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Jody Watson, Chair
Bowker Creek Initiative

Dear Jody:

**RE: BOWKER CREEK BLUEPRINT: A 100-YEAR ACTION PLAN TO RESTORE
THE BOWKER CREEK WATERSHED**

The University of Victoria is proud to be an active participant in the Bowker Creek Initiative and to have played a role in the development of the *Bowker Creek Blueprint: A 100-year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek Watershed*. The document is a comprehensive plan that identifies the challenges facing the watershed and the actions that can be undertaken to help improve the vitality of the creek system.

The principles in the Blueprint align with those that the University employs to manage its grounds, natural areas and open spaces as part of its stewardship of campus resources. The recommended actions which are outlined will help improve the vitality of the watershed and assist the University in setting work program priorities and activities relating to open space management, natural area protection, infrastructure planning and storm water management. It will be a key reference for management of the Bowker Creek headwaters located on campus and for the work undertaken by staff in the Facilities Management Department and Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability. The Blueprint will also be useful as a resource for the next update of the Campus Plan in 2014.

Our office looks forward to continued cooperation and collaborative working relationships with other stakeholders at the local government level and in the community in advancing this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Neil Connelly
Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability
