



e-Bulletin #24 - Resilient Saanich Updates

We have [Resilient Saanich](#) updates to share, including a recent Report to Council and First Nations consultations.

Report to Council January 2023

A Resilient Saanich status update report was received and discussed by [Saanich Council on January 16, 2023](#). Council stated that they expect to receive a final draft Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, environmental policy framework and other deliverables before the end of 2023.

In 2023 there will be many opportunities for public engagement in the upcoming phases of the Resilient Saanich deliverables or tasks:

- [State of Biodiversity Draft Report](#) to Council March 13, 2023
- [Biodiversity Conservation Strategy](#) public engagement beginning in March or April (including: online, targeted consultation, survey and open houses)

Website Updates

Updates have been made to the [Resilient Saanich webpages](#), including the project timeline and updates as we move into Milestone 3 of the initiative.

Consultation with First Nations

The Resilient Saanich process has included a number of steps to increase consultation and engagement with First Nations and Indigenous Peoples. After reaching out to Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ Nations, the [Resilient Saanich Technical Committee \(RSTC\)](#) and staff had meetings with the [WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council \(WLC\)](#) Environment Committee.

Saanich and First Nations government-to-government relations and overall relationship building is important to Saanich and the Resilient Saanich process. Last month a workshop was co-hosted by the WLC/ Tsawout community and the Resilient Saanich

team (staff, RSTC and consultants) for interested community members and leaders to meet and discuss biodiversity, urban forests and topics of concern. Work in 2023 includes plans to continue meeting, consulting with and reaching out to First Nations and Indigenous Peoples in order to build relationships and work towards collaboration. A key goal is to strengthen Indigenous and First Nations interests, perspectives and opportunities within the upcoming Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and [Urban Forest Strategy update](#). These processes are also seen as part of ongoing and long-term relationship building, along with Saanich's [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) with the WLC](#).

We look forward to hearing from the public on the next steps of this initiative very soon and throughout 2023.

Thank you,

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