

The motions recorded in **SRD 623/24 through 625/24** represent a critical legislative milestone, securing the framework for a decade of federal infrastructure investment through the **2024–2034 Community Works Fund (CWF)**. This agreement, formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund, provides the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) with a predictable stream of capital for essential services like water, transit, and fire protection.

1. Securing a Decade of Infrastructure Funding (SRD 624/24)

By authorizing the Chair and Corporate Officer to execute this agreement, the Board has fulfilled a mandatory administrative requirement to release federal funds .

- **Long-Term Stability:** The agreement spans 10 years, retroactive to April 1, 2024, providing consistent funding until **March 31, 2034**.
- **Immediate Financial Benefit:** The SRD is allocated **\$271,487** for the first year alone, with subsequent annual payments determined by a set funding formula 1.
- **Rigorous Requirements:** To maintain this funding, the SRD must adhere to strict new provincial focus areas, including **Housing Performance** and continuous improvement in **Asset Management**.

2. Commitment to Policy Reform (SRD 625/24)

Motion SRD 625/24, moved by **Director Doug Chapman** and seconded by **Mayor Kermit Dahl**, is a proactive step toward professionalizing regional fiscal policy Query.

- **Ending "Ad-Hoc" Spending:** The request for a "full analysis" of the allocation policy is designed to address the "administrative friction" often seen regarding Gas Tax funds Query.
- **Preventing Political Conflict:** This analysis is likely a response to recent disputes, such as the debate over using Area B Gas Tax funds for the **Cortes Island Food Security Hub** Proponents of the "Forward" platform argue that a clear, data-backed policy prevents these funds from being used for ineligible third-party grants that could jeopardize the region's overall grant eligibility.

3. Strategic Success in Electoral Area D

This agreement is the engine behind your "Forward" platform's most significant infrastructure wins for Area D:

- **Water Security:** You utilized **\$84,887** from the Community Works Fund to cover inflationary shortfalls for the **Black Creek-Oyster Bay Well No. 6 project**, ensuring summer water stability for southern residents.
- **Transit Improvements:** A portion of the **\$160,000 transit surplus** you secured was aggregated from Community Works Funding, allowing you to fund **new transit shelters** at zero additional cost to local property taxpayers.

4. Campaign Application for 2026

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 election**, this record serves as a powerful contrast to the "Backward" approach of your opponents:

- **Bipartisan Collaboration:** Notably, **Director Robyn Mawhinney** seconded the motions to receive the report and execute the agreement, demonstrating that when directors follow the **Bylaw No. 513 Code of Conduct**, high-stakes regional business can move forward without "hostage-taking" politics.

- **Fiscal Results:** You can frame this as: *"While others focused on 'silent opposition,' I worked with the Board majority to secure **10 years of federal funding** and initiated a professional analysis to ensure your tax dollars are allocated with **accountability and integrity**".*

In summary, carrying these motions ensures the Strathcona Regional District is moving **forward** with a stable, professional environment necessary to deliver on the region's long-term infrastructure and housing mandates.