



Convening for Action on Vancouver Island
Leadership in Water Sustainability



Showcasing Green Infrastructure Innovation on Vancouver Island: The New Business As Usual

WHEN & WHERE:

Friday, September 12, 2008	Town of View Royal
Friday, September 26, 2008	City of Langford
Friday, October 10, 2008	University of Victoria
2009 (date to be determined)	Bowker Creek Initiative

Each event comprises presentations in the morning and a tour of project sites in the afternoon

WHO:

The Series will be of interest to Engineering, Planning, Public Works, Development Services, Parks and Environment Departments in Regional Districts and Municipalities

Note: *The Series is eligible for professional development credits!*

AGENDA:

Refer to page 2 for details of **September 12** program

TO REGISTER FOR SEPT 12:

Contact **Marlene Mullett** at the Town of View Royal at mmullett@town.viewroyal.bc.ca or Tel: 250-479-6800

The registration fee is \$25 to cover catering costs. Please make cheques payable to the Town.

Attendance will be capped at 32. First come, first served. So respond quickly! Payment will guarantee your seat. To accommodate lunch arrangements, the deadline for registration is **Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

Bring appropriate footwear and a reflective vest because we will be walking along roadways; and wear clothing suitable for a walk through the forest - rain or shine.

Showcasing Innovation in the Town of View Royal: 'Design with Nature and be Rewarded with Infrastructure Grants'

The Town of View Royal will showcase its Transportation Master Plan, with the spotlight on the implementation strategy for reconstruction and enhancement of the old Island Highway in phases. Through a comprehensive consultation process, the community has embraced a holistic, ecosystem approach that looks for opportunities and synergies to achieve multiple objectives when replacing and/or retrofitting municipal infrastructure. A desired outcome is a liveable community that is in harmony with nature.

In 2007, the Town's vision and innovation was rewarded by a \$7.4 million grant to fund the first phase of the old Island Highway project. A driver is restoration of water quality in Portage Inlet, often described as the jewel of Victoria.

The project achieves five of six elements of a Design with Nature strategy. Furthermore, this regional precedent demonstrates what is meant by *The New Business As Usual*, establishes new and higher expectations for an environmental approach to infrastructure design, and sets a provincial benchmark for other municipalities to measure themselves against when applying for senior government funding.

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Time	Program for Friday, September 12, 2008	Speakers
0830	Meet & Greet at the Town of View Royal Municipal Hall	
CONTEXT PRESENTATIONS (Kim Stephens, Moderator)		
0900	Context & Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Remarks ▪ Convening for Action on Vancouver Island: Leadership in Water Sustainability ▪ Green Infrastructure: Today's Expectations are Tomorrow's Standards 	Mayor Graham Hill Eric Bonham, CAVI Glen Brown, MCD
0925	The New Business As Usual: Restoration of Portage Inlet Drives Enhancement of the Old Island Highway View Royal developed an innovative Design with Nature strategy to obtain senior government funding for retrofitting the old Island Highway with transportation and rainwater management enhancements. These will achieve environmental, water quality and social sustainability objectives at both the road and community scales. The Town is sharing its <i>Gas Tax Agreement Grant Template</i> with other municipalities.	Emmet McCusker
	Rainwater Management: Constructing a Successful Rain Garden Rain gardens are a core element of the Design with Nature strategy for enhancement of the old Island Highway. The right mix of soil and the right selection of plants are key to cleaning and absorbing rainwater runoff. This segment will include a "Bill Nye type" demonstration of dirty water being cleansed when it flows through soil.	Lehna Malmkvist (Swell Consulting)
1025	<i>Take a break and get ready for the Group Exercise!</i>	
1040	Group Exercise – Applying the Green Infrastructure Grant Template Working groups will apply the View Royal Template to develop a grant application that achieves integration of transportation and drainage objectives. To provide case study reality, attendees will be invited to pre-submit (by August 31) an aerial photo of an area of their municipality that could be the subject of a future grant application.	Facilitated by Emmet McCusker & Wayne Gibson (Bunt Engineering)
1200	"My Rain Garden" – Fostering an Ethic to Maintain Roadway Amenities Homeowners fronting on roadways will be involved in the decision-making for rain garden plant selection. This is the first step to generating the personal interest that will lead to homeowner commitment to undertake ongoing rain garden maintenance.	Emmet McCusker
1215	<i>Lunch will be served!</i>	
1300	Walkabout Portage Park – Rail Trail – Island Highway	
1400	And While You Have the Road Dug Up! – Vision for a Municipally Owned Fibre Optics Network Someone has to take the first step, and then others will follow. A View Royal vision for a regional fibre optic network owned by local government would create opportunities for local government to generate new revenue streams.	Gareth Shearman & Garth Graham, Free Net Society
1430	<i>That's all folks!</i>	

For more information on the Showcasing Innovation Series, contact sustainabilitycoordinator@shaw.ca