



VIHA lifts Bowker advisory

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An advisory asking people to stay away from Bowker Creek has been lifted.

On April 25, the Vancouver Island Health Authority cautioned the public and notified all neighbouring schools after a ball of cooking grease clogged a sewage line and caused human waste to seep into the creek. It is thought the blockage occurred in the vicinity of Hillside Shopping Centre.

Recent water samples from the urban stream indicate contamination levels have returned to normal, said Dr. Richard Stanwick, VIHA's chief medical health officer.

The creek was already considered unsafe for swimming or wading in because of waterfowl and wildlife fecal matter.

Bowker Creek runs through Saanich, Victoria and Oak Bay.

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