



A quick guide to MRDT and RMI

Visitor contributions to RMOW revenues

The Resort Municipality of Whistler (RMOW) receives two types of funding from the Province of British Columbia to support local tourism:

MRDT

Municipal and Regional District Tax
(also known as the Hotel Tax)

EST 1987

RMI

Resort Municipality Initiative
Funding

EST 2006

How much do we receive?

The amount of MRDT and RMI is based on the number of visitors that stay overnight in Whistler.

MRDT is generated from hotel stays, including online accommodation providers like AirBnB.

RMI is based on the resort community's needs and a calculation that looks at average MRDT revenues and year-over-year changes.



How does this impact the RMOW's budget?

RMI and MRDT make up approximately 16.4% of the revenue the RMOW brings in each year.

Property taxes and a variety of non-tax revenues, user fees, license and application fees and grants make up the remainder.

16.4%

Can MRDT and RMI be spent on anything?

The Province enables MRDT and RMI to be spent on services or infrastructure that directly enhance tourism and the tourism experience, as well as contribute to the provincial economy. The RMOW assembles a plan for each year to determine which projects and investments will be supported through MRDT and RMI, and the Province then approves these plans.

The Province provides MRDT and RMI funding to communities that support significant tourism within the province. MRDT and RMI funding recognizes that local communities can't provide all the services tourists need just from local revenues such as property taxes. MRDT and RMI funding also ensures that a successful and sustainable tourism sector benefits the entire province.

How is MRDT and RMI spent in Whistler?



MRDT revenue supports projects as well as the recurring Festivals, Events and Animations program.

In 2023, the RMOW's share is budgeted for \$5.5 million. These funds are leveraged to enhance the tourism experience and encourage travel in shoulder seasons and mid-week. Projects funded by MRDT include the maintenance of the Village Stroll; and Park and Village Hosts.

\$5.5
MILLION



RMI funding goes to infrastructure or services that directly enhance tourism.

In 2023, the RMOW expects to receive \$5.35 million in RMI funding which is being applied to projects and services such as reconstruction of Rainbow Park, design advancement for a rejuvenated Meadow Park, Recreation Trail Bridge replacements, ongoing Valley Trail improvements, Village Shuttle, as well as Bear Smart and Alpine Park Ranger Programs.

\$5.4
MILLION

2023
PROJECTED
FUNDING

Thank you to the Province of British Columbia

Whistler is fortunate to have MRDT and RMI funding to support our tourism-based economy. This funding supports services that are above-and-beyond what our municipality would otherwise be able to provide.

Only a portion of the hotel tax charged in Whistler comes back into the community through MRDT and RMI transfers – the rest goes into the Province's revenues. The Province in turn uses these revenues to support a wide variety of investments in all communities across British Columbia.

Want to learn more?

Get full details at whistler.ca/MRDT and whistler.ca/RMI



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