

Based on the sources and our conversation history, Directors Robyn Mawhinney and Gerald Whalley blocked the third reading of development applications in Electoral Area D on two primary occasions in 2023. These incidents are identified as part of a multi-year strategy of **"targeted administrative friction"** and "hostage-taking" politics.

1. Bylaw No. 519 (BurrIDGE/Craig Road Rezoning)

The most severe instance occurred during the processing of **Bylaw No. 519**, a coordinated "infill" rezoning for eight adjoining residential lots on Neigel Crescent, Jody Lynne Way, and Craig Road.

- **The Block (Motion SRD 875/23):** Despite the application having full community support and being endorsed by professional planning staff as compliant with the Official Community Plan (OCP), Directors Mawhinney and Whalley **voted to defeat the third reading**.
- **The Legal Fallout:** The sources label this as **"quasi-judicial abuse"** and administrative malpractice. The directors only rescinded their "No" votes and authorized a **second public hearing** (Motion SRD 1078/23) after being faced with the **explicit threat of a major private lawsuit** for bad-faith decision-making.
- **** Consequence:**** This maneuver forced eight local families to endure a redundant and stressful procedural "reset" and cost taxpayers unnecessary staff hours.

2. Bylaws No. 503 and 504 (Couverdon York Road Subdivision)

The sources identify this file as the primary target of **"Phase 2" obstruction** by the rural block.

- **The Block (Motion SRD 722/23):** After the public hearing was completed and the application reached the 3rd reading stage, Director John Rice moved to proceed with the reading (SRD 721/23) 15. However, **Directors Mawhinney and Whalley intervened** with a motion to refer the entire matter back to the Electoral Areas Services Committee (EASC) to "seek further information".
- **Legal Risks:** This was a "highly unusual" move because, under the *Local Government Act*, receiving new information after a public hearing closes is strictly prohibited and can lead to a bylaw being **quashed by the BC Supreme Court**.
- **Consequence:** This tactic successfully stalled the land-use approvals for the 6-lot country residential subdivision after it had already cleared its statutory requirements.

Summary of Obstruction Chronology

Application, Motion to Block, Procedural Tactic, Consequence

Couverdon (Bylaws 503/504), SRD 722/23, Referral to EASC at 3rd reading stage Post-hearing interference; legal risk of bylaw quashing.

BurrIDGE (Bylaw 519), SRD 875/23, Defeated 3rd reading despite full compliance, "Forced ""U-turn"" under legal threat; redundant 2nd public hearing."

These actions illustrate a pattern where routine Area D business was weaponized as "political pawns" to settle unrelated regional disputes, such as the Strathcona Gardens expansion.