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Dear Evan MacDougall,

I am pleased to inform you that the ATF-2069-Kiln Creek Active Transportation Connector, connecting the the communities of Lantz and Elmsdale in the Municipality of East Hants project is approved in principle as one of the first projects under the terms and conditions of the Government of Canada's Public Transit Fund (CPTF).

Federal funding from the CPTF will be the lesser of: up to \$200,000; or, up to 23 percent of the total eligible project costs, per the program's terms and conditions. Additionally, it is your responsibility to verify 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 funding 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 funding agreement has been signed by both your organization and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) (previously named Infrastructure Canada).

Please carefully review the Annex attached to this letter, which contains important details about the conditions associated with this approval in principle. Should you require further information, please contact program officials at atf-fta@infcc.gc.ca.

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The Government of Canada is committed to helping you make our communities more sustainable and to improve the quality of life for all residents. The ATF-2069-Kiln Creek Active Transportation Connector, connecting the the communities of Lantz and Elmsdale in the Municipality of East Hants 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregor Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregor" being more prominent than the last name "Robertson".

The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for
Pacific Economic Development Canada

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 terms and conditions of the CPTF program, must be incurred on or after the date of this letter and prior to March 31, 2030. Costs incurred outside of this timeframe will be deemed ineligible.

The total federal funding cannot exceed 60 percent of total eligible project costs. 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 funding agreement. If a funding agreement is not signed, the Government of Canada will not reimburse any costs incurred. Once executed, the funding 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 is in the process of determining federal requirements under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) for the Project. Until such time that HICC confirms that federal environmental or impact assessment requirements are met and continue to be met, no site preparation, vegetation removal or construction can occur, and Canada will not pay for eligible costs. A letter describing requirements will follow. In addition, any conditions will be outlined in the Contribution Agreement to be negotiated.
- Canada is in the process of determining Indigenous consultation requirements for the Project. Until such time that HICC confirms that requirements to consult with Indigenous peoples are met and continue to be met, no site preparation, vegetation removal or construction can occur and Canada will not pay for eligible costs. A letter describing requirements will follow. In addition, any conditions will be outlined in the Contribution Agreement to be negotiated.

Project Changes

Any changes to the project will require careful review and approval by 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.

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 funding agreement, the funding will be subject to the following conditions:

- Your organization will establish and use competitive and transparent tendering processes unless approved as an eligible expenditure by HICC. Furthermore, as we work together to enable a One Canadian Economy, and as transit entities are key economic enablers, HICC would like to emphasize the importance of maximizing economic benefits for Canadian industries in your day-to-day business. This includes considering prioritizing Canadian materials when undertaking infrastructure investments, including procurement processes, subject to legal obligations and Canada's obligations under the trade and investment agreements. HICC is certain you understand the value in providing economic benefits for all Canadian industries where legally possible.
- 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.
- Recipients must include prominent federal branding including signage, announcements and permanent plaques, where appropriate, in accordance with the CPTF Communications Protocol.