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KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION

ORDER IN COUNCIL

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RURAL TRANSIT SOLUTIONS FUND PROJECT ENDORSEMENT

THE COUNCIL ORDERS THAT

1. The project titled "Rural Transit Solutions Fund" (the "Fund") is endorsed by Council.

2. The Chief is authorized to sign, on behalf of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, an agreement to give effect to the Fund, and is further authorized to take any other step that may be required to give additional effect to Kwanlin Dün First Nation's acceptance of the Agreement and involvement in the Agreement.

The Seal
of the Kwanlin Dün
First Nation

Chief Sean Smith

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IN THE KWANLIN DÜN FIRST NATION
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Minister of Housing,
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Ottawa, Canada K1P 0B6

October 28, 2024

Dawn Waugh
Kwanlin Dün First Nation
35 McIntyre Drive
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5A5

Dear Dawn Waugh,

I am pleased to inform you that the 'Purchases to support transit service for Kwanlin Dün First Nation in Whitehorse, Yukon' project (YT-122195) is approved in principle under the terms and conditions of the Government of Canada's Rural Transit Solutions Fund (RTSF), within the Canada Public Transit Fund. Congratulations!

Federal funding of the project from the RTSF program will be the lesser of: up to $1,090,800; or, up to 100 percent of the total eligible project costs, per the program terms and conditions. Additionally, it is your responsibility to verify and respect the stacking limit conditions of all government programs providing funding to the project. Program officials from my department will be in contact with you soon to discuss the contribution agreement and help schedule an announcement to inform the community of this terrific news. The reimbursement of eligible project costs can occur only after a contribution agreement has been signed by both your organization and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada. Please carefully review the attached Annex to this letter, which contains important details about the conditions associated with this approval in principle.

The Government of Canada is committed to helping you make our communities more sustainable and improving the quality of life for all residents. Your project is an excellent example of the commitment and vision needed to make this a reality across our country.

Thank you for your application, and congratulations once again. I look forward to seeing this project come to fruition.

Sincerely,

S. Fraser

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

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Annex - Approval in Principle Conditions

This approval in principle is based on your application and the information contained therein.

Eligible Project Costs

For the purpose of reimbursement, eligible project costs, as determined under the program terms and conditions, should be completed within two years of the date of this approval in principal letter. Costs incurred outside of this timeframe may be deemed ineligible.

Costs incurred prior to the date of this letter, as well as any and all costs related to contracts signed prior to the date of this letter, are ineligible for reimbursement, with the exception of costs incurred for Indigenous consultation, which are eligible for a period of up to twelve months prior to the project approval in principle date.

The maximum permitted level of total Canadian government funding (federal, provincial, territorial, municipal) cannot exceed 100 percent of the total eligible project costs.

The reimbursement of eligible project costs incurred is subject to the timely execution of a contribution agreement. If a contribution agreement is not signed by both parties, the Government of Canada will not reimburse any costs incurred. Once executed, the contribution agreement represents the final step of the funding approval process.

Environmental Assessment and Indigenous Consultation

Other specific conditions may also apply, including but not limited to, any applicable environmental assessments and/or consultations with Indigenous organizations that must be completed before funding can be provided:

- Canada has determined that there are no federal requirements under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) for the project.

- Canada has determined that there is no obligation to consult with Indigenous peoples, since Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982,* are not expected to be adversely impacted by the project.

Project Changes

Due to the competitive nature of the RTSF, any changes to the project will require careful review and approval by Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC). As your project is being approved in principle based on the information in your application, please notify officials, in writing, should you expect changes in scope or timing to the project.

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Public Communications Protocol

Departmental officials will contact you shortly to move forward with the negotiation of the funding agreement. Thereafter, HICC's Communications Branch will be available to discuss how a joint funding announcement, and all other communications activities, will be coordinated, and the roles and responsibilities of each party. They will also proactively reach out in advance of opportunities for a joint announcement. We ask that all external communication activities about the approval of the project remain confidential until a joint announcement involving both parties can take place. This relates specifically to a formal public announcement, news release, and/or official project milestones (such as ground breaking ceremonies or grand openings).

HICC recognizes that prior to a formal joint announcement, you may have specific activities that you need to undertake to ensure that the project is progressing in a timely manner. Communications of an operational nature (e.g., calls for tender, construction, and public safety notices, etc.) can be carried out. Furthermore, you are permitted to engage stakeholders to proceed with planning or consultation, and you may enter into contracts to advance your project's design or other work.

Additional Conditions

In addition to other terms and conditions that will be identified within the contribution agreement, the funding will be subject to the following conditions:

- Your organization will satisfy the Government of Canada with respect to the competitive and transparent tendering process to be established for the project, and that all contracts be awarded in a manner that is transparent, competitive, fair, consistent with value for money principles, and is in accordance with all applicable domestic and international trade agreements;

- All ineligible costs, cost increases or overruns, unsecured funding, and any costs related to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the project will be the responsibility of your organization. It is your responsibility to confirm the eligibility of all items identified in the application prior to incurring expenses;

- To receive funding, the project must be authorized or endorsed by a resolution of Council, Band, or Board of Directors, as applicable. The resolution must be received before a funding agreement can be executed;

- Prior to signing the funding agreement, your organization will provide the Government of Canada proof that all project funding, other than the federal contribution, has been secured;

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- Your organization will be responsible for obtaining all the permits required to carry out the project and ensure its operation for the period of disposal of the property; and

- Your organization must complete the land acquisition process for the project before any funding related to the construction of the specific project component requiring land acquisition can be provided by the Government of Canada.