces while increasing public engagement and community pride. Through this community-oriented program, we encourage volunteers to take ownership of their local parks by participating in light maintenance duties.

### Program Overview

The Adopt-a-Park program is meant to be fun, simple, and sociable, providing an opportunity to get together with friends, colleagues, or neighbours to improve conditions in your favourite park. By participating in this program, you are performing a valuable public service by increasing maintenance levels without increasing budgets. The program provides Parks Employees the ability to focus their maintenance efforts in other parks. Citizens who participate in the Adopt-a-Park program can expect to experience a strong sense of pride and accomplishment as they contribute to the vibrancy and vitality that Penticton is known for.

### Volunteer tasks

Volunteers may spend a few minutes each day, complete weekly activities, or come out once a year for an annual "Litter Blitz". No matter your level of commitment, the tasks you complete are impactful and appreciated by the City of Penticton's staff and citizens alike. If you're interested in volunteering, we can help you decide on an activity that is right for you! **All maintenance duties (other than the Litter Blitz) require a 1-year commitment with an opportunity for renewal.**

#### **Litter Clean-Up** *(Minimum requirement: Once a month, also offered as a one-time "Litter Blitz")*

Litter can greatly diminish the appearance and quality of our green spaces. Litter clean-ups are best when completed frequently but this activity is flexible and can easily fit any schedule. If you are looking for a single afternoon of community volunteering, this activity can be completed as a one-time Litter Blitz with no additional commitments. We will supply you with garbage bags, gloves and litter pickers to use in the park.

#### **Dog Park Clean-Up** *(Minimum requirement: Once a month)*

For many Penticton residents, dogs are part of the family, which means that they are members of our community! As community members, they deserve safe, litter-free parks to play in. Our dog park clean-up is a great way to show some love for both your community and your furry friends by picking up litter in our designated dog parks.



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## **Invasive Weed Control** *(Minimum requirement: Once a month March to September)*

Pulling invasive weeds in natural parks and open spaces can be a satisfying way to clean up your favourite green space. Hand pulling or cultivating of invasive weeds in open areas and walkways can make your neighbourhood green space look clean and friendly. We will help you identify the weeds and advise you on the proper procedure for pulling and disposal prior to your first session.

## **Pine Cone Collection** *(Minimum requirement: Once a week unless otherwise stated)*

Pine cones are troublesome and delay scheduled park maintenance such as mowing. Pine cone collection streamlines regular park maintenance allowing for more efficient work by Parks Employees.

**The timeline may vary from park to park and will depend on the mowing schedule.**

## **Special Project** *(Upon approval)*

Volunteers are encouraged to think outside the box to complete projects that will make their adopted park their own and benefit the surrounding community. You can apply for a special project at any point during your adoption, but all special projects must be approved before any work begins. By completing a special project, community members can come together to leave their mark on the city's landscape in a positive way. **Certain tools may be provided to aid in the completion of the project.**

## **Donation**

If volunteering is not possible or preferred, monetary donations are also accepted! More information on our donation program can be found here: <https://www.penticton.ca/EN/main/community/parks-trails-beaches/gifting-program.html>

## **Reporting Concerns**

There are many parks in Penticton and city staff cannot monitor each park on a daily basis. If you spot maintenance concerns within parks or damages to park infrastructure, let us know!

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