

November 19, 2012

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

RE: Bowker Creek Blueprint (BCI)

Dear Mayor & Council:

The Mount Tolmie Community Association Board of Directors is pleased to endorse and offer support for the Bowker Creek Initiative and the Bowker Creek Blueprint – A 100-year action plan to restore Bowker Creek.

After review of the blueprint and with some of our members attending events to have a better understanding of the initiative, and some of us walking and visually seeing the creek areas and the environment surrounding, it is very clear the importance and impact this blueprint has for our community.

Not only does this blueprint enhance the efforts of our association's boundary area be a green-way corridor, it will allow for our community to be more vibrant. The positive impact on the environment also meets the goals of what Saanich is trying to achieve in respect to climate change.

We encourage the District of Saanich to ensure that implementation of the Blueprint happens and that careful monitoring of developments and changes in the community reflect the objectives of this blueprint. It is also important to mention that we hope that Saanich will examine the impact of Bowker Creek when reviewing the proposal of the Clay Tennis Courts at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center site. We would hope that in the near future there is signage put up at the exact site of this proposal, special signage of where Bowker Creek is and how it could potentially be impacted with this proposal.

The MTCA appreciates the District of Saanich support of this initiative and we look forward to continued collaboration with you, BCI and other community groups to ensure the implementation of it takes place in an efficient and timely manner.

Sincerely,

Marlene Bergstrom

President, Mount Tolmie Community Association

Cc: Bowker Creek Initiative (BCI)