



August 31, 2026

Reference: 193547

Mark Baker
Board Chair, Strathcona Regional District
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Campbell River BC V9W 7Z8
Email: mbaker@srd.ca

Dear Chair Baker and Board of Directors:

Thank you for meeting with me on August 20, 2026, regarding Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Establishment Bylaw, 1990, Amendment No. 3 (Bylaw No. 643) and your intention to obtain assent of the electors for the whole service area.

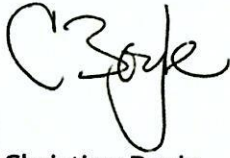
Although the *Local Government Act* allows approval to be determined using a single vote across the entire proposed service area, this approach seems to have created considerable concern from Quadra Island residents. Among the concerns expressed by Quadra residents are questions about the data and analysis as it relates to demonstrated use of the service, a lack of direct public engagement by the Strathcona Regional District (SRD), and that the larger communities' votes can outweigh Quadra Island voters. Residents have shared that they feel this could undermine confidence in the process.

It is my preference that separate participating area approval be obtained for this amendment. This would offer a clearer demonstration of community support and assist in maintaining public trust. That said, the SRD's approach to participating area approval remains a decision to be made by the SRD Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. I appreciate the SRD Board's efforts to ensure that the interests of affected communities are appropriately balanced and reflected throughout the approval process.

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Sincerely,

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Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

cc: Dave Leitch, Chief Administrative Officer, Strathcona Regional District

Edith Watson

From: Irvine, Jessica HMA:EX <Jessica.Irvine@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 12, 2026 8:21 AM
To: Edith Watson; Stojkovic, Josipa HMA:EX
Cc: David Leitch; Mark Baker; Susan Sinnott
Subject: RE: Bylaw No. 643, Strathcona Gardens Recreation Service

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Good morning Edith,

I have this meeting confirmed in Minister Boyle's calendar for August 20th at 11:00am. I will attach the MS Teams link for the meeting to the bottom of this email.

Thank you and have a great day,

Jessica Irvine

Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

August 20th, 11:00am

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Sent: August 11, 2026 3:59 PM

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Hi Josipa,

Thank you for your email.

Please reserve August 20, 2026 at 11:00 am for the meeting and confirm the meeting details when convenient.

Kind regards,

Edith Watson, CMC

Chief Election Officer

Manager, Corporate Operations

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Senior Advisor to Hon. Christine Boyle

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To: Edith Watson
Subject: FW: Bylaw No. 643, Strathcona Gardens Recreation Service
Attachments: 20260731 Baker-Sinnott to MHA re Bylaw No 643.pdf

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Edith,
How about you ask them to book the 20th at 11am time. I haven't heard back from either Susan or Mark but we should probably hold a time before it disappears.

Dave

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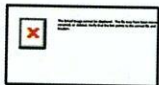
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File: RD25A-29.08

August 10, 2026

Corporate Officer
Strathcona Regional District
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Re: Bylaw No. 643, being Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Establishment Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 3

Enclosed is one copy of the above bylaw approved under the provisions of section 349 of the *Local Government Act* (Act).

The Regional Board may now seek the assent of the electors by conducting a vote in accordance with Part 4 [*Assent Voting*] of the Act. Part 4 applies in its entirety to the conduct of this vote and should be consulted before making any arrangements. Of particular significance are critical deadlines with respect to the vote including:

- general voting day must be within 80 days of the Inspector's approval of the bylaw (section 174 of the Act);
- in order for a bylaw under section 175 of the Act to apply to assent voting it must be adopted at least 6 weeks before general voting day (section 175 of the Act);
- the Chief Election Officer must issue notice of assent voting at least 6 but not more than 30 days before general voting day (section 176 of the Act);
- the Chief Election Officer must issue notice of application to volunteer as a scrutineer not more than 30 days before the scrutineer application period begins (section 182 of the Act); and
- the Chief Election Officer must establish a 10 day scrutineer application period such that scrutineers can be appointed before the first voting opportunity (section 183 of the Act).

Since many of the provision of Part 3 of the Act apply to this vote, review of that Part is also recommended. Part 3 provides direction on such matters as: appointment of officials; registration; voting opportunities and arrangements; and counting procedures.

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Assent voting is subject to the requirements of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act* (LECFA) and Elections BC should be notified of any upcoming assent voting opportunities.

Additionally, we would appreciate being advised of the results of the vote. If the vote is in the affirmative, the Board may proceed with adoption of the bylaw.

Once the bylaw has been adopted by the Board, please forward one certified copy of the bylaw to our office as required under section 349(7) of the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Courcy". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Danny" and "Courcy" being capitalized and prominent.

Danny Courcy
Governance Analyst

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT



BYLAW NO. 643

Certified a true and correct copy of
Bylaw No. 643 as given third reading by
the Board of the Strathcona Regional
District on the 29th day of April, 2026.

T. Yates, Corporate Officer

Date June 17, 2026

A BYLAW TO AMEND THE STRATHCONA GARDENS RECREATION CENTRE SERVICE

WHEREAS the former Comox-Strathcona Regional District has, by Bylaw No. 1214, established a service to provide recreation facilities and programs at the Strathcona Gardens recreation facility;

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned service was transferred to the Strathcona Regional District by supplementary letters patent effective February 15, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the City of Campbell River and Electoral Area D are participants in the Strathcona gardens recreation facility service;

AND WHEREAS Regional Board wishes to amend the provisions of the said recreation facility service by including a portion of Electoral Area C into the service area;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the electors has been obtained pursuant to section 349 of the *Local Government Act*;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Amendments

1. 1) Section 1 of Bylaw No. 1214 is amended by deleting the words "for Electoral Area D and the District of Campbell River" so that the section reads as follows:

1. The area created under supplementary Letters Patent dated February 19, 1971 and March 9, 1977 is hereby established as a local service and shall be known as the "Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Area".

- 2) A new section 1C is added to Bylaw No. 1214 as follows:

Participating Areas

- 1C. The City of Campbell River, Electoral Area C and Electoral Area D are participants in the Strathcona Gardens recreation centre service.

- 3) A new section 1D is added to Bylaw No. 1214 as follows:

Service Area Boundaries

1D. The boundaries of the service area shall include the entirety of the City of Campbell River, Electoral Area D and that part of Electoral Area C shown outlined on Appendix 'A', attached to and forming part of this bylaw.

3) Section 3 is deleted in its entirety and a new section 3 is substituted therefor as follows:

Apportionment of Costs

3. The amount to be recovered by requisition shall be calculated on the basis of the converted values for hospital purposes in the participating areas as follows:

- a) City of Campbell River – 100% of property assessments,
- b) Electoral Area D – 90% of property assessments, and
- c) That part of Electoral Area C included as a participating area for the service – 80% of property assessments.

Citation

2. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as Bylaw No. 643, being Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Establishment Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 3.

READ A FIRST TIME ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES ON THE DAY OF , 2026

APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORS OBTAINED ON THE DAY OF , 2026

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE DAY OF , 2026

Chair

Corporate Officer



Appendix 'A' to Bylaw No. 643



Statutory Approval

Under the provisions of section 349

of the Local Government Act

I hereby approve Bylaw No. 643

of the Strathcona Regional District,

a copy of which is attached hereto.

Dated this 31st ***day***

of July ***, 2026***

Deputy Inspector of Municipalities



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Attention: Honorable Christine Boyle

Dear Minister Boyle:

RE: BYLAW NO. 643, STRATHCONA GARDENS RECREATION SERVICE

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter regarding Bylaw No. 643, Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Bylaw. As the SRD Board Chair and Vice Chair, we welcome the opportunity to provide background on the Boards decision making process and response to your questions.

The consideration of Bylaw No. 643 did not arise solely from a Strathcona Gardens-specific review, but from a broader examination of regional services, infrastructure needs, and long-term sustainability across the Strathcona Regional District beginning in 2021. The SRD is a diverse regional district with much of the population residing immediately adjacent, (Quadra Island), or directly connected to the City of Campbell River, (Electoral Area D). Residents throughout these communities rely on Campbell River as their hub for healthcare, professional services, employment, education, recreation and other essential services. Ensuring necessary regional infrastructure and amenities are operated through a model that reflects the community's needs and available access is a primary objective for regional districts.

As you have expressed interest in hearing from the Regional District Boards perspective, we have attempted to address the points in your letter with the following.

Ferry Access

The ferry service bridges our region; it does not divide it. The Campbell River–Quadra Island ferry route is one of the most frequently operated short-distance ferry connections in BC. This is demonstrated by a 15-minute crossing time, with more than 20,000 annual sailings, carrying nearly one million passengers. This level of service between Campbell River–Quadra Island reflects the relationship between the two communities where the crossing is used by hundreds of residents travelling on a daily basis, including teenage students for their education and recreation. The ferry connection is evidence of the fundamental connection Quadra Island residents have with Campbell River and is no greater a barrier than residents using other modes of transportation such as public transit from other neighboring communities.

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Direct Community Engagement

The Regional Recreation direction began in 2021 when the SRD Board approved a Regional Recreation Feasibility Study to explore potential opportunities for regional collaboration and recreation service delivery in the SRD. The consulting firm (RCS) engaged to undertake the initial analysis has extensive experience with regional recreation service models, including the RDN–Gabriola Island recreation service review, and also conducts user count surveys that inform ongoing understanding of facility usage.

The sequence of consulting studies, staff reports and Board direction has been transparent and visible to the public as demonstrated by community feedback, public attendance at Board meetings, correspondence, delegations, petitions, meetings with staff, director media engagement, publicly available reports, Area's C and D director surveys as well as numerous social media posts. The correspondence received has been detailed, informed, and substantive, and residents have demonstrated a strong understanding of the implications of the bylaw so as to make an informed decision through a collective assent voting process.

Usage Based Analysis

Utilization data collected from the SRD's facility registration program for last five years identified 944 unique user accounts with Quadra Island postal codes—approximately one-third of the island's population—with additional significant use not captured through registrations, including school programs, Island Health partnerships, organized sport, summer camps, and drop-in admissions. Independent data sources, including facility records, mobility analysis, and the RCS funding models review, consistently demonstrate meaningful use, and support expanded participation. Given a population of approximately 2,800 residents, it can be reasoned that 33% of residents have used the facility to some degree.

User Fees

Undoubtedly, local government owned and operated amenities in British Columbia such as recreation facilities are funded primarily by tax requisition, with user fees only covering a small percentage of the operating costs. Public recreation facilities are materially supported through taxation because they provide broader community benefits beyond the individual user. Taxation broadens the funding base by including residential, commercial, industrial, utility, and managed forest properties, which helps reduce the cost burden placed directly on affected residents.

Programs such as swimming lessons, youth activities, and community recreation programming are intentionally subsidized because they provide larger public benefits, including health and wellness. Regional amenities and services such as libraries, transit, public health, education and 9-1-1 emergency services are examples of how the local, provincial and federal government's support services because they are available for the benefit of the broader community and not taxed by the frequency of usage. The SRD Board does not wish to create a separate class of Quadra Island users who pay higher fees to access a regional amenity. Charging groups of people, including First Nations, significantly higher user fees would create an inequitable outcome for many and would discourage participation for those that may not be able to afford higher user fees.

Director Assent and Contribution Models

Consistent with the consultant's analysis, only Quadra Island, and not the entirety of Electoral Area C, is being proposed as an additional participant in the Strathcona Gardens recreation service. As this was a regional study looking at all potential service models, a further recommendation was that Electoral Area A be considered as a service participant in the Sayward Valley Kelsey Center recreation facility.

Provided to the SRD Board for discussion, Directors debated funding models that included levels of declining requisition for both Quadra Island as well as Area D. Recognizing different levels of accessibility between the three participating areas, the SRD Board ultimately supported a bylaw with a tiered level of requisition for Quadra at 80%, reducing Area D to 90%, and Campbell River at 100%.

The proposal is not simply to add another participant to an existing service. The proposal would establish a revised service area, alter the current governance structure, and create a tiered funding obligation among all participating communities so, the SRD Board supported a resolution to proceed with assent voting across the areas collectively.

As we understand, a comparable sequence of Board decisions occurred at the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN). For many years, Electoral Area E (NanOOSE Bay) was not included in the Ravensong Aquatic Centre service area because residents claimed they used other facilities in Nanaimo. In 2021, following concerns that NanOOSE Bay residents were using and had access to the facility without contributing to its costs, the RDN Board initiated a process to amend the service area to include Electoral Area E. We believe their Board resolved to amend the service establishing bylaw by using the consent of at least two-thirds of the participants, a form of consent that includes directors and no public consultation, supported by the Ministry.

In the SRD's case, the Board has chosen to proceed with assent voting, providing all eligible electors within the proposed service area with the opportunity to vote on whether the service should be established and funded on the proposed basis. This approach reflects the Board's decision to seek direct democratic approval from affected electors before expanding the service area and implementing the associated funding model.

A separate assent vote by each participating area would effectively provide each jurisdiction with an independent veto over their participation in a regional service while maintaining their current accessibility and benefit. It could also create unintended incentives where an area may choose not to participate simply because another community is perceived as having free access.

Regional services inherently require collective decision-making because the benefits and costs extend beyond individual boundaries. If every participating area could independently opt out of services while continuing to benefit from regional infrastructure, shared public services and amenities would become virtually impossible to maintain.

The Board therefore concluded that a service-wide assent vote best reflects the regional nature of the proposed service, while still ensuring that all electors who would assume financial responsibility have the opportunity to participate in the decision.

Role of Local Government

The role of the SRD Board is to be the governing body responsible for making decisions on behalf of its residents within the region and overseeing services that are shared across multiple communities. Regional Boards balance the interests of taxpayers, service users, electoral areas and municipalities when making decisions that affect their constituents.

The Board's principal objective in advancing Bylaw No. 643 is to establish a governance and funding model for the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre that reflects the communities the facility serves today and in the future. Recreation facilities are not discretionary amenities; they are essential public infrastructure that contribute to community health, quality of life, and economic development. Communities seeking to attract and retain physicians, healthcare workers, educators, skilled tradespeople, and entrepreneurs must offer more than employment opportunities alone. Access to

quality recreation facilities, parks, cultural amenities, and community services has become an important consideration for individuals and families when deciding where to live, and neighboring communities to Campbell River are equal beneficiaries.

The Board appreciates your interest in this matter and remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province and participating communities to support the fairness, long-term sustainability and well-being of the region. If the Minister would like to meet and discuss further, we will be happy to participate.

Sincerely,



Mark Baker, Chair



Susan Sinnott, Vice Chair



July 23, 2026

Reference: 193078

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Email: mbaker@srd.ca

Dear Chair Baker and Board of Directors:

I am writing to you today in regard to Bylaw No. 643, Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Establishment Bylaw 1990, Amendment No. 3 (Bylaw No. 643).

As you may be aware, the Ministry has received considerable public outreach regarding Bylaw No. 643. The concerns raised have focused on several issues, such as the inclusion of Quadra Island in the service area, considering residents need to take a ferry to access the recreation centre, the level of direct community engagement undertaken, questions regarding the extent of the analysis and data put forth in the study, as well as the decision to seek elector assent for the amendment across the whole service area rather than by each participant separately.

Given the higher than usual level of public interest and concern, I would appreciate hearing from the Board about how these issues have been considered and responded to.

I am also interested in understanding whether there may be alternative approaches that could be explored and would encourage greater regional collaboration and community confidence moving forward. For example:

- Has the Board considered, or is the Board open to considering, alternative funding models? This could include classes of user fees, usage-based contribution models supported by survey data, or phased taxation increases informed by demonstrated facility utilization, as well as consideration of approaches used in other regional districts with island or rural communities that access services in a nearby urban center.

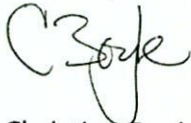
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- Has the Board considered interim options, such as higher user fees for user communities and visitors that are not participants in the service, that would allow for some cost recovery while additional analyses on usage patterns and main island and off-island perspectives are collected and examined? This may provide a more gradual approach to service expansion that is supported by public engagement.

I recognize and respect the important role local governments play in delivering services and making decisions that reflect local priorities. At the same time, the legislation provides mechanisms for greater ministerial involvement where circumstances warrant. In this instance, the *Local Government Act* includes provisions under section 349(5) that allow the Minister the option to consider requiring a separate assent vote. My interest is ensuring that the chosen path reflects public confidence, transparency, and long-term sustainability of the service.

I welcome a written response, or I am happy to have a conversation to further discuss Bylaw No. 643 in the coming weeks. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact my office by phone at 236-478-3970 or by email at HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Christine Boyle

Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

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