



September 28, 2015.

Patricia Forrest, GATT Coordinator  
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Dear Ms. Forrest:

**RE: GATT Funding Essential For Major Aboriginal Trail Project**

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We are pleased to submit our funding application under the Grants For Aboriginal Trail Tourism (GATT) program. Our tourism trail project is a perfect fit for your program as it is driven by Mississauga First Nation, targets Trans Canada Trail users and will be connected to the Trans Canada Trail.

The West End Trail project will be a significant first class trail that has been designed by professional engineers at Kressin Engineering in consultation with key stakeholders. This is a significant strategic tourism project that builds upon exiting regional trails and will add connectivity, unique eco-tourism aspects and First Nations cultural diversity.

The GATT funding is the essential component of the project. Getting approval from Trans Canada Trail/TD is the required first step that will drive approval for the balance of our government funding. Your approval will demonstrate to the funding agencies that Trans Canada Trail believes in the economic development capability of aboriginal trails which stimulates tourism and creates jobs. If Trans Canada Trail (the national leader in trail development and promotion) does not believe in this project, then none of the funding agencies will support this project.

Your \$50,000 funding will lever a \$643,630 aboriginal tourism trail project. We believe this aboriginal trail initiative will be the signature project for your program. This trail will be maintained by Mississauga First Nation in conjunction with the local trails, Lake Huron North Channel Waterfront Trail cycling route and the Trans Canada Trail, to ensure a lasting legacy.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Yours truly,

  
Paul Berney

Community Economic Development Officer

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## **GRANTS FOR ABORIGINAL TRAILS TOURISM (GATT)**

### **PHASE II – DETAILED APPLICATION**

#### **Applicant Contact Information:**

Your Name:

Entity or Business name if applicable:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

1. Mandate, mission, vision, (as per strategic plan, business plan or relevant organizational policy); size; office locations; geographic area of service/activity; key activities related to tourism development/economic development.

2. Provide a history of your organization.

3. Describe your financial position and financial ability to carry out the project. Please provide your most recent interim financial statement. You may be asked to provide financial statements for the past two years.

4. Identify your officers and/or key employees, indicating their role within your organization and the proposed project. If applicable, provide a list of all current Board members, showing position and term. Provide a background of key project staff and relevant experience (include résumés).

5. Please outline your capacity to deliver the project:

- Describe your organization's management and technical capacity as it relates to the proposed project;
- Describe other projects, similar in scope, that your organization has successfully undertaken;
- Describe your project management structure (e.g., steering/advisory committee, etc.).

6. Identify any legislative or regulatory requirements that you must comply with in order to proceed with this project. Will this impact your timing or budget?



10. Please provide some proven examples to support the proposed project. Examples do not need to be limited to geography but should show how a similar project has been successful.

11. What is your projected start date? Completion date?:

12. Please indicate key work plan activities and project timelines and milestones.

Key Activity	Timelines	Milestones

13. How do you plan to track/measure/evaluate the outcomes of this project?

14. How will you ensure that this project is sustainable?

15. Identify anyone outside your community that you have consulted with about this project. Please provide their letters of support, if available.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

A project, as defined in the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) is:

- In relation to a physical work, any proposed construction, operation, modification, decommissioning, abandonment or other undertaking in relation to that physical work;
- Any proposed physical activity not relating to a physical work that is designated as a project in the Inclusion List Regulation.

16. Has your project been screened under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act? Yes    No

**PROJECT COSTS AND FUNDING SOURCES**

Cost Category	Total Cost	Requested from GATT	Provided by Applicant (Cash)	Provided by Applicant (In Kind)	Provided by Other Funders (if applicable)

Note: Enclose a monthly cash flow projection for your project, clearly indicating expenditure and revenue streams.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

17. The following documents must be provided (please indicate if these have been provided):

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| • Interim financial statement                               | Yes | No |
| • Monthly cash flow projection                              | Yes | No |
| • Environmental assessment screening report (if applicable) | Yes | No |
| • List of Board members (if applicable)                     | Yes | No |
| • Résumés of key project staff                              | Yes | No |
| • Any letters of support                                    | Yes | No |

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that all information provided to Trans Canada Trails (TCT) and the Grants for Aboriginal Trails Tourism (GATT) in support of this request for funding is, to the best of my knowledge and ability, complete, true and correct and this will also apply to all information given in the future in connection with the implementation of the project.

I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant and I certify that the applicant understands and agrees to the following:

- Completion and submission of this funding application does not constitute a commitment from TCT/GATT for financial assistance;
- TCT/GATT funding is required in order for the project to proceed;
  - TCT/GATT can make credit and other enquiries that it deems necessary to evaluate this proposal
  - Applicant will provide any further information that may be required to make a decision on this proposal.

Signed at:

Date:

Signature:

## **Appendices**

- 1) Cover Letter
- 2) BCR – West End Trail Project
- 3) West End Trail Pre-Design Report – Kresin Engineering
- 4) West End Trail – Key Map
- 5) Sources/Uses of Funds and Cashflow Projections
- 6) Mississauga First Nation Organization Chart
- 7) Mississauga First Nation – Audited Financial Statements
- 8) Resume - Paul Berney
- 9) Resume – Keith Sayers
- 10) Resume – Ken MacLeod
- 11) Resolution of Support - Town of Blind River Resolution
- 12) Letter of Support - FONOM
- 13) Tourism Northern Ontario - Letter of Support
- 14) News Release - #CycleOn Strategy April 1, 2015
- 15) MTO CycleOn Strategy 2013
- 16) Exec Summary – Lake Huron North Channel Cycling Route Study
- 17) Lake Huron North Channel Waterfront Trail and TCT Map