

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Annual cleaning program diverts pollutants from Nanaimo's waterways**

*Catch basin cleaning program set to begin*

#### **Summary**

Starting Monday, June 5, Public Works staff and contractors will be out cleaning the City's inventory of stormwater catch basins.

Starting in the Duke Point area, crews will work their way north via the east to Dickinson Road then back south via the west to Cinnabar Valley. The annual catch basin cleaning program is expected to be complete by September 1, 2017.

*Strategic Link:* The catch basin cleaning program promotes the City's priorities of Asset Management and Environmental Responsibility through the regular maintenance and inspection of assets and diverting pollutants from waterways.

#### **Key Points**

- During the program storm sewer grates are pulled off and the catch basin is then cleaned out using a vacuum truck. The material is then separated from any water, dried and taken to the landfill.
- Approximately 9,500-11,000 basins are expected to be cleaned.
- Commuters are asked to watch for flaggers and crews on the roads.

#### **Quotes**

"Regular cleaning of catch basins shows the City's diligence to ensure environmentally sensitive areas such as waterways remain free from potential pollutants, this also serves as an inspection for any deficiencies with the catch basins that may need repairing. The City thanks commuters for watching out for Crews working on our roadways as we undertake this important project."

Wayne Roulston  
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#### **Quick Facts**

- First Call Energy was contracted to conduct this year's catch basin cleaning program with City staff.

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