

Water quality testing and improvements for George, Thomas and Big John Creeks

Tsleil-Waututh Nation, the District of North Vancouver and Metro Vancouver Regional District are working together on a water quality project for Thomas, George and Big John Creeks. These creeks flow through urban areas, the Northlands Golf Course, TWN reserve lands and cross a Metro Vancouver Regional District sewer trunk line before emptying into Burrard Inlet. The project will identify locations where urban contaminants may be of concern in these local creeks, and take measures to improve creek water quality.

As part of this collaborative project, workers will be investigating piped stormwater systems, collecting creek water samples for analysis, and testing siphons located along the Dollarton Highway sewer trunk line. Investigative and remedial work will run over the summer months from June – Sept 2019.

George, Thomas and Big John Creeks are a vital resource to the TWN people and clean freshwater is necessary to support healthy populations of indigenous plants, fish, and to support cultural and ceremonial activities.

All residents and business operators are reminded to keep harmful contaminants away from natural creeks and storm drains.

Urban contaminants – which may include fecal coliform bacteria, metals, pesticides, detergents, paints, petroleum products, and more are readily transported into sensitive natural creeks through the storm drain (piped) system. The presence of contaminants in creeks is harmful to the environment and is a health and safety concern for people.



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