

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up, September 2008

This fall 160 volunteers spent over 40 hours and picked up 2,245 pounds of debris, plus a personal watercraft with Arizona registration, from 19 Pigeon Lake beaches during the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up. Volunteers included the Hobbema Cadets who assisted with the clean-up of the campground at the Four Nations Reserve.

Items picked-up ranged from an oil drum to paper and plastic bags (456), fireworks (786) and food wrappers, plastic forks, cups and plates (937). Cigarette/cigar butts (2,548) continue to be a serious concern.

In the fall of 2007, 63 volunteers spent over 26 hours cleaning 10 beaches and removing over 1,600 pounds of debris. In addition PLWA volunteers also conducted a clean-up of public areas around the lake in the spring of 2008.

A copy of the results from the 2007 and 2008 clean-up results are posted on the PLWA web site at <http://www.townlife.com/document/show/892> . The results include a breakdown by beach.

The PLWA will again coordinate clean-ups around Pigeon Lake in 2009. For more information or to volunteer contact Peggy Juchli at 780.462.1087 (Edmonton) or 780.389.4260 (Lake).

During the TD Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup volunteers from across Canada clear debris from our waterways. Over fifty specific items are tracked from year to year. The Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up is coordinated by the Vancouver Aquarium and is sponsored by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. More information on the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up is available at <http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup/>