



August 31, 2026

Reference: 193547

Mark Baker  
Board Chair, Strathcona Regional District  
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Campbell River BC V9W 7Z8  
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Dear Chair Baker and Board of Directors:

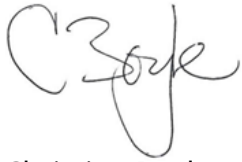
Thank you for meeting with me on August 20, 2026, regarding Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service Establishment Bylaw, 1990, Amendment No. 3 (Bylaw No. 643) and your intention to obtain assent of the electors for the whole service area.

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.

Sincerely,

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Christine Boyle  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

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



File: RD25A-29.08

August 10, 2026

Corporate Officer  
Strathcona Regional District  
990 Cedar Street  
Campbell River, BC V9W 7Z8

**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,

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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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.



T. Yates, Corporate Officer

Date June 17, 2026

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE STRATHCONA GARDENS RECREATION CENTRE SERVICE**

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**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 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026**

**READ A SECOND TIME ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026**

**READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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Chair

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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***        **31<sup>st</sup>**        ***day***

***of***        ***July***        ***, 2026***

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**Deputy Inspector of Municipalities**