



## MEDIA RELEASE

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**RE: Quinte Trash Bash is April 22, 2017**

**Tyendinaga, Prince Edward County, Quinte West, Belleville Saturday April 22, 2017** – The Quinte Trash Bash is an annual community cleanup, now in its seventeenth year. The event is jointly organized by the City of Belleville, City of Quinte West and Tyendinaga Township and the Committee is very pleased to welcome Prince Edward County to the Bash this year.

“For some time now, Members of Council have repeatedly heard from our neighbours and constituents that they want to be part of Quinte Trash Bash,” said Mayor Robert Quaiff. “I’m thrilled that we’re participating in this year’s event, and I’m very excited to see how clean our roadsides and parks are going to look after April 22<sup>nd</sup>.”

Last year, over 1500 volunteers took part filling eight large dumpsters and fourteen recycling carts with materials collected from roadsides, parks and ditches. With a fourth community now on board, organizers are hoping for a record turnout.

“Trash Bash is a great opportunity for our Community to work together to help keep our Township beautiful,” says Reeve Rick Phillips of the Township of Tyendinaga. “I hope that everyone who can will come and join us in this very important event.”

Mayor Jim Harrison of the City of Quinte West agrees. “The Annual Quinte Trash Bash is a great project and promotes a cleaner environment. We encourage residents and businesses to come out and get involved by putting a team together to pick up litter in our community.”

“After a long winter, I encourage our residents to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather and participate in any manner possible to clean up our beautiful City”, adds Mayor Christopher of the City of Belleville. “A little bit goes a long way and we appreciate the efforts of everyone who participates.”

### **How to Take Part:**

Decide where you want to pick up litter and either register online at [quintetrashbash.ca](http://quintetrashbash.ca) or with your City Rep listed below. Supply stations and litter drop-off locations are listed for each community on [quintetrashbash.ca](http://quintetrashbash.ca).

On April 22, clean up your chosen site and drop off trash at designated Trash Bash drop-off locations. Residents can also pick up supplies before the event at their City or Town Hall. Supplies, including garbage bags, recycling bags and gloves, were generously donated by Acklands Grainger, Rona Trenton and Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

From April 17-21, workplaces, service groups and non-profits can compete in the Group Challenge and be recognized for their community spirit. For schools wanting to get in on the fun, the School Challenge is being hosted this year and high school students can use the Bash for community volunteer hours. Visit [quintetrashbash.ca](http://quintetrashbash.ca) to register your team.

Help keep Quinte clean by doing your part. Pick it up, put it away and keep it that way!

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