

# Active Transportation Planning 2020 Application Form

Please complete and return the application form by October 30, 2020. All questions are required to be answered by typing directly in this form. If you have any questions, contact <a href="mailto:lgps@ubcm.ca">lgps@ubcm.ca</a> or (250) 356-5193.

| SECTION 1: Applicant Information                             | AP- (for administrative use only)                                   |  |  |
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| Name of Local Government: Resort<br>Municipality of Whistler | Complete Mailing Address: 4325 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, BC, V8E 0X5 |  |  |
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<sup>\*</sup>Contact person must be an authorized representative of the applicant (i.e. staff or elected official)

## **SECTION 2: Eligibility Requirements**

- 1. Please review the requirements below and provide the requested information.
  - A. Have a population of up to 25,000 (based on 2016 Census data). Note: regional districts can apply for one or more electoral areas with a combined population of up to 25,000 in a single application.
    - 2016 population for local government or electoral area(s): 11,854
  - B. Do not have an active transportation plan or a plan over 5 years old.
     Date of current plan: Whistler Transportation Cycling Plan, December 2006
    - Are currently or will be undertaking a community land use and/or transportation of
  - C. Are currently or will be undertaking a community land use and/or transportation plan to which an active transportation lens will be included.
    - What plan(s) is being developed: Active Transportation Plan; Climate Big Moves Strategy
  - D. Have not received a network planning grant from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant program: No

### **SECTION 3: Project Information**

# 2. Project Information

- A. Project Title: Let's Move Whistler!
- B. Proposed start and end dates. Start: January 1, 2021 End: May 31, 2021
- C. Total proposed project budget: \$15,614.00
- D. Total proposed grant request (maximum \$10,000): \$10,000.00

- E. Have you applied for, or received, funding for this plan/assessment from any other sources?
  No
- 3. **Proposed Activities.** Please describe the specific activities you plan to undertake. Refer to Sections 3 and 4 of the *Program & Application Guide* and specifically describe how the proposed activities will increase options for active transportation and encourage more people to use active transportation.
  - 1. Preparation
  - 1.1 Hold startup meeting with project team to confirm project goals, methodology and timing
  - 1.2 Create framework for all active transportation policies, priority strategies and actions
  - 1.3 Compile current data on active transportation?
  - 2. Identify strategies and actions
  - 2.1 Identify stakeholders
  - 2.2 Design engagement strategy (including engaging businesses, general public, second homeowners, seniors and students)
  - 2.3 Hold focus group sessions (virtual)
  - 2.4 Design and hold community engagement sessions (may be virtual)
  - 2.5 Design and conduct survey/polls to identify specific actions
  - 2.6 Compile all results
  - 2.7 Write active transportation strategies and actions, including where to update OCP, Transportation Action Plan, and Climate Big Moves Strategy.
- **4. Program Intent & Objectives.** How will the proposed activities meet the intent of the 2020 Active Transportation Planning program? Refer to Section 6: Review of Applications.

The proposed activities aim to contribute to BC's active transportation strategy goal of doubling the percentage of trips taken with active transportation by 2030. While 59% of Whistler residents use preferred modes of transportation (including transit) in the summer months, there is potential to increase that number, particularly active modes, as well as to increase the active transportation mode share in the winter months. Furthermore, identifying strategies and actions to encourage visitors to use active transportation will be part of this project's goals.

Clearly increase options for active transportation and encourage more people to use active transportation: by engaging with the communitye to identify the priority strategies for active transportation and the specific actions required for implementation

Incorporate or enhance active transportation components of formal planning documents: the OCP policies will be used as a framework for identifying the active transportation strategies and actions. The Whistler Climate Action Big Moves goals and targets will also be used as a filter for identifying and prioritizing the actions, and the finalized strategies and actions will be incorporated into the final Big Moves Strategy. The Whistler Transportation Action Plan will be updated with the identified active transportation strategies and actions.

Consider connections to community amenities, affordable housing, seniors' housing, schools and other key community institutions: engaging employees and businesses and their active transportation needs will align with the community's workforce housing needs; engaging students will also better understand strategies and actions to support their travel to school and to extra-curricular activities.

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions: Whistler is developing the Climate Action Big Moves Strategy and the identified active transportation strategies and actions will support the Big Moves GHG targets.

Consider equity, accessibility and people of all ages and abilities in active transportation planning: Using the BC Active Transportation Design Guide, will ensure access, equity, age-friendly considerations are incorporated.

Demonstrate community consultation and public engagement: A detailed community engagement will be developed, which will include how to engage key community segments.

Include in-kind/cash contributions: The RMOW will contribute the remainder of the budget beyond the \$10,000 requested of UBCM.

In addition, please describe how the proposed activities will support the following:

- A. Consider connections to community amenities, affordable housing, senior's housing, schools and other key community institutions: Reviewing and identifying active transportation policies and strategies will include special focus on connections to Whistler's resident/workforce housing and schools.
- B. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through active transportation options (in alignment with Community Charter (Part 14, Sec 473 sub 3) GHG emission targets): This project will align with and support Whistler's Climate Action Big Moves Strategies, which aim to reduce community GHG and help Whistler reach its community emissions target of 50-per-cent GHG reduction below 2007 emissions by 2030. Three of the Big Moves specifically address GHG from transportation, and this project will directly support Big Move Goals 1 and 3:
  - C. 1. Move beyond the car By 2030, 50 per cent of all trips in Whistler are by transit and active transportation.
  - D. 2. Decarbonize passenger and commercial transportation –
     By 2030, 50 per cent of all vehicle kilometres travelled are from zero-emission vehicles.
  - E. 3. Reduce visitor travel emissions By 2030, Whistler demonstrates leadership in redefining tourism in a low carbon world.
- F. Consider equity, accessibility and people of all ages and abilities in active transportation planning: We will ensure that in all of the engagement, including focus groups and other engagement activities, we will reach out to the diverse Whistler population through existing non-profit organizations including Whistler Community Services Society, the Mature Action Committee, Whistler Adaptive Sports, Zero Ceiling, AWARE (Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment), and Whistler's Transportation Advisory Group and CECAP (Community Energy and Climate Action Plan) Committee, and Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre.

**5.** Community Consultation & Public Engagement. List all confirmed partners (e.g. school districts, First Nations or Indigenous organizations, community organizations, and other local governments) that will directly participate in the proposed planning activities and the <u>specific role</u> they will play.

Confirmed partners include:

WCS Engagement + Planning - lead on community engagement and compilation of policies and strategies

AWARE (Association of Whistler Area Residents for the Environment) - focus group participant

School District 48 - focus group participant

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre - focus group participant or interviewee

Squamish Lillooet Regional District - focus group participant

Tourism Whistler - focus group participant and support with communications to members

Whistler Chamber of Commerce - focus group participant and communications to members

Vail Resorts - focus group participant and communications to customers

BC Transit - implementation of key transit strategies

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure - implementation of recommended active transportation policies and strategies

**6. Evaluation.** How will the project be evaluated (performance measures and/or benchmarks be used to measure outcomes)? How will this information be used?

The project will be measured by:

- number of people engaged in activities (focus groups, community engagement sessions, polls/surveys)
- number of new policies and strategies identified
- number of strategies being implemented
- **7. Additional Information.** Please share any other information you think may help support your submission.

The Whistler Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) is a Committee of Council that was brought together to provide Council with advice and recommendations regarding the assessment of, planning for, and implementation of strategic options to resolve these transportation related issues affecting the resort community from a social, environmental and economic point of view. TAG has prioritized Active Transportation options to Council and has advised that Active Transportation and Transit options should be the acted on before more expensive options and in conjunction with other options. As a result of TAGs recommendations, Whistler's Big Move 1 is to "Move Beyond the Car" and Big Move 2 is "Decarbonization of Transport"

At their October 8, 2020 meeting, TAG endorsed this application. An expert from the Draft Minutes are attached. For more information about the TAG's recent work and recommented priorities, www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler

### **SECTION 4: Required Attachments**

Please submit the following with your application:

- Council/Board Council Resolution Indicating support for the proposed project and a willingness to provide overall grant management
- □ Detailed budget

Submit the completed application form and all required attachments as an e-mail attachment to <a href="mailto:lgps@ubcm.ca">lgps@ubcm.ca</a> and note "2020 Active Transportation" in the subject line. Submit your application as either a Word or PDF file(s). If you submit by e-mail, hardcopies and/or additional copies of the application are not required.

## **SECTION 5: Signature**

Applications are required to be signed by an authorized representative of the applicant. Please note all application materials will be shared with the Province of BC.

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Signature: Date: October 30, 2020