

DISTRICT OF SAANICH  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL, 770 VERNON AVENUE  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M.**

Present:

**Chair:** Mayor Leonard  
**Council:** Councillors Brice, Brownoff, Derman, Gerrard, Hunter, Murdock, Sanders and Wergeland  
**Staff:** Tim Wood, Administrator; Colin Doyle, Director of Engineering; Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning; Donna Dupas, Legislative Manager; and Maura Jones, Senior Committee Clerk

**RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION**

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Bowker Creek

**BOWKER CREEK BLUEPRINT**

Joint report from the Directors of Planning, Engineering, and Parks & Recreation dated September 1, 2011 recommending Council endorse the "Bowker Creek Blueprint – a 100-year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek Watershed"; and that the Planning, Engineering, and Parks and Recreation Departments be directed to consider the principles and actions for watershed management, the 10 key actions for short-term implementation, and stream reach actions of the Blueprint when developing Departmental work plans and budgets.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Brownoff:**  
**"That:**

- 1. Council endorse the 'Bowker Creek Blueprint - a 100-year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek Watershed'; and**
- 2. The Planning, Engineering, and Parks and Recreation Departments be directed to consider the principles and actions for watershed management, the 10 key actions for short-term implementation, and stream reach actions of the Bowker Creek Blueprint when developing Departmental work plans and budgets."**

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Councillor Derman stated:

- The Bowker Creek Blueprint is a good example of inter-municipal cooperation and of the visionary planning needed in this region.
- The blueprint exemplifies planning based on a watershed and on treating a watershed as a contiguous ecological unit.

Councillor Brownoff stated:

- It is challenging for a group of municipalities, each with different priorities, to work together to produce a planning document like the blueprint. The 10 key actions in the blueprint reflect activities already under way in Saanich.
- When reviewing the blueprint, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee indicated the importance of good trail designs in accommodating different users. There is also a keen interest in daylighting Bowker Creek through development processes.
- Identifying transportation corridors may make available additional funding options for implementation of the blueprint.

Councillor Sanders stated:

- It is wonderful to see the Capital Regional District and various municipalities coming together to work on Bowker Creek.
- The blueprint is a comprehensive plan that has been worked on for 10 years.

Councillor Gerrard stated:

- At a recent Council meeting, it was encouraging to see a developer consider the impact of the project on the Bowker Creek watershed.
- A long-term plan for the Bowker Creek Watershed is needed.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**

## REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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Bowker Creek

### **BOWKER CREEK BLUEPRINT**

Joint report from Councillors Derman and Gerrard dated May 20, 2011 recommending Council invite Oak Bay and Victoria to join Saanich in developing common development permit guidelines for the entire Bowker Creek Watershed based on the Bowker Creek Blueprint; that pending on the outcome of this recommendation, staff be directed to undertake the appropriate actions to accomplish over time the vision of the Bowker Creek Blueprint; and that this report be forwarded to the involved stakeholders.

**MOVED by Councillor Derman and Seconded by Councillor Gerrard:**  
**"That:**

1. Saanich Council forward the joint report from Councillors Derman and Gerrard dated May 20, 2011, at the political level, to Oak Bay and Victoria along with a letter inviting those jurisdictions to become involved in a cooperative effort to develop common development permit guidelines, based on the Bowker Creek Blueprint, for the entire Bowker Creek Watershed;
2. This report be referred to staff and that, pending outcome of recommendation 1, staff be directed to undertake either:
  - a. Development permit guidelines for the Bowker Creek Watershed in Saanich with the intent that these guidelines should be aimed at accomplishing, over time, the vision of the Bowker Creek Blueprint; or

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- b. A cooperative effort with staff from Victoria and Oak Bay, as well as other stakeholders, to create development permit guidelines for the entire Bowker Creek Watershed with the intent that these guidelines should be aimed at accomplishing, over time, the vision of the Bowker Creek Blueprint; and
3. For information, this report be forwarded to other stakeholders involved in creation of the Bowker Creek Blueprint.”

Councillor Derman stated:

- Common development permit areas between Saanich, Oak Bay and Victoria would do much to help achieve the vision of the Bowker Creek Blueprint.
- If the blueprint is not incorporated into the regular decision making process of the municipality, it may be implemented inconsistently or forgotten as a result of turnover in Council and staff.

Councillor Gerrard stated:

- He concurs with the comments for the previous speaker.
- Councillors from both Victoria and Oak Bay have expressed interest in a common approach to the Bowker Creek Watershed.

**The Motion was then Put and CARRIED**