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Strathcona Regional District saddened by the sudden passing of Director Jude Schooner

Campbell River, BC – Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Board Director Jude Schooner passed away suddenly at her home in Tahsis on Friday, February 16, 2018.

Director Schooner joined the SRD Board in 2011. She served on several committees, including acting as the Chair of both the First Nations Relations Committee and the Municipal Services Committee. She represented the SRD on the provincial Marine Planning Partnership Committee and the Community Health Network.

"We are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Director Schooner's sudden passing. She was a strong advocate for the Village of Tahsis and the Strathcona region. With her straight-forward and diplomatic manner, she quickly and easily created positive relationships with Board members, local municipal and provincial elected officials, First Nations and the various agencies and stakeholders with whom she worked. She was passionate about protecting the environment, healthcare, economic development, inclusivity and the rights of all British Columbians. I know that we are not alone in saying she will be greatly missed," says SRD Board Chair Michele Babchuk. "On a personal level, I have worked alongside Jude since she joined the Board, and I found her to be an incredible woman who was passionate about her community, her family, First Nations and the area. I will miss working alongside her, as will the rest of the SRD Directors."

Director Schooner had recently announced she would be stepping down from the SRD Board in April due to ongoing health concerns.

"Director Schooner's positivity, vision and diplomacy will be missed by all of us at the SRD. She was a strong voice for the region and her insight, local knowledge and ability to create strong, positive relationships was an asset for all of us," says SRD CAO David Leitch.

Tahsis councilor Brenda Overton will fill Director Schooner's position on the SRD Board until the October 2018 municipal elections.

The Strathcona Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing services to approximately 43,000 residents.

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