

February 15, 2011

Mayor and Council District of Saanich 770 Vernon Ave. Victoria B.C. V8W-3E7

Dear Mayor & Council:

The CCA supports the goals of the Bowker Creek Blueprint.

Members of our board have had the opportunity to provide input to municipal staff as part of the BCI steering committee. We have also volunteered at various open houses and public events. During those events drafts of the blue print were presented to the public. We are pleased to report that our residents support the goals for watershed restoration of Bowker Creek.

This blueprint provides Saanich, community groups such as ours, and other land stewards, with information for guidance. It suggest "how to" / "where to" focus our volunteer energies to better manage and restore both the watershed and the creek corridor. It supports the vision and four goals described in the Bowker Creek Watershed Management Plan. That plan was adopted by Saanich and other BCI partners in 2003.

The Blueprint offers a focus for a greenway corridor through the urban core of Greater Victoria, the potential to create more vibrant communities and neighborhoods while restoring the watershed function, reducing greenhouse gases and adapting to climate change. We believe that implementation of the Blueprint will assist Saanich in achieving their climate action goals

Sincerely,

Michael Crowe President

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Friends of Bowker Creek

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