

Organization's Name: Village of Tahsis

Project Name: Tahsis Economic Development Readiness Quick Start Project 2016

Commencement Date: June 2016

Completion Date: November 30, 2016

ICET Contribution: \$14,365.00

Total Project Budget: \$29,731.00

Briefly describe your project's:

1. Purpose and Goals

Please describe what your project aimed to accomplish.

The project aim was to research, analyze and prepare a comprehensive business case and operational plan to assist in future funding applications for the multi-use trail project ("Community Unity Trail") linking Tahsis and Zeballos. A key aspect of the project involved mapping and designing the route and identifying potential opportunities and vulnerabilities with the proposed route. The overall goal is to develop a new tourism product and experience for Tahsis and Zeballos capitalizing on the area's vast wilderness values.

2. Implementation

Describe how the project was implemented.

The project was implemented through two complementary consulting services: 1) The entire 25 km of the proposed trail was hiked and mapped resulting in detailed maps and a report identifying stream crossings, viewpoints, hazards and possible day use sites; and 2) a business case and operational plan were prepared with initial construction cost estimates and preliminary return on investment analysis. The information garnered from 1) and 2) was used to prepare an application under the Rural Dividend fund for a grant to undertake environmental assessments of the route, particularly stream crossings and to seek authorizations under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

3. Impacts

Please describe to what degree the objectives proposed for this project have been met.

The objectives of mapping the full route and analyzing opportunities and constraints with the route and preparing the business plan were both met. Moreover, an operational plan which will eventually become the project plan was developed. As important as these objectives, the need to conduct an environmental assessment was also identified. The overall trail project ultimately requires approval under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* as a recreation site/trail. An environmental assessment, particularly pertaining to the stream crossings, is a key aspect in seeking FRPA authorization.

4. Community Involvement and Collaboration

Please provide a description of what successes occurred in initiating or expanding partnerships and collaborative efforts with other organizations and individuals.

The project began with three partners – Tahsis, Zeballos and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations - and expanded to include the Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation. Having the Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation as a partner is critical since the majority of the trail traverses their traditional territory. Moreover, in addition to the organizations represented in the application, there are community members now involved as well as the Canadian Rangers.

5. Lessons Learned

Please provide a critical review of your project including a discussion of lessons learned, recommendations and overall perception of project success.

The three major lessons learned were:

1. the importance of taking into account the requirements of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* in moving the project from design to construction;
2. the difficulty in estimating the potential economic impact of the project, owing to the high degree of variability; and
3. the resource requirements to coordinate, plan and execute a project of this scope and magnitude

6. Next Steps

Based on the project findings, briefly outline the follow up steps for this initiative and how the project outcomes will be sustained.

Subject to the response to the Rural Dividend application, the next step is to obtain the necessary authorizations, environmental assessments and engineered design standards to obtain trail authorization under section 56 and 57 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. Following this phase, the next phase is to apply to the Rural Dividend fund and/or Island Coastal Economic Trust for funding to construct the trail.

Storytelling

If you had one story to tell to illustrate the impact of the project (whether in the community, your organization, business or an individual etc) what would it be? If media reports, please attach copies.

The power of the vision of this trail has been evident for years, but it has not gained significant traction outside of the communities. At the UBCM convention in September 2016 Mayor Jude Schooner, Councillor Brenda Overton and Mark Tatchell, CAO, met with Ministers Thomson, Rustad, Fassbender and Bond to educate them on the project – not only the economic development potential but also the strength of the local governments and First Nations collaboration. All ministers were very supportive of this project. Minister Bond was so supportive that she offered her ministry staff to review and provide support to the Rural Dividend application.

Financial Report

*The final **financial report** should include a signed and dated financial statement for the period of the project which includes:*

- Total **actual** project spending (by categories as submitted in your proposal)
- Total of **all** funding received from other sources (matching funding)
- Surplus/Deficit if any

Certification:

I, the undersigned, have authority to represent the recipient and certify that to the best of my knowledge that all the information in this final report is true and complete.

Mark Tatchell

Chief Administrative Officer

Print Recipient's Name**Title**

Recipient's Signature**Date**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Tahsis Economic Development Readiness Quick Start Project 2016

Period: June 2016 to November 30, 2016

Project Expenditures

Meeting in Campbell River	\$ 429.00
Trail mapping and design	\$ 14,730.00
Business case and project plan development	\$ 14,000.00
Zeballos meeting	\$ 286.00
Meeting in Tahsis	\$ 286.00

Total Expenditures **\$29,731.00**

Project Income (Sources of Funding)


Village of Zeballos	\$ 5,000.00
Village of Tahsis	\$ 10,366.00
ICET	\$ 14,365.00

Total Income (Sources of Funding) **\$29,731.00**

Balance \$0*

**If balance is positive ICET contribution may be reduced proportionately*

I hereby certify that this statement accurately represents all project expenditures and all sources of project funding



Financial officer



Date

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Island Coastal

ECONOMIC TRUST

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Village of Tahsis

PO Box 219

Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0

Tahsis Quick Start Project

Period:

ICET use only

Invoice #	Date	Supplier	Description	Total Invoice Amount	GST	Amount Claimed Net of GST	Authorized Amount
Project Budget: \$30,000							
2016-0041	4-Jul-16	43K Wilderness Solutions	Tahsis trail design, field work and mapping	\$ 7,733.25	\$ 368.25	\$ 7,365.00	
RFPT 01-16	10-Aug-16	Rural Futures	Community Unity Trail business case and marketing plan	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00	
RFPT 02-16	9-Sep-16	Rural Futures	Community Unity Trail business case and marketing plan	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 5,000.00	
RFPT 03-16	25-Oct-16	Rural Futures	Fund raising applications for Community Unity Trail	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 4,000.00	
2016-0086	23-Nov-16	43K Wilderness Solutions	Tahsis trail design, field work and mapping	\$ 7,733.25	\$ 368.25	\$ 7,365.00	
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						\$ -	
TOTAL				\$ 28,730.00		\$ -	
ICET reimbursement 50% up to a max of \$15,000,						\$ 14,365.00	\$ -
COMMENTS/ EXPLANATIONS:							
COMMENTS/EXPLANATIONS: ICET use only							
Total Allocation				\$	15,000.00		

Tahsis, BC VOP 1X0

Period:

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Invoice #	Date	Supplier	Description	Total Invoice Amount	GST	Amount Claimed Net of GST	Authorized Amount
Claimed to Date							
This Claim							
Balance Remaining	\$					15,000.00	