

The YouTube video link provided corresponds to the official recording of the **Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Board Meeting** held on **May 27, 2026** 1. This session combined high-level community presentations with significant internal leadership changes and a move toward modernized corporate communications 1-3.

The key highlights of the meeting include:

## 1. Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island Presentation

Veronica Carroll (CEO) and Lana Leblanc (Director of Family Impact and Programs) updated the Board on their "homes away from home" initiatives, which provide accommodation for regional families traveling so children can receive medical care 1, 4.

- **Existing Facilities:** They highlighted **Janice Place** in Victoria and **Klayu House** in Campbell River (an 8-bedroom facility built for \$4.6 million in community donor funds) 4, 5.
- **Expansion:** The foundation has broken ground on **Jesse's House** in Nanaimo, a 16-bedroom facility expected to open in April 2027 to support families traveling to the Nanaimo General Hospital and its upcoming cancer centre 4, 5.
- **Access Requirements:** The presenters clarified that families cannot self-refer; they must be connected via a referral form filled out by a medical professional, nurse, or dental office 4, 5.

## 2. New SRD Consolidated Website Launch

SRD staff and the digital agency *Up and Up* presented a complete overhaul of the regional district's online presence 2, 6.

- **Integrated Platform:** The new site combines the Strathcona Regional District and Strathcona Gardens platforms onto a single, mobile-first, and responsive Drupal platform 2, 6.
- **Modern Features:** Key improvements include a customizable "I want to..." action panel, enhanced filterable search, and an interactive **First Nations Story Map** 2, 6.
- **Engagement Hub:** The site features a proprietary **Projects and Initiatives Engagement Hub**, allowing residents to track community developments, view timelines, and take surveys without relying on external software 2, 6.

## 3. Significant Disciplinary Action: Vice-Chair Ouster

While not the primary focus of the initial presentations, this meeting served as the legislative venue for the formal **ouster of Board Vice-Chair Mark Vonesch** 3.

- **The Vote:** Following a contentious debate regarding the **"hot mic" scandal** and the April 29 quorum-busting attempt, the Board voted to strip Director Vonesch of his leadership role 3, 7.
- **Leadership Realignment:** **Director Susan Sinnott** was subsequently elected by secret ballot to replace Vonesch, cementing a municipal representative in the regional district's secondary leadership role 3, 8.

## 4. Procedural Outcomes

Following the delegation presentations, the Board voted to formally receive the reports 9. The session then transitioned into a restricted **in-camera (closed) meeting** to handle sensitive legal, property, or personnel matters as allowed under the *Community Charter*.

In summary, the May 27, 2026, meeting was a landmark session that balanced **corporate modernization** through a new digital interface with **principled leadership reform** following a severe breach of the Board's Code of Conduct 2, 3, 7.