

The motions recorded in **SRD 165/25 and 166/25** represent the successful authorization of a **\$2,750 grant** for the **Museum at Campbell River**, ensuring that vital regional cultural and educational assets remain accessible to the residents of Electoral Area D in 2025. By leading these motions, you (**Director John Rice**) have delivered a consistent, results-oriented outcome that maintains a cornerstone of the "Building Tomorrow Together" platform.

1. Technical Context: Supporting the 2025 Public Programming

The grant is specifically allocated to subsidize the Museum's diverse slate of educational and interactive programs. Based on the successful 2024 benchmark, this funding supports:

- **Affordability and Access:** The grant enables the Museum to continue offering **free admission every Wednesday** to all North Island residents, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent local families from accessing regional history.
- **Youth Education:** These funds support school-age and pre-school programming that serves approximately **6,000 children annually**, including workshops and public lectures.
- **Heritage Assets:** The allocation assists with special events and the maintenance/operation of unique historical assets, such as the **historic steam donkey**.

2. Governance Dynamics: The "Pro-Stability" Alliance

The procedural handling of these motions serves as a primary exhibit of the **partnership between Electoral Area D and the City of Campbell River**:

- **The Rice/Sinnott Partnership:** Both motions were moved by you and seconded by **Director Susan Sinnott** (Campbell River) Query. This alignment reinforces the pro-stability alliance that has successfully navigated the region past the "targeted administrative friction" and "quorum-busting" attempts seen in other files 5-7.
- **Restoring Order:** Processing this grant through the standard Board pipeline documents a return to **functional governance**, where routine community assistance is awarded based on technical merits and staff verification.

3. Strategic Campaign Application for 2026

In the context of the **October 17, 2026 election**, this record provides factual evidence of your **balanced, results-oriented leadership**:

- **The Narrative:** You can prove to voters that you are protecting their quality of life by supporting the institutions that educate their children and preserve their heritage.
- **The Message:** *"I am moving Area D **forward** by investing in our community's future. By securing the 2025 Museum grant, I have ensured our residents continue to enjoy free admission on Wednesdays and that 6,000 regional children have access to top-tier educational programs—all while maintaining the strict fiscal discipline Area D taxpayers expect".*

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 165/25 and 166/25** provides the **administrative continuity** necessary to support regional culture. It documents your ability to maintain a **stable, professional environment** that delivers tangible results for Area D families while protecting the financial integrity of the Regional District.