

The motions regarding the **Black Creek/Oyster Bay (BCOB) water system (SRD 10/24 and 11/24)** record a significant legislative commitment to securing long-term water infrastructure for residents in the southern portion of Electoral Area D. By authorizing a **\$84,887** contribution for the **Well No. 6 project**, the board successfully advanced a critical sub-regional asset through inter-regional cooperation.

The Technical Focus: BCOB Well No. 6

The Black Creek/Oyster Bay water system is a joint service that straddles the boundary between the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) and the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD).

- **Infrastructure Need:** The "Well No. 6 project" is a technical effort to increase the system's capacity and reliability to meet the demands of a growing population.
- **Fiscal Strategy:** The funding is drawn from the **Electoral Area D Community Works Fund**, a strategic use of federal/provincial transfers intended for local infrastructure. This approach mirrors the strategy used for **transit improvements**, where you successfully leveraged grants to preserve local reserves for future projects like the Glenmore Road Transit Exchange.

Inter-Regional Cooperation and Governance

Motion **SRD 11/24** explicitly makes the funding "subject to finalization of an agreement regarding cost sharing with the Comox Valley Regional District". This reflects the **"Leadership and Collaboration"** principle of the **Bylaw No. 513 Code of Conduct**, which encourages team-oriented governance to solve shared regional problems 2.

Strategic Significance for the 2026 Election

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 local election**, these motions serve as a factual anchor for your **"Forward or Backward"** campaign narrative 7:

- **Building Tomorrow Together:** You use the BCOB Well No. 6 project as proof of your ability to "Build Tomorrow Together" by securing vital infrastructure through professional, data-backed agreements rather than political theater.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** By using the Community Works Fund for this \$84,887 contribution, you demonstrate a commitment to **protecting local ratepayers** from the full cost of infrastructure expansion, similar to the **\$2.8 million grant** you secured for universal water metering.