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The Strathcona Regional District respectfully acknowledges that our corporate office and Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Ligwít̓daḵw̓ people. We also recognize that we operate within the traditional, treaty and unceded territories of the Ehattesaht / Chinehkint, Homalco, Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che: k'tles7et'h', Klahoose, K'ómoks, Kwiakah, Mowachaht / Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla'amin, Tlowitsis, We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations.

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October 12, 2023

To the Chair & Board of Directors of the Strathcona Regional District.

We, Donald and Beverley Bruce of Sayward Village, adamantly object to any proposal by the Strathcona Regional District to include either the Village of Sayward or SRD Area A in the service area for Strathcona Gardens.

Moreover, we oppose any proposal that results in Village of Sayward or Area A property taxes being used for the purpose of operating, maintaining, expanding, or enhancing the Strathcona Gardens facility in Campbell River.

If forced to pay for any upgrades to Strathcona Gardens Complex at the same rate Campbell River and Area D will pay would mean an enormous increase in property taxes for everyone of us for a service we will never use!

As you are no doubt aware, Sayward Village and Valley has a thriving recreation centre, Kelsey Centre, which our taxes already support. Again we stress that there is no need for Sayward Village or SRD Area A to pay for an expansion initiative for a facility in Campbell River 75 miles away, we do not want or will ever use.

In conclusion, we want it noted that we are pensioners on a very limited budget already. Most worryingly, we cannot afford to pay for this unfair taxation levy.

Sincerely,

**Don & Beverley Bruce
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