

The motions recorded in **SRD 501/25 and 502/25** represent a major strategic milestone for your **"Forward"** platform, transitioning the Electoral Area D Stormwater Management Plan from a theoretical study into a high-standard engineering phase. By initiating an RFP for **detailed design services** in priority flood zones, the Board has moved to resolve a decades-old "regulatory gap" that has left private properties vulnerable to road-runoff damage.

1. Technical Context: Moving to Detailed Design

These motions mark the completion of the feasibility phase and the commencement of the actual engineering blueprints required for construction.

- **Targeting "Hot Spots":** The RFP specifically focuses on **Catchment Area C and the Oyster Bay rest area** 631, Query. These were identified in earlier engineering reports (Source 558) as high-risk zones where the "interflow" water table rises as close as 0.5 metres to the surface, causing chronic flooding.
- **Jurisdictional Gap:** This project addresses the reality that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is legally prohibited from managing water once it leaves a road right-of-way and enters **private property**. By designing a dedicated regional service, you are providing residents with the first formal recourse for drainage issues in the area's history.

2. Fiscal Stewardship: Leveraging Gas Tax for Grant Readiness

The funding model for **SRD 502/25** is a primary exhibit of your results-oriented financial strategy 1361, Query:

- **Funding Mix:** The project utilizes **\$150,000** from the 2025 Feasibility Study budget, with the balance drawn from **unallocated Area D Gas Tax (Community Works Fund)**.
- **Protecting Local Reserves:** By leveraging federal transfers (Gas Tax) for the design phase, you are delivering a professional engineering product without adding a single cent to local property tax requisitions for this stage.
- **Positioning for Millions:** Completing "detailed designs" is a strict prerequisite for applying for major **Provincial and Federal infrastructure grants**. This investment ensures Area D is "shelf-ready" to secure millions in construction funding to build the actual outfalls, culverts, and basins needed.

3. Governance Dynamics:

The procedural handling of these motions documents a return to **functional governance** after a term defined by "targeted administrative friction":

- **Adhering to Principles:** By awarding this contract based on a professional CAO report, the Board fulfilled the **"Accountability"** principle of the **Bylaw No. 513 Code of Conduct**, ensuring the expansion of regional services is rooted in engineering data rather than political whims 40, 1363, Query.

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 501/25 and 502/25** transitions the stormwater file from a technical recommendation into a **construction-ready priority**. It documents your role as a **principled steward** who prioritizes regional health and grant-supported safety services.