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Abbotsford's Good Neighbour Project

ABBOTSFORD July 15, 2010 - The City of Abbotsford is proud to announce the Good Neighbour Project, stated Mayor George W. Peary today.

"The Good Neighbour Project will help our citizens make their neighbourhoods healthier and safer," said Peary. "It is extremely important that everyone in Abbotsford be able to enjoy where they live."

The Good Neighbour Project was endorsed by Council on July 12, 2010 and will promote programs that help Abbotsford neighbourhoods increase their community spirit and community pride.

"Over the coming months the Good Neighbour Project will highlight opportunities for neighbourhoods to get involved in community improvement programs," said Peary. "The City of Abbotsford already promotes programs like Adopt a Park or Trail and Adopt a Street - we want everyone to know about these programs and be aware of how they can become involved."

As part of the project, bylaw officers will also be visiting neighbourhoods across the city to provide information and warnings for Good Neighbour Bylaw infractions including wrecked vehicles, untidy properties, graffiti and garbage, refuse or discarded materials in yards.

"The first neighbourhood that our bylaw officers will be focusing on is the area south of South Fraser Way, east of Clearbrook Road, west of Gladwin Road and north of the Trans Canada Highway," said Peary. "They will be armed with information about the bylaw and be offering suggestions for those people who may need to make some adjustments to their properties."

Further neighbourhoods will be focused on in the coming months.

The Good Neighbour Project supports the Mayor's Task Force on Crime Reduction through the cornerstones of neighbourhood capacity building, bylaw enforcement and civic pride. The project also supports the City of Abbotsford's Strategic Goal of building a safer, healthier and more inclusive community.

"By working together we have the ability to make a difference to the quality of life for everyone in Abbotsford," said Peary. "I am proud and privileged to be a part of making Abbotsford even greater than it already is."

For more information and to find out how you can become involved visit www.abbotsfordcrimereduction.ca or www.abbotsford.ca. For more information on Abbotsford's Good Neighbour Bylaw or to report a bylaw infraction, call 604-864-5512

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