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Mayor and Council City of Victoria #1 Centennial Square, Victoria B.C. V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor & Council:

Thank you to the Victoria City Council for their endorsement of the *Bowker Creek Blueprint* at the Council Meeting on Sept. 22nd. The North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association (NJNA) supports the goals of the *Blueprint* and is proud Victoria is the leader amongst the three participating municipalities to be the first to adopt the *Blueprint* as a guiding document for the redevelopment, repair, and community stewardship of the Bowker Creek watershed.

The NJNA recognizes the Bowker Creek watershed is a geographic and hydrographic form-making feature that unites three municipalities. The *Blueprint* provides the municipalities of Victoria, Saanich, and Oak Bay, community groups such as ours, and other land stewardship groups with information to focus volunteer stewardship energies and guide urban watershed redevelopment opportunities; and gives the broad vision for an urban greenway corridor in the Bowker Creek watershed; to restore natural watershed function for better stormwater management and create healthy livable communities.

NJNA neighbours have supported Bowker Creek Initiative (BCI) goals and objectives since its inception and have served as volunteers on the BCI Outreach Subcommittee since 2007. The NJNA appreciates your continued commitment to the Bowker Creek Initiative and implementation of the *Blueprint*.

Pat May,

With best regards,

Jean Johnson,

Wilma Peters,

Directors of the North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

Kathrynn Foster,

Chair of the NJNA Spirit Garden Committee

cc. Natalie Bandringa, BCI Coordinator

cci. Steve Fifield, City of Victoria Engineer

ccii. Ian Graeme, Director, Friends of Bowker Creek