

Mayor and Council  
Oak Bay

### **Bowker Creek Blueprint**

The Bowker Creek Blueprint has now been finalized, following in-depth consultation with all stakeholders including this Association and members of the public.

The Blueprint is a response to both changing societal values and emerging urban watershed science. It provides a framework for policy development, and it also presents site-specific actionable plans. When implemented, these policies and plans will restore many of the watershed's ecological functions and at the same time help to create the physical and social environment essential for a healthy and sustainable urban community.

Clearly some of the individual activities in the Blueprint will require further analysis, some creative thinking and significant community consultation before implementation, especially those relating to day lighting the Creek. Nevertheless, as a whole, the Blueprint provides a coherent strategic guide for both the concerned councils and for community groups.

On this basis the Association endorses the report and urges the Council to do likewise. Moreover, since achievement of the Blueprint's goals and objectives requires municipal action rather than simple endorsement, we urge the Council to act on relevant aspects of the Blueprint's 10 Key Actions without delay.

Sincerely,

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