



WHISTLER

REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

PRESENTED: February 4, 2020

REPORT: 20-016

FROM: Resort Experience

FILE: 8015

SUBJECT: ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

That the recommendation of the General Manager of Resort Experience be endorsed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support by written resolution, the Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant application for the following Valley Trail projects within our existing 2020 Project Budgets:

- X13602 VT Rainbow Park to Scotia Creek
- X13802 VT Millar Creek to Function Junction
- X13803 VT Alta Lake Rd Prism to Hwy 99

REFERENCES

Link – B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program Eligibility

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/funding-engagement-permits/funding-grants/active-transportation-infrastructure-grants>

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Province of British Columbia's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant application requires a Council resolution as proof of support for these projects to proceed if a grant(s) were awarded.

DISCUSSION

The Resort Operations Department is well positioned to submit three eligible "shelf ready" projects for the 2020/21 B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant (formerly BikeBC). The grant program provides cost-sharing opportunities up to 70 per cent and up to \$500,000 per eligible project for municipalities with a population under 15,000. The projects being suggested for grant application are already supported in the 2020 budget and there are no new financial commitments associated with the grant process. Grant application closing date is February 20, 2020, award date is early May 2020. Successful grant projects may back claim expenses as of April 1, 2020.

WHISTLER 2020 ANALYSIS

W2020 Strategy	TOWARD Descriptions of success that resolution moves us toward	Comments
Economic	Resort community partners work together to identify shared spending priorities, share resources, and leverage funds and financing opportunities	The Resort Operations team is committed to seeking all prudent opportunities available for financial savings.
Visitor Experience	The resort community's authentic sense of place and engaging, innovative and rewarding offerings attract visitors time and time again.	The valley trail network is one of Whistler's most celebrated amenities attracting and inspiring visitors around the world.
Energy	The energy system is continuously moving towards a state whereby a buildup of emissions and waste into air, land and water is eliminated.	Active transportation is a critical component of our community's ability to reduce our GHG emissions by providing alternatives to combustion engine travel.
Health & Social	Community members eat healthy food, exercise and engage in leisure and other activities that assist in preventing illness.	Connectivity of our valley trail throughout Whistler encourages use and supports health and fitness.

OTHER POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The 2020 projects in question are supported through goals and objectives defined in the RMOW OCP, Whistler Cycling Plan, Whistler 2020 and the Recreation Leisure Master Plan.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

There are no budget increase considerations. If successfully awarded a grant the money would potentially reduce budget expenditures for 2020 or, manage any additional costs associated with the said projects.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

Budget open house engagements have included these valley trail projects and have received positive feedback from community. Project specific public engagements including an open house in Function Junction and direct communication with stakeholders have occurred and will continue to occur through final planning and construction phases.

SUMMARY

The RMOW is in a great position to apply for the B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant for three Council supported valley trail projects. There is no downside to submitting these applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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