

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Annual catch basin cleaning program to begin April 15, 2024**

*Crews set to clean 10,000 catch basins in Nanaimo*

#### **Summary**

Beginning Monday, April 15, City of Nanaimo Public Works staff and contractors will be out cleaning the City's inventory of storm water catch basins.

Starting in the Duke Point area, crews will work their way north along various streets of Nanaimo. This work involves large equipment and staff working on the road. Please approach with caution and obey traffic control personnel's directions. The annual catch basin cleaning program is expected to be complete by August.

*Strategic Link: N/A*

#### **Key Points**

- During the program, storm drain grates are pulled off and the catch basin is then cleaned out using a vacuum truck. An inspection is then conducted for any deficiencies. The material is then disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.
- Groess Environmental Services has been contracted to conduct the 2024 catch basin cleaning program with City of Nanaimo Public Works staff.
- Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians are asked to watch for crews and traffic control personnel on the roads, and be aware of missing grates near the work zone.

#### **Quotes**

"Nanaimo's storm drains play an important role in collecting the rainwater from roads, which then empties into the ocean. Through our annual maintenance program, we are able to divert pollutants from our waterways. Furthermore, it provides an opportunity for our staff to inspect each catch basin to identify any needed repairs."

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