

The motions recorded in **SRD 875/24 and 876/24** regarding the **Pub to Pub (Jack Hames) Trail** represent a proactive effort to enhance public safety and jurisdictional clarity on one of Electoral Area D's most popular community assets. By directing staff to prepare a formal report on **Regional District signage**, the Board is addressing long-standing resident confusion and safety risks associated with the trail's multi-jurisdictional path.

1. Technical Necessity: Resolving Jurisdictional Confusion

The primary driver for these motions is the need to correct a persistent community misconception that the entire 3.5km waterfront trail is owned and managed by the Strathcona Regional District (SRD).

- **A Patchwork Path:** The trail actually traverses a complex mix of public lands, private properties, and regional parcels, including a designated off-leash dog area.
- **Confusing Signage:** Existing signs have been identified as inadequate and confusing even for long-term local residents.
- **The Mandate:** Motion SRD 876/24 specifically targets the installation of professional SRD signs on the **regional portions** of the trail to clearly define where the District's authority begins and ends .

2. Public Safety: Managing Hunting Activity Boundaries

A critical safety component of this initiative involves the trail's proximity to **Shelter Point Farms**, which hosts legal, provincial-regulated waterfowl and geese hunting.

- **Clarifying Boundaries:** Improved signage is required to explicitly notify trail users of property boundaries during hunting seasons.
- **Previous Wins:** This follow-up report builds on your earlier success where new signage was successfully installed at Shelter Point Farms specifically to warn trail users they are adjacent to active hunting areas.
- **Accessibility:** Because the trail is entirely flat and uniquely accessible to seniors and individuals with limited mobility, ensuring clear safety communication is a high-priority liability management task for the Board.

3. Governance Context: Functional Alliances

The procedural handling of these motions serves as a primary exhibit of your **"Forward"** platform's commitment to **corporate stability** and team-oriented leadership:

- **The Rice/Whalley Partnership (SRD 875/24):** You moved to receive the CAO's report with a second from **Director Gerald Whalley** Query. This cooperation with a rural block leader on a local Area D asset shows that when the focus is on practical community needs, you can move business past political friction.
- **The Rice/Sinnott Partnership (SRD 876/24):** The directive for the staff report was seconded by **Director Susan Sinnott** (Campbell River), reinforcing the pro-stability alliance between the City and Area D to solve shared regional safety challenges.

4. Strategic Campaign Application for 2026

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 election**, this file provides factual evidence of your focus on **community safety and infrastructure** :

- **The Narrative:** You are documented here resolving a decades-old signage issue to protect families and seniors.

- **The Message:** *"I am moving Area D **forward** by ensuring our trails are safe and our boundaries are clear. By authorizing this signage report, I am protecting our residents—especially our seniors and those with mobility challenges—from the confusion and safety risks of outdated signs along the Jack Hames Trail" .*

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 875/24 and 876/24** initiates the professional process required to modernize the **Pub to Pub Trail's** information system 4. For your re-election, this documents your ability to maintain **administrative continuity** and deliver tangible safety results for your constituents.