

The YouTube video provided corresponds to the first portion of the **Strathcona Regional District (SRD) Board Meeting** held on **February 19, 2025** 1. This session was primarily defined by a delegation presentation regarding regional support systems for families with young children 1, 2.

Delegation: Early Years Programs & Services Inventory

Brenda Wagman (Coordinator of the Campbell River Early Year's Council and Family Network) and Elspeth Nicholson (Early Years Family Navigator with Campbell River Family Services) presented the results of a project funded by a previous SRD grant-in-aid 1, 2.

- **Project Outcome:** The funding was used to create a comprehensive directory and inventory of programs and services tailored for families with young children 2. The finalized directory has been published and is available to the public both online and in a physical booklet format 2.
- **Accessibility and Distribution:** To ensure easy access, the project utilized posters and handouts with **QR codes** for digital viewing 2. While physical hard copies are limited to "office only" reference for service providers due to budget constraints, the directory's reach extends across the entire region, including **Campbell River, Gold River, Tahsis, Zeballos, Sayward, Quadra Island, and Cortes Island** 2.
- **Service Model:** Although many physical services are concentrated in Campbell River as the regional hub, the directory includes multiple pages of online and provincial resources accessible to residents in more remote areas 2.
- **Sustainability:** The delegation expressed an intent to provide annual snapshots to keep the information current and offered to share their template with neighboring regional districts to help them build similar inventories 2.

Board Outcome and Transition

Following the presentation, the Board voted to formally **receive the delegation's report** 3. Immediately afterward, the Board voted to transition into a **closed (in-camera) session** to discuss matters restricted under the *Community Charter* 3.

The second half of this meeting, which followed the in-camera session, included a high-stakes and emotionally charged debate regarding the **Support Services Cost Allocation Formula** and the potential for a \$1.3 million requisition cut by the City of Campbell River 4-6.