

Director's Report – June 2026

1. Transportation & Infrastructure Updates

Ministry of Transportation and Transit Presentation

At the Electoral Areas Services Committee (EASC) meeting on June 10th, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit delivered an informative presentation outlining completed regional projects, upcoming works, and current budget cycles and pressures.

- **Area D Road Improvements:** Culvert relining on Highway 19A is now complete, and infrastructure improvements for Glenmore Road remain firmly on track for this year.
- **Roadside Maintenance:** Ditch and roadside clearing is scheduled to begin shortly. Mainroad has acknowledged specific concerns regarding Bier Road and Dillman Road, with work expected to commence soon.

Transit Shelters and Bus Stops

The transit shelter and bus stop project is officially complete.

- **Fiscal Responsibility:** By securing funding through the UBCM-administered Community Works Fund—which supports rural infrastructure—this project was delivered at zero additional cost to local taxpayers.
- **Budget Success:** Thanks to strong cooperation with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, the project was successfully completed **\$27,000 under budget**.

2. Community Health & Facilities

Seniors Long-Term Care (Campbell River)

- **Project Paused:** Despite long-standing provincial commitments paired with a demonstrated need on the North Island, the Province has paused the seniors' long-term care projects.
- **Ongoing Advocacy:** The Strathcona Regional District, Comox Valley Regional District, and the City of Campbell River have held joint meetings with provincial representatives to advocate for these facilities, though these discussions have not yet yielded new results. We will continue to push for progress.

Strathcona Gardens Arena Expansion

The Strathcona Regional District has released significant updates regarding the future of Strathcona Gardens.

- **Third Ice Rink Approved:** The latest expansion plans successfully incorporate all feedback and requests from local user groups, ensuring the addition of a third ice rink. This expansion guarantees the facility remains a vital community asset for decades to come.
- **Financial Sustainability:** The entire scope of work will be completed strictly within the borrowing limits previously approved by service participants.
- **Special Acknowledgments:** As Vice Chair of the Gardens Commission, I want to thank the community user groups for their invaluable input over the past months. Special thanks also go to City of Campbell River CAO Elle Brovold for her vital behind-the-scenes work, and to Mayor Kermit Dahl for his continued support.