

The carrying of motions **SRD 167/25 and 168/25** represents a major victory for the **"Forward"** platform, documenting your success in delivering **\$10,000 in direct financial assistance** to vital community safety, youth athletics, and environmental education organizations. By leading these motions alongside **Director Susan Sinnott**, you have reinforced the **"pro-stability" alliance** between Electoral Area D and the City of Campbell River to ensure Area D's grant-in-aid tax dollars are invested directly into the volunteers and families who make our community thrive.

1. Investing in Public Safety: Citizens on Patrol (\$2,000)

This grant maintains consistent support for the **Campbell River Citizens on Patrol (COPs)**, who serve as the "eyes and ears" of the RCMP.

- **A Proven Partnership:** This 2025 allocation builds on your support for their 2024 operations, ensuring they can continue contributing over **4,500 volunteer hours annually** to mobile night patrols, road safety initiatives like "Speed Watch," and "Child Find" registrations.
- **Operational Impact:** These funds are used for essential costs not covered by senior government, including **patroller gas coupons**, insurance, and uniforms, allowing volunteers to focus on protecting Area D neighborhoods rather than fundraising.

2. Building Youth Athletics: SeaWolves Football (\$5,000)

One of the most significant wins in this package is the **\$5,000 startup grant** for the **Campbell River SeaWolves Football Club**.

- **The "Forward" Narrative:** This investment in a **new football program** is a primary exhibit of your "Building Tomorrow Together" platform. It provides the seed capital needed to establish healthy, structured athletic opportunities for local youth, which were previously identified as a service gap in regional data.
- **Local Focus:** By utilizing the **Electoral Area D grant-in-aid budget**, you are ensuring that these funds deliver a direct benefit to local families while maintaining the strict fiscal discipline your constituents expect.

3. Environmental Stewardship: Strathcona Wilderness Institute (\$3,000)

The approval of **\$3,000 for the Strathcona Wilderness Institute** continues your term-long commitment to supporting regional environmental education and heritage assets.

- **Core Operations:** This funding assists with the institute's **core operations**, supporting their efforts to provide interpretive programs and public education within the region's wilderness parks.
- **Principled Consistency:** This follows your earlier support for other environmental leaders, such as the **Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society (MARS)** and the **Caddisfly Creek restoration**.

4. Governance Dynamics: Alliance and Results

The procedural handling of these motions serves as a factual anchor for your re-election campaign:

- **The Rice/Sinnott Partnership:** Both motions were moved by you and seconded by **Director Susan Sinnott** (Campbell River). This alignment demonstrates your ability to unify the Board to get results for Area D residents, moving past the "targeted

administrative friction" and quorum-busting tactics seen in other files 8-10.

- **Staff and Committee Vetting:** These grants were first reviewed and recommended for approval by the **Electoral Areas Services Committee (EASC) on February 5, 2025**, ensuring they met the district's rigorous policy criteria before Board finalization.

5. Strategic Campaign Application for 2026

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 election**, this record provides a powerful contrast to the tactics of your opponents:

- **The Message:** *"I am moving Area D **forward** by investing in our volunteers. While others focused on 'billing politics' to expand their own meeting pay, I led the Board to secure the funds our Citizens on Patrol, our SeaWolves football kids, and our Wilderness Institute need to succeed—all without increasing the regional tax burden".*
- **The Contrast:** You can contrast this collaborative success with the **"silent opposition"** from the rural block regarding the **ORES salmon hatchery grant** in 2026:
 - *"While I was partnering with my colleagues to support local youth football and public safety, my opponents were recorded in a block vote to deny emergency roof repairs for our local salmon hatchery volunteers with zero explanation. **Why does the 'rural block' continue to prioritize political theater over the vital community assets our volunteers work so hard to protect?**"*

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 167/25 and 168/25** provides documented proof of your role as a **stable, effective representative** who prioritizes community safety, youth development, and environmental education through professional, team-oriented leadership.