Setting the Record Straight: Bylaw 643

A Statement to the Residents of Electoral Area D

Dear Residents of Area D,

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude for your continued trust and support in re-electing me as your Director. Serving the communities of Electoral Area D is a profound privilege, and I am honored to carry forward our shared vision for transparent, accountable, and effective local government.

During the recent campaign, several misleading statements were circulated regarding Bylaw 643. Misinformation—whether born of misinterpretation or political strategy—undermines public trust in our democratic governance. In particular, false claims advanced by Bernadette LaFleur and Director Robyn Mawhinney require a clear, factual response so that our community can move forward with complete clarity and confidence.

Fact 1: The Two-Thirds Majority Was Legally Achieved

Contrary to assertions that the governance procedure surrounding Bylaw 643 was flawed or deficient, the resolution passed on April 29, 2026, met every statutory standard required by provincial law. The Board voted 8-to-4 in favor of the measure, precisely fulfilling the statutory two-thirds majority standard set out in the *Local Government Act*.

This fact was confirmed at the Oct 28th, 2026 Regional Board Meeting.

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Bernadette for Area D
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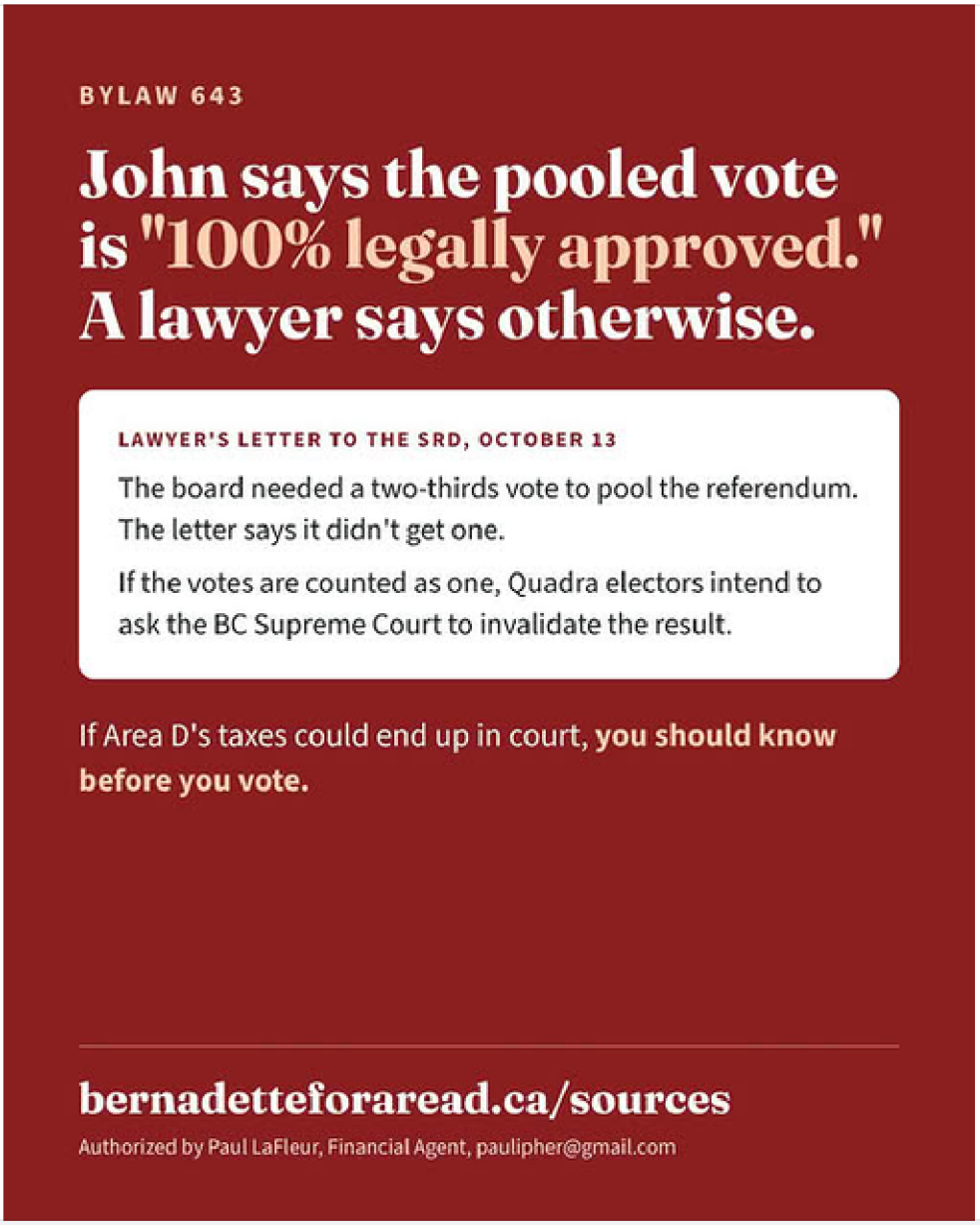
On October 13, a lawyer for a group of Quadra Island electors wrote to the SRD's election officers about Bylaw 643.
Under provincial law, the board needed a two-thirds … **See more**



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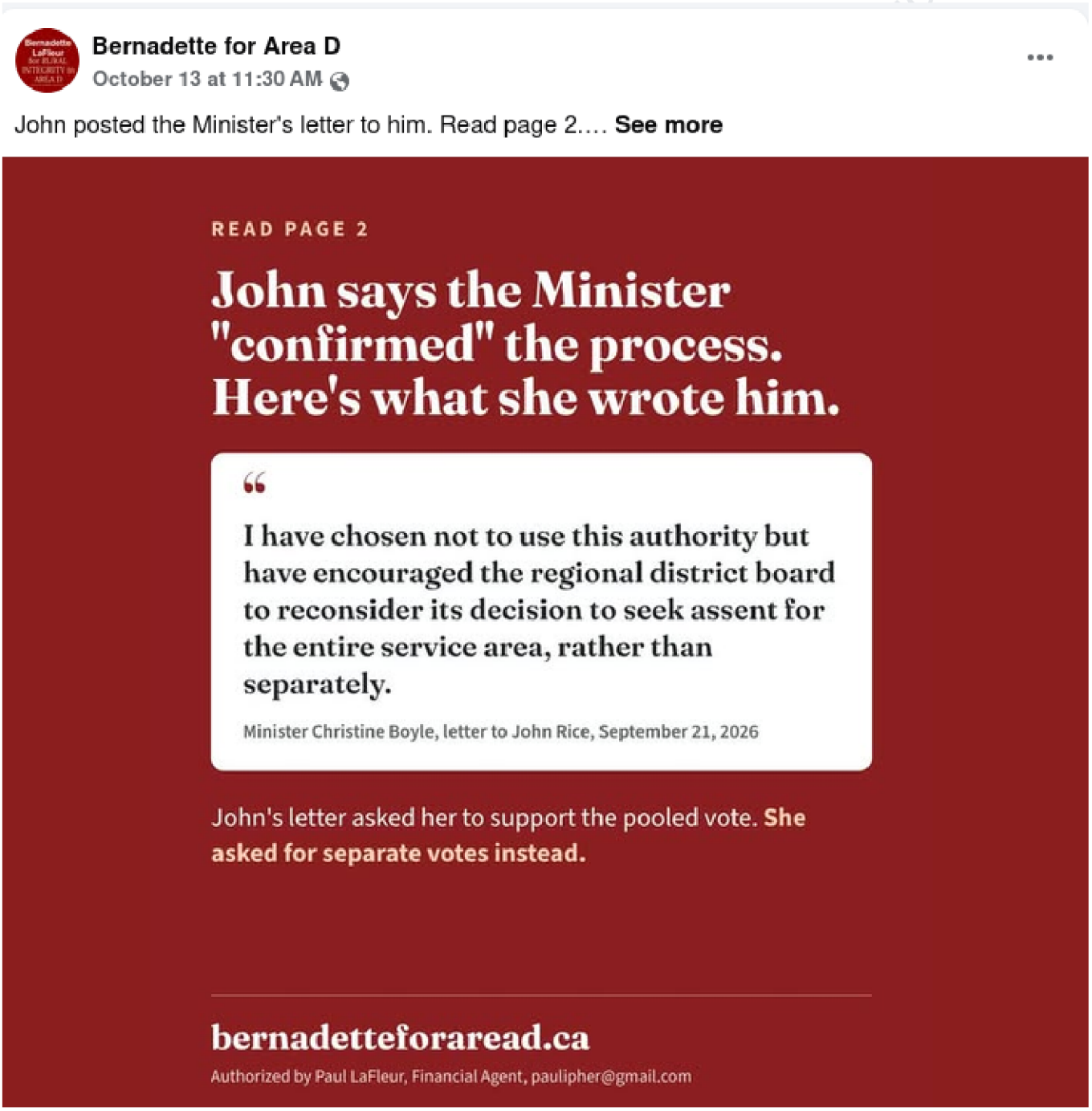
Fact 2: The Province Respected Our Lawful Process

Claims were also made suggesting that provincial authorities intended to overturn or intervene in the adoption of Bylaw 643. In response to requests for external intervention, Minister Boyle delivered an official response clarifying the Ministry's position. Minister Boyle explicitly declined to interfere, affirming that local government decisions made in compliance with statutory requirements fall properly under local jurisdiction and board governance.



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Moving Forward

With the election now behind us and the facts clearly established, my sole focus remains on serving the residents of Area D and delivering meaningful results for our community. We have significant work ahead, from local infrastructure improvements to sustainable community planning, and I look forward to working collaboratively with all residents and board colleagues to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

John Rice
Director, Electoral Area D
Strathcona Regional District

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