



**Council Member Motion
For the Council Meeting of November 21, 2019**

Date: November 14, 2019
From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday
Subject: Strengthening Regulations to Clean Up Local Waterways

Background:

The University Victoria Environmental Law Centre has published two reports with recommendations for actions within local government jurisdiction to improve rainwater management and clean up local waterways (see Attachments 1 and 2).

The City of Victoria's Strategic Plan 2019-2022 identifies the following ongoing actions :

- "Work with partners to clean up the harbour and steward waterways";
- "Promote rain gardens and improve water quality entering waterways".

It is therefore recommended that Council refer these reports to staff, to report back in the context of existing work on these Strategic Priorities on options for strengthening regulations to improve rainwater quality.

Recommendations:

That Council:

1. Refer the University of Victoria Environmental Law Centre reports on *Cleaning Up CRD Waterways and Beaches (2019)* and *Re-Inventing Rainwater Management (2010)* to staff to inform implementation of existing Strategic Priorities relating to stewardship of rainwater and waterways.
2. Direct staff to include consideration of the following recommendations in the next update to Council on Strategic Priorities relating to stewardship of rainwater and waterways:
 - (a) Ending disposal of contaminated stormwater into waterways via the City of Victoria's stormwater system by 2025, through regulation and infrastructure improvements;
 - (b) Amending the Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Utilities Bylaw to regulate commercial and private car washing activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Loveday

Attachments:

1. UVic Environmental Law Centre, *Cleaning Up CRD Waterways and Beaches* (2019)
2. UVic Environmental Law Centre, *Re-Inventing Rainwater Management* (2010)