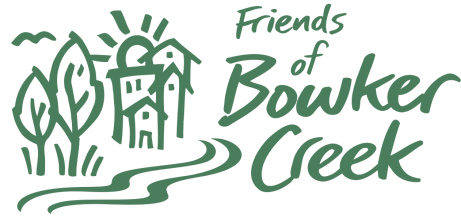


November 23, 2023

Chair Nicole Duncan and Trustees  
Board of Education  
Greater Victoria School District No. 61  
556 Boleskine Road  
Victoria, BC V8Z 1E8



Dear Chair Duncan and Trustees:

**Re: Withdrawal of Victoria Hospice's Offer to Purchase Lansdowne South property**

The *Friends of Bowker Creek Society* supports the Victoria Hospice Society's recent decision to withdraw its proposal to purchase and develop the 1.3-acre parcel adjacent to Bowker Creek at the south campus of Lansdowne Middle School.

We sincerely appreciate the Board of Trustees' [November 10 public statement](#) and understand that the District no longer plans to sell any of the Lansdowne South school lands in the immediate future. We fully support maintaining this property in public ownership and look forward to working with SD61, the school community, Rightsholders, the Bowker Creek Initiative, municipalities and other community interests to explore opportunities for land- and water-based learning, creek restoration and flood mitigation. As an existing partnership, the Bowker Creek Initiative is likely well positioned to help facilitate these discussions.

We look forward to working with you and your staff.

Yours truly,

Ian Graeme  
Interim Co-Chair  
Friends of Bowker Creek Society

cc: Mark Baggot, Manager of Building Operations, SD61  
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