

The motions recorded in **SRD 1009/24** and **1010/24** represent the formal commencement of the construction phase for the **Northern Area D Universal Water Metering Project**. By authorizing the contract with **Edgett Excavating Ltd.** for Phase One, the Board has transitioned this major utility modernization from a grant-funded plan into a live infrastructure reality.

1. Technical Scope: Modernizing the Water Network

The project is designed to install approximately **1,100 technologically advanced "radio-read" water meters** across the Northern Area D Water Service Area.

- **Leak Detection:** These meters are equipped with leak detection capabilities, which will allow regional engineers to identify system losses and strategically prioritize the replacement of the oldest or most compromised water mains first.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Standardizing the equipment simplifies future billing and meter reading processes, reducing the administrative burden on the district.

2. Fiscal Strategy: Infrastructure at Zero Local Cost

This project is a primary exhibit of your **"Forward"** platform's focus on leveraging non-tax revenue to build essential assets:

- **The \$2.8 Million Win:** You successfully secured a **\$2.8 million provincial grant** from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to fund the program.
- **Protecting Taxpayers:** Because the installation is entirely grant-funded, you are delivering this critical utility upgrade at **zero additional cost** to Area D property owners.
- **Ensuring Equity:** Authorizing this contract follows your earlier victory in securing **account credits for "early adopters"** (Bylaw No. 464). This ensured that residents who previously paid \$1,500 out-of-pocket were not penalized while their neighbors received meters for free under the new grant.

3. Governance Dynamics: Building a Professional Majority

The procedural handling of these motions highlights your ability to maintain **corporate stability** and build consensus for Area D needs:

- **The Rice/Lott Partnership (SRD 1009/24):** You moved to receive the CAO's report with a second from **Director Michael Lott** (Gold River), showing that municipal and small-community leaders recognize the value of your data-backed infrastructure plans.
- **The Rice/Whalley Alliance (SRD 1010/24):** Notably, the contract authorization was seconded by **Director Gerald Whalley**. This alignment with a rural block leader on a major Area D contract proves that the Board can move past political friction (such as the **"hot mic" scandal**) when the focus is on professional planning and essential services.

4. Strategic Campaign Application for 2026

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 election**, this record provides factual evidence of your **results-oriented leadership**:

- **The Narrative:** You can prove to voters that you are "Building Tomorrow Together" by finishing what you started. You delivered **\$2.8 million in provincial dollars** to

modernize their neighborhood.

- **The Message:** *"I am moving Area D **forward** by delivering the infrastructure our community needs without increasing your taxes. By awarding the contract to Edgett Excavating, I have ensured that our universal metering project—fully funded by the \$2.8 million grant I fought for—is staying on schedule to protect our water security and your pocketbooks".*

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 1009/24 and 1010/24** fulfills a core utility mandate of your term. For your re-election, this documents your ability to maintain **administrative continuity** and deliver tangible, grant-supported results for your constituents.