

# Bowker Creek Forum: An Integrated Approach to Urban Watershed Management

Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

## Agenda Overview

The Bowker Creek Forum creates an opportunity to learn about urban watershed management successes and challenges from the Bowker Creek Initiative – a multi-jurisdictional pilot project in the Capital Regional District. A desired outcome in holding the Bowker Creek Forum is to share information about successful approaches, so that they can be replicated in other jurisdictions. In addition, this forum will be a chance for regional organizations, businesses and community members to learn more about and celebrate the accomplishments of the Bowker Creek Initiative.

1000 - 1200	<p><b>Bowker Creek Blueprint: A 100-Year Action Plan to Restore the Watershed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Mission Possible: Convening for Action on Vancouver Island</b> Opening Address (<i>Eric Bonham</i>) (10 minutes)</li> <li><b>2. Bowker Creek Blueprint Development</b> (<i>Ian Graeme / Jody Watson</i>) (45 minutes) Members of the Bowker Creek Initiative will share the unique approach taken to develop the Bowker Creek Blueprint. They will discuss the key factors to their success, some of the challenges they faced and how they navigated through rough waters to complete the development of the Bowker Creek Blueprint.</li> <li><b>3. Blueprint Actions</b> (<i>Tanis Gower</i>) (45 minutes) The BCI Coordinator will unveil the Bowker Creek Blueprint – a 100 year action plan to restore the Bowker Creek watershed. The watershed-wide management actions, site-specific creek corridor actions, incorporation of greenways and the watershed health monitoring plan will be discussed.  <b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b> Participants will understand the context for the Bowker Creek Blueprint, and what the Blueprint entails</li> </ol>
Lunch	Take a break & continue the conversation. View posters
1245 – 1530	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4. Blueprint Implementation</b> (<i>Adriane Pollard / Steve Fifield / Jody Watson</i>) (45 minutes) Looking ahead to the implementation of the Blueprint, BCI members will share ideas on key factors for success, expected challenges of competing priorities and multiple jurisdictions, keeping the plan alive and updated and creating synergies with other initiative (i.e. climate action, Bill 27, I&amp;I). Success stories of incremental on-the-ground actions, such as the creation of the Trent Street raingarden will also be shared.  <b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b> Sharing challenges to encourage discussion of solutions</li> </ol> <p><b>Implementing watershed practices – conversations with other jurisdictions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>5. Just How Do You Obtain a Topsoil Layer for Rainwater Infiltration?</b> (<i>Susan Rutherford/ Remi Dube</i>)(45 minutes) Elaborate on how the Green Infrastructure Partnership has collaborated with the City of Courtenay, City of Surrey and District of North Vancouver to produce a <i>Topsoil Law and Policy and Technical Primer Set</i> that has BC-wide relevance, utility and applicability.  <b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b> Participants will understand how other local governments are implementing a watershed-friendly practice, and how this might apply to their area</li> <li><b>6. Group discussion about implementing a new culture for watershed restoration and management</b> (<i>one hour</i>) Participants will have a group discussion to share stories about implementing a new culture for watershed restoration and management across other jurisdiction on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland.  <b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b> Participants will be inspired to move from awareness to action</li> </ol>