

## **Providing safe and secure communities**

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### **Alberta's highways get spring cleaning**

#### **Young Albertans earn \$203,000 for their clubs and organizations**

Edmonton... More than 4,100 young Albertans spruced up the province's highways, collecting 27,000 bags of garbage.

The volunteers from 279 clubs and non-profit community groups cleaned 4,600 kilometres of right-of-way and earned an estimated \$203,000 for their organizations. Volunteers collected enough garbage to fill 46 average-size bungalows from floor to ceiling.

The 4,100 youth were assisted by more than 3,000 adult supervisors to keep the event safe. There were no reported injuries nor major incidents associated with this year's cleanup.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Highway Cleanup Day wrapped up on the May 12 alternate day for most groups working north of Innisfail, while groups working in areas to the south were able to finish the cleanup on the original day May 5.

The highway cleanup is held annually on the first or second Saturday in May, as weather permits. Established as a fundraiser, the program helps keep Alberta's highways clean and safe by collecting garbage from rights-of-way. More details on the highway cleanup programs can be found at [www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca](http://www.infratrans.gov.ab.ca)

Improving safety on our roadways is a key action under Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to provide safe and secure communities. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, manage growth pressures, build a stronger Alberta, and improve Albertans' quality of life.

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