

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## VILLAGE OF PEMBERTON SECURES FUNDING FOR PARK AND RIDE FACILITY

**PEMBERTON, BC** – The Village of Pemberton has been successful in securing \$1,856,721 in funding through the Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure Program, which is part of the larger Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), for the construction of the Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Hub.

"The Village is delighted to have secured funding for the construction of the Park and Ride facility," said Mike Richman, Village of Pemberton Mayor.

"This central transportation hub will provide improved access to local and regional transit and rideshares for the Pemberton community. Users will be able to cycle, walk or drive to the Park and Ride and have access to a variety of transportation options all in one place."

The facility will include a 50-car parking lot, washrooms and changeroom facilities, electric vehicle charging stations, and covered bike storage.

"It's important that this facility has functions beyond just a parking lot. We have included amenities such as washroom and changeroom facilities for those who will commute via bike or foot to the hub to catch transit to Whistler and beyond," said Mayor Richman.

The project also supports goals of the Village's Community Climate Action Plan by providing more accessible transportation and transit reducing reliance on passenger vehicles.

"Passenger vehicles are Pemberton's largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions so it's exciting to be able to provide a facility that will enable community members to move beyond the car," said Mayor Richman.

"I'm pleased that this project will not only deliver a fantastic amenity to the community, but also help us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions."

The Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Hub will be located at Lot 13 on Pemberton Portage Road, to the east of Signal Hill Elementary School and will be available to commuters seven days a week, year-round.

"Accessible transportation options are a shared goal of the Province, the Village of Pemberton and our Federal partners," said Nathan Cullen, Minister of Municipal Affairs. "Reducing reliance on passenger vehicles reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourages active transportation. I'm excited to see this project come to completion."

For a full list of projects selected for funding under the Rural and Northern Communities Program, visit news.gov.bc.ca/files/Backgrounder BC-Canada infrastructure projects.

## **About the Village of Pemberton:**

Pemberton is one of the most desirable communities in BC and home to family farms, fresh outdoor adventures and stunning vistas. With over 2500 residents and just 30 km from Whistler, Pemberton prides itself on its creative and collaborative approach with the business community, local volunteer groups, neighbouring communities and key business and tourism partners such as <a href="Tourism Pemberton">Tourism Pemberton</a> and the <a href="Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce">Pemberton's mild winters</a>, warm summers and unique pioneer heritage provide an ideal place to enjoy arts, culture, history, recreation, dining, shopping and comfortable lodging.

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