



**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, January 31, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
Ucluelet Community Centre,
500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet**

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Council Meeting: January 31, 2023
500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0

FROM: ABBY FORTUNE, DIRECTOR OF PARKS & RECREATION **FILE No:** 1855-03
SUBJECT: BC DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT **REPORT NO:** 23- 14
ATTACHMENT(S): NONE

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council approve an application for the Accessible Washroom Development Project through the BC Destination Development Fund in an amount of \$340,000.

BACKGROUND:

Destination Development Fund is a provincial government initiative to build a resilient and globally competitive tourism sector that fosters vibrant communities across the province. The fund provides \$30 million in one-time grants to support the development and rejuvenation of tourism infrastructure, assets and experiences.

In early January the District of Ucluelet received confirmation from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, for our Expression of Interest submission to the Destination Development Fund. We were advised that the project has been selected to proceed to Stage 2, submission of a full application. One of the requirements for the Stage 2 application is Council confirmation of support for the project.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Ucluelet currently has portable toilets located at both He-Tin-Kis Park and Browns Beach. With increased visitations the portable toilets are no longer adequate for usage levels and the installation of new fully serviced, barrier free washrooms will significantly improve visitor and resident experience. These accessible washrooms would mimic the one at Cedar Parking Lot.

The new facilities will improve visitor and public safety through the provision of hand washing stations, provide access to accessible washrooms which are currently unavailable, and reduce annual operating costs. Currently the portable toilets are pumped out every three days due to high usage levels and are difficult to maintain in a clean and sanitized manner.

Browns Beach and He-Tin-Kis Park are two of our primary access points to the Wild Pacific Trail which sees over 55,000 visitors each month and will also provide services to two of Ucluelet's four beaches.

We are looking at a total project cost of \$340,000 financed through the BC Destination Development Fund.

ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

By supporting an application for the Accessible Washroom Development project through the BC Destination Development Fund – Stage 2 application, the District of Ucluelet, if successful, would be able to install much needed accessible washrooms.

A	Council Provide a letter of support for the project	<u>Pros</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow staff to move forward on the stage 2 application Potential accessible washrooms in key locations would be installed if the grant was successful
		<u>Cons</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time would be required for the grant writing and potential project management
		<u>Implications</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff would apply for the Stage 2 application for February 9
B	Do not support the Stage 2 application	<u>Pros</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional work is required
		<u>Cons</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential funding for accessible washrooms would not be realized Continued high contractor costs to maintain portable toilets
		<u>Implications</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The accessibility issue for the washrooms would still exist
		<u>Suggested Motion</u>	No motion is required

NEXT STEPS:

- Apply for BC Destination Development Grant – Stage 2 application by February 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted: Abby Fortune, Director of Parks & Recreation.
 Duane Lawrence, CAO