



## REPORT | ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO COUNCIL

**PRESENTED:** February 2, 2021  
**FROM:** Infrastructure Services  
**SUBJECT:** UBCM GRANT APPLICATION ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – LET'S MOVE WHISTLER

**REPORT:** 21-009  
**FILE:** 546

### COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**That** the recommendation of the General Manager of Infrastructure Services be endorsed.

### RECOMMENDATION

**That** Council endorse the Let's Move Whistler grant application to the UBCM as part of the Active Transportation Planning program; and

**That** Council authorize staff to manage the Let's Move Whistler planning project.

### REFERENCES

Appendix "A" – UBCM Active Transportation Application – Let's Move Whistler  
Appendix "B" – Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Draft Minutes, October 08, 2020  
Appendix "C" – UBCM Approval-In-Principle Letter, January 04, 2020

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this Report is to have Council endorse a grant application for Active Transportation Planning that is being administered through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Council support of the funding request is a required part of the grant approval process.

### DISCUSSION

#### Background

In October 2018, Council received and endorsed the Whistler Transportation Action Plan – 2018-2028. This plan includes many actions related to active transportation including updating the Whistler Cycling plan and other priority actions.

The government of British Columbia is investing in communities to help develop active transportation plans to support the provincial goal of doubling the percentage of trips taken with active transportation by 2030. The RMOW is seeking funding through the UBCM 2020 Active Transportation Planning grant program to support developing an active transportation plan for Whistler. This plan will help guide the overall prioritization and implementation of actions related to active transportation and help move Whistler towards the newly adopted Climate Action Big Moves goal – that 50% of trips in Whistler will be by transit and active transportation by 2030.

The RMOW presented this application opportunity to the Transportation Advisory Group at their October 8, 2020 meeting. TAG recommended proceeding with the application. See Appendix B. The application attached as Appendix A was submitted to the UBCM by their October 30, 2020 deadline. The UBCM review committee sent notification of Approval in Principle attached as Appendix C. The condition of approval is receipt of a resolution by the current Council by February 5, 2021 that endorses the application and authorizes staff to manage the project as outline in the application.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Official Community Plan**

This grant application aligns with the Community Vision and many goals objectives and policies such as **Goal 10.2 - Substantially reduce GHG emissions from vehicles and transportation** and **Goal 11.1 -Provide a quality travel experience for all visitors, employees and residents, and promote a culture of safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists** and their related objectives and policies.

In particular, the development of a Whistler specific active transportation plan is supported by:

#### **11.4. Goal - Support the increased use of preferred modes of transportation for all travel purposes to reduce dependence on private motor vehicles.**

##### 11.4.1. Objective

Give priority to walking, cycling, transit and other preferred modes over the single occupant vehicle and private automobile.

##### 11.4.1.3. Policy

Encourage residents and visitors to shift from private motor vehicles to preferred modes of transportation through incentives, removal of hidden subsidies, education and awareness.

##### 11.4.1.4. Policy

Maintain a trail network throughout the valley, as shown in Schedules E1, E2 and E3, that encourages year-round use of preferred modes of transportation.

##### 11.4.1.5. Policy

Implement the recommendations of the *Whistler Transportation Cycling Plan* and the Whistler Recreational Cycling Plan in the development of the pedestrian and bicycle network on a prioritized basis.

### **Other Relevant Policies**

The Climate Action Big Moves Strategy Big Move 1, “Move Beyond the Car”, directly supports increasing the use of active transportation in Whistler by residents and visitors. Big Move 1 has set the target that by 2030, 50% of all trips in Whistler will be by transit and active transportation.

## **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

The UBCM Active Transportation Planning grant is for up to \$10,000. The Let’s Move Whistler program as outlined in Appendix A has an estimated cost of \$15,614. The Approval in Principle from the UBCM is for \$10,000. The remaining \$5,614 would come from the T061 Project budget that supports the Transportation Advisory Group. This amount can be accommodated within the T061 \$55,000 project budget for the Transportation Advisory Group that is part of the approved 2021 financial plan.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

The Transportation Advisory Group is a committee of Council that represents a wide cross section of the community and has been guiding engagement with the community on transportation issues. TAG endorsed proceeding with this application at their October 8, 2020 meeting (see Attachment B).

The Let's Move Whistler program includes stakeholder and community engagement as outlined on page four of Appendix A.

## **SUMMARY**

The RMOW has an opportunity to receive \$10,000 in grant funding from UBCM to support developing an active transportation plan for Whistler. This plan will help guide the overall prioritization and implementation of actions related to active transportation and help move Whistler towards the newly adopted Climate Action Big Moves goal – that 50% of trips in Whistler will be by transit and active transportation by 2030.

The Let's Move Whistler active transportation application attached as Appendix A has received support from TAG (see Appendix B) and approval in principle from the UBCM (see Appendix C). To receive final approval, the UBCM requires a resolution from the Council indicating support for the project and a willingness to provide overall grant management by February 5, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Dal Santo  
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