



Date: September 16, 2026  
To: Council  
cc: Kim Ramsay, Alana Tapper  
From: Jo Swinemer, Community Development Coordinator  
Re: DRF - Uniacke District Home & School Playground Project Change

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## Original Application

Uniacke District Home & School applied under the District Recreation Fund first intake (January 31 deadline, March approval) for phase one of their playground improvement project.

The original project details:

- First step in multi-phase redevelopment of the playgrounds at the school. This first phase includes addition of one accessible/inclusive stand-alone playground component, an inclusive swing, and the construction of an accessible (crusher dust) pathway to connect the play space.
- **Total Project:** \$ 90,060
- Pending Funding - Provincial Recreation Facilities Development Grant
- **Requested DRF Funds:** \$22,500

Via motion **C26(102)** Council approved the request, with funding from districts 8 & 9.

| Uniacke District Home & School | Approved DRF    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| District 8                     | \$11,250        |
| District 9                     | \$11,250        |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | <b>\$22,500</b> |

## Resubmitted Application

Late this spring, the confirmation came from the province that they didn't receive the Recreation Facilities Development funding, which they had budgeted for. In the meantime, fundraising continued, and the gap narrowed. This month, staff received a revised application seeking additional funding for the project.

The proposed revised project has one main change from the planned poured-in-place rubber surfacing with engineered wood fibre. This change meets accessibility standards at significantly lower costs. The have remaining funding secured from fundraising and donations, and this \$4100 remaining means they can go ahead with phase 1

**Total Revised Project cost:** \$79,800  
**Approved DRF Funds:** \$22,500  
**Requested additional Funds:** \$ 4,100

Staff Grant Review Committee reviewed the resubmitted application and confirm it fits within policy. There is no secondary funding pending. The total funding will reach 33% of the project, which is maximum for DRF funding for CCRCE property, as per District Recreation Fund Policy.

## Recommendation

Staff recommend that Council approve support UDS Home & School's request. Original funding was split equally between Districts 8 & 9, and staff would recommend the same.

Recommended Motion:

***That Council approve additional District Recreation funding, above \$22,500 approved by motion C26(102) for Uniacke District Home and School as outlined below:***

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|---------------|---------------|
| District 8    | \$2050        |
| District 9    | \$2050        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$4100</b> |

Alternatives for Consideration:

1. Council could decide to defer funding decision and request a DRF staff report to be presented at October Executive Committee.
2. Council could also choose not to provide additional funding, leaving the 2026-2027 DRF allocation as previously approved.