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Re: Strathcona Regional District Assent Voting – Proposed Bylaw 643 (the "Proposed Bylaw")

I represent a group of electors who reside and vote in Area C, on Quadra Island.

The Proposed Bylaw seeks to amend a service establishing bylaw and therefore requires participating area approval. On April 29, 2026, the Regional District Board considered the following motion:

> Smyth/Chapman: SRD 369/26
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> THAT approval of the electors for Bylaw No. 643 be sought through an assent voting process to be held concurrently with the 2026 local government elections, and
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> THAT the voting be conducted throughout the entire service area and proposed service area.

In consequence of that motion, I understand that in July 2026, the Board passed a resolution appointing each of you as the election officers for assent voting on the Proposed Bylaw.

The provisions of Divisions 4 and 5 of Part 10 of the *Local Government Act* require that assent voting seeking approval of the Proposed Bylaw be obtained separately for each participating area in the proposed service area, unless a Board resolution provides otherwise. The Directors recognized this in the second part of the motion referenced above.

However, any such resolution must be "by resolution adopted by 2/3 of the votes cast". This did not occur. The result is that the assent vote and any approval flowing from that vote must be obtained separately for Area C Quadra Island.

The purpose of this letter is to put you on notice that if you make a final determination of assent voting results under Sections 179 (145) of the *Local Government Act* determining that assent has been given, on a basis other than by ensuring that voting is conducted separately within each service area and the proposed service area C Quadra Island, my clients intend to bring an application to the Supreme Court of British Columbia in accordance with Section 153 of the *Local Government Act* to invalidate the vote. My clients may also seek an injunction to prohibit adoption of Bylaw 643 pending a determination of the outstanding issues.

Yours sincerely,

COX, TAYLOR



Per:

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Cc: clients

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