



About 30 volunteers turned out for Bradford Mini-Clean-up Day, June 23 - including Mayor Doug White and family, Councillors Del Crake, Jeanny Salmon, Mark Contois and James Leduc. Volunteers spent three hours picking up litter around Town:

Sesquicentennial Mini Clean-up day in Bradford

About 30 residents came out for the first Mini Clean-up of Bradford. At 9 a.m. on June 23rd, they boarded the yellow school bus provided by Parkview Transit, and armed with garbage bags and latex gloves, spent the next 3 hours picking up litter around Bradford.

The volunteers whipped through the first stop - the weed-covered drainage area beside Home Hardware on Dissette. But there was a real challenge awaiting at Stop #2, the ditch at the east end of Scanlon St.. Poorly lit, lacking any streetlighting, the area has attracted illegal dumping. "They drive up and throw their bags and buckets into the ditch," said one neighbour.

Town staff had trimmed back the trees, exposing the piles of trash. The volunteers picked up buckets of paint, drums of glue, a metal bed frame, lumber, household garbage and other garbage that had accumulated. Mayor Doug White and members of Council were among those pulling litter out of the area - and promising to install streetlighting or lights on motion detectors, to try to curb the problem.

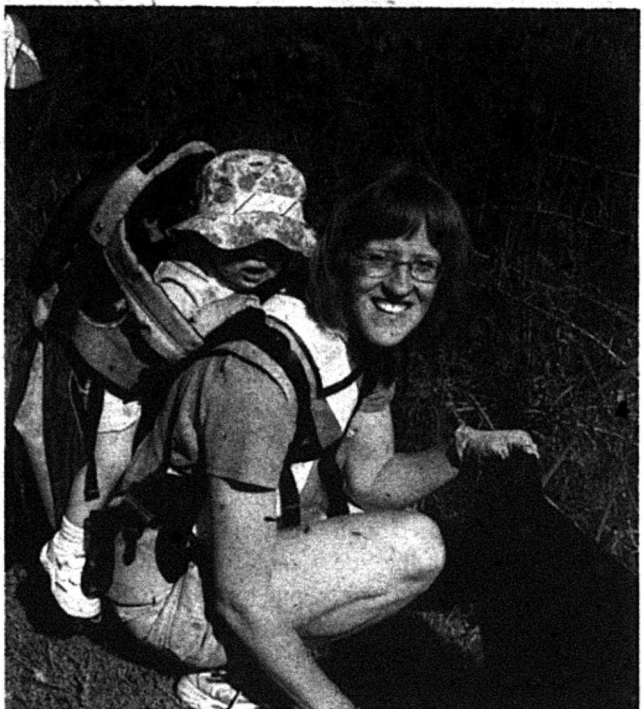
Even so, the Scanlon St.

ditch wasn't the worst of the 6 sites targeted by the clean-up crew. That "distinction" went to the area on Professor Day Drive around Bradford District High School, and in particular, the vacant field across from the school. Some large items, including wooden reels and hydro cable, were left behind, for the property owner to clean up.

At the end of 3 hours of clean-up, the volunteers had picked up about 2 tonnes

of garbage, before being bused back to the arena, for an Appreciation lunch provided by the Town.

The event was part of Bradford's Sesquicentennial celebrations, and a second Mini Clean-Up Day is being planned for September. Considering the success of clean up, it is likely to become an annual event, said organizer and Manager of Recreation, Nick Warman. "We'll make it happen every year."



Nancy Patzer, and little helper Lauren, 13 mos., help clean up during Mini Clean-Up Day, June 23rd.