

The YouTube video provided is the official recording of **Part 2 of the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Regional Board Meeting held on 28 January 2026** 1. This session addressed critical regional initiatives ranging from affordable housing investigations on Quadra Island to the initiation of the five-year financial plan 1.

The following are the key highlights and deliberations from the meeting:

Quadra Island Development and Community Assets

- **Housing Investigation (Lots 7 and 8):** The Board approved further staff investigation into utilizing **Lots 7 and 8 (District Lot 216)** on Quadra Island for affordable and attainable housing initiatives 1. This follows earlier debates regarding the suitability of Crown lands for residential development 2, 3.
- **Recreation Society Contract:** The Board authorized a contract with the **Quadra Island Recreation Society** to manage operations and maintenance for the local community centre 1.
- **Subdivision Support:** Director Mawhinney led an item that resulted in the approval of an access easement required to support a specific subdivision on Quadra Island 1.

Regional Grant Opportunities

The Board authorized several grant applications to leverage external funding for local projects:

- **Pidcock Creek Watershed Assessment:** A capacity grant submission to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation was approved to support environmental stewardship 1.
- **Indigenous Cultural Safety:** The Board approved an application to host a "practicing cultural agility" session, which includes a boat tour of **Bute Inlet** for Vancouver Island emergency management professionals 1.
- **Community Regreening:** An application was authorized for a wetland restoration project at **Quadra Island Elementary School** to combat invasive species 1.

2026–2030 Draft Financial Plan

Staff delivered a detailed presentation on the draft financial plan, incorporating updated **BC Assessment data** 1. Key takeaways included:

- **Tax Impact Clarification:** Staff clarified that an increase in a property's assessed value does not automatically result in a linear tax increase; the impact depends on how an individual property's value shift compares to the **regional average market shift of 2.4%** 1.
- **Budget Trends:** The overall operating budget showed a slight decline compared to the previous year, primarily due to the completion of several large active grants 1.

Governance and Corporate Infrastructure

- **SRD Office Parking and Relocation:** A motion was narrowly carried (**6 in favour, 5 opposed**) directing staff to prepare a report on options for the SRD corporate office 1. The report will evaluate finding adequate parking for visitors and staff or **relocating the SRD offices entirely** 1.
- **Accessibility Barrier Feedback:** Board members discussed the challenges of reaching a quorum when coordinating remote members 1. They passed a motion

requiring partner organizations to provide detailed timelines for their internal accessibility action plans within 45 days 1.

- **Marine Debris Fund:** Prompted by the Greenways Land Trust regarding heavy debris like tire piles on shorelines, the Board authorized staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a **Marine Debris Response Contingency Fund** 1.

Community Celebrations

The Board voted to match the previous year's **\$15,000 grant contribution** to support regional **Canada Day celebrations** 1.

In summary, the 28 January 2026 meeting reflects a Board focused on **data-backed financial planning** and expanding **Indigenous-led environmental results** while grappling with narrow splits on internal corporate infrastructure and parking 1, 4, 5.