



**CAMPBELL RIVER**  
School District 72

October 23, 2024

Strathcona Regional District  
c/o David Leitch, Chief Administrative Officer

email: [dleitch@srd.ca](mailto:dleitch@srd.ca)

Dear Mr. Leitch:

I am writing in response to your emails to me shared at the October 15, 2024 SRD/ SD72 liaison meeting regarding school district property. In that correspondence was note of the SRD Board's resolution:

At its regular meeting held August 21, 2024 the Strathcona Regional District Board passed the following resolution:

*THAT a letter be sent to School District No. 72 enquiring whether or not there are lands available for either the School District to develop for housing over which they own or hold a license of occupation or right of access that they would be interested in disposing to the Regional District.*

The Board of Education for School District No 72 discussed your correspondence at its regular board meeting on October 15, 2024. The Board passed a motion at that meeting:

***THAT the Board directs staff to write a response to D Leitch's correspondence dated Sept 26, Oct 1 and Oct 4, 2024, denying the Strathcona Regional District's request for a list of properties that the Board wants to dispose of, noting the Board's retention of currently unused properties for future educational uses.***

The SD72 Board of Education is not considering the disposal of any properties within the Regional District at this time.

While not currently used for school sites, many SD72 Board owned properties (such as the property at 1478 Hyacinthe Bay Road on Quadra Island) have been held by the Board of Education for 60 years. The Board of Education has seriously weighed their custodianship of these parcels and their potential benefit to K-12 education within the region far into the future.

With the K-12 mandate now expanded to include childcare, school food programs, mental health and wellness, as well as the increasing focus on outdoor/nature-based education – and with consideration of potential future development and population growth – the Board of Education believes it would be premature to dispose of any of these properties within the SRD.

Our Board of Education is sensitive of the need to find affordable housing solutions in the Regional District, but housing is outside of their mandate and they are required to govern with consideration to the best interests of current and future students and public K-12 education needs.

We sincerely hope that your board can identify other suitable parcels for development for housing in the regional district.

Yours truly,

Kevin Patrick, CPA, CGA  
Secretary-Treasurer

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c. Kat Eddy, School District 72 Board Chair