



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 24, 2022**

Date: February 19, 2022

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Subject: Protection of the Ivy Place Greenway in Perpetuity as a Natural Area

Background:

The Ivy Place Greenway is a biologically diverse natural area in the heart of the Oaklands neighbourhood, in close proximity to Oaklands Elementary School and Oaklands Community Centre.

For decades, members of the public have stewarded this natural area through a volunteer stewardship group, including planting and maintaining native-plant species in conjunction with an enhancement project funded by the City of Victoria in 2015.

To preserve this vital natural area in perpetuity and safeguard the prior investment of volunteer labour and municipal funds, it is recommended that Council endorse in principle the closure of a portion or all of the Ivy Place Greenway. It is also recommended that Council direct staff to report back at the next triennial update on the advisability of providing permanent protection to the Ivy Place Greenway through a road closure bylaw.

Recommendations:

That Council:

1. Endorses in principle the protection of a portion or all of the Ivy Place greenway in perpetuity as a biologically diverse natural area.
2. Directs staff to report back at the next triannual update on the advisability of providing permanent protection to a portion or all of the greenway through a road closure bylaw.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Loveday

Attachments:

1. Ivy Place Greenway Ecosystem Plan (2015)