

The motions recorded in **SRD 107/26 through 110/26** represent a strategic victory for your **"Forward"** platform, securing the financial framework to transform **Mitlenatch Park** into a model of inclusive recreation SRD 108/26, SRD 109/26. By leading these motions alongside **Director Gerald Whalley**, you (**Director John Rice**) have successfully leveraged **\$70,000 in external grants** to deliver a \$130,000 infrastructure project at **zero additional cost** to local property taxpayers.

1. Technical Context: Inclusive Infrastructure

The project targets the replacement of end-of-life park structures with modern, accessible alternatives 2:

- **Accessible Play Structures (SRD 108/26):** The application to the **Rick Hansen RBC Barrier Buster Grant** seeks the maximum **\$40,000** to replace obsolete equipment, such as the seesaw and tire swing, with inclusive gear designed for children of all abilities.
- **Rubber Surfacing (SRD 109/26):** The **\$30,000 BC Tire Stewardship** grant will fund the installation of poured-in-place rubber surfacing 4. This material is manufactured in BC from scrap tires and provides the smooth, high-traction surface necessary for wheelchair accessibility.
- **Strict Timelines:** To maintain eligibility, the accessibility upgrades must be completed by **January 31, 2027**, with a mandatory community engagement celebration held by June 4, 2027.

2. Fiscal Stewardship: Leveraging Non-Tax Revenue

The funding model for these upgrades serves as a primary exhibit of your **principled fiscal stewardship**:

- **The CWF Matching Model (SRD 110/26):** By committing up to **\$60,000 from the Electoral Area D Community Works Fund (Gas Tax)**, you are utilizing federal transfers to "unlock" the \$70,000 in provincial and non-profit grants .
- **Protecting Pocketbooks:** This approach ensures that major community enhancements are delivered without increasing local property tax levies, fulfilling a core promise of your **"Building Tomorrow Together"** mandate.
- **Grant Readiness:** Securing these specific applications positions Area D to benefit from specialized funds that are often overlooked, such as the recycled rubber incentives from Tire Stewardship BC.

3. Governance Dynamics: The Rice/Whalley Alliance

The mover and seconder pattern for all four motions (Rice/Whalley) documents a return to **functional governance** on essential Area D business SRD 107/26-110/26, 14, 1075:

- **Bypassing Friction:** This unanimous procedural alignment with the leader of the "rural block" demonstrates that high-priority community safety and recreation files can move forward when backed by **professional staff reports** and objective data.
- **Restoring Order:** This collaborative advancement stands in sharp contrast to the **"Phase 3" obstruction** seen in land-use files, proving that your approach can unify the Board to deliver tangible results for families.

In summary, carrying motions **SRD 107/26 through 110/26** transitions Mitlenatch Park into a

standardized, accessible regional asset 27, 28. It documents your role as a **stable, effective representative** who priorities regional health and fiscal discipline.