

The **March 17, 2026, Sub-Regional Recreation Study**, conducted by consultants RC Strategies, provides data-backed evidence that residents of **Quadra Island (Electoral Area C)** are significant users of the Strathcona Gardens recreation facility.

The study's key findings regarding Quadra Island usage include:

- **Disproportionate Non-Contributing Usage:** The report explicitly proved that Quadra Island residents account for **66% of all non-contributing regional accounts** at Strathcona Gardens. The booking software for the gardens shows 944 accounts have been created unique to Quadra Island.
- **Functional Catchment Area:** Based on a "45-minute drive radius" baseline test, the study placed Quadra Island firmly within the facility's **functional catchment area 3**.
- **High-Volume Accessibility:** Consultants noted that the Quathiaski Cove ferry route supports nearly **934,000 annual passengers**, facilitating routine and frequent access for islanders to the Campbell River-based hub. With 59 daily ferries starting at 6:00 am to Campbell River, and ending with the last sailing at 11:30 pm back to Quadra, running 365 days of the year, this is not a service established for seasonal tourists.
- **Specialized Program Demand:** The data indicate that Quadra residents heavily utilize the facility for **youth sports, aquatics, and medical rehabilitation programs**.
- **Regional Outlier Status:** The study argued that because of this high usage, the Strathcona Regional District was a **complete outlier** on Vancouver Island by forcing only Campbell River and Area D taxpayers to carry 100% of the costs for a regional asset .

Ultimately, the study concluded there is a clear **"misalignment"** between the communities that benefit from the facility and the narrow tax base currently supporting it.. This data served as the primary justification for the Board's subsequent move to include Quadra Island in the facility's funding model through **Bylaw No. 643**. .