

## Appendix 2.3 One-Year Tactical Plan

Under the *Provincial Sales Tax Act*, all designated recipients, including designated recipients not subject to the renewal application requirement, must provide specific reports to the Province annually. As such, all designated recipients (or the designated recipient's service provider), are required to complete and submit the following One-year Tactical Plan **no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> each year for years two through five.**

If the One Year Tactical plan has been completed before November 30th, please submit the plan before the deadline. A Five-year Strategic Business Plan is required in year 1 and the One-Year Tactical Plan would be a part of your MRDT application submission.

The One-year Tactical Plan must be consistent with the Five-year Strategic Business Plan and be based on the calendar year.

**A sample Tactical Plan template has been provided below. However, the format of the Tactical Plan may be developed specific to your community needs and resources.**

Similar to the Five-year Strategic Business Plan, the One-year Tactical Plan must adhere to the MRDT program principles, regulations and guidelines (see box below).

Please ensure there is alignment between provincial tourism strategies and community tourism efforts. Additionally, designated recipients should make their One-year Tactical Plans available to tourism industry stakeholders.

If you wish to make material modifications to the Five-year goals, strategies or targets, the changes must be identified in the One-year Tactical Plan and may require approval from the Province (see Section 11: Amendments in Program Requirements).

Your One-Year Tactical Plan must contain the following information:

- Key learning and conclusions from the previous year
- An overview of the strategic direction from the Five-Year Strategic Business Plan
- Details about activities and tactics for the upcoming year
- Expected outcomes
- Availability of revenue from other sources to fund projects in addition to the funds from the MRDT tax (Reminder: funds from the tax must be incremental to existing sources of funding. The funds from the tax must not replace existing sources of tourism funding in a community)
- A proposed budget for the year ahead

For questions, please contact Destination British Columbia at [MRDT@destinationbc.ca](mailto:MRDT@destinationbc.ca).

### **Quick Reference Guide (from the MRDT Program Requirements):**

- *The intention of the tax is to assist designated recipients to fund tourism marketing, programs, and projects.*
- *Funds from the MRDT program are intended to augment current funding and cannot be used to replace existing sources of tourism funding in a community.*
- *The MRDT program is intended to contribute to the increase of local tourism revenue, visitation, and economic benefits and should be supported by local government and tourism stakeholders.*

### **The MRDT program principles are:**

- *Effective tourism marketing, programs and projects*
- *Effective local-level stakeholder support, and inter-community collaboration*
- *Marketing efforts that are coordinated and complementary to provincial marketing strategies and tactics*
- *Fiscal prudence and accountability.*

## One-Year Tactical Plan Template

**Designated Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Designated Accommodation Area:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MRDT Repeal Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Five Year Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

A description and instructions pertaining to each section is provided in grey text as a guide only. **The format of your One-Year Tactical Plan may be developed specific to your community needs and resources.** If using this template, please delete the blue text and provide your response accordingly. If using your own report template, please ensure it includes the following sections:

Section 1: Overview and Update to Five-year Strategic Business Plan	
Heading	Description
<b>Strategic Direction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A brief overview of the strategic direction from the Five-Year Strategic Business Plan, which may include an articulation of the Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives from the Five-Year Strategic Business Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Learnings and Conclusions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key learnings and conclusions from a situation analysis or annual review that will inform your One-Year Tactical Plan.</li> <li>Provide an update on progress to date for current year activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Overall Goals and Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall Goals, Objectives, and Targets, if different from the Five-year Strategic Business Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Strategies for the year, if different from the Five-Year Strategic Business Plan. If any change in Key Strategies is deemed to be material or a substantial shift from original direction set, then approval from Destination British Columbia will be required before implementation.</li> <li>Identify your key content themes for the year (i.e. wilderness, touring, ski, etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Target Markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The types of visitors that are priorities for your community for the next year, stating primary and secondary target markets. Include geographic target markets, <b>demographics, and</b> activity-based target groups.</li> <li>The desired length of stay that your community is seeking from the target markets, from day visits or overnight getaways to longer vacations.</li> </ul>

## Section 2: One-Year Tactical Plan with Performance Measures

Please provide a **Project Plan** for each major activity you will undertake in the year ahead using MRDT funds. Authorized purposes of MRDT funds are tourism marketing, programs and projects and any other prescribed purposes as set out by regulation.

**Project plans should include the following information for each activity. The recipient can organize the plan in a manner that best reflects their individual approach. Please note that Destination BC may share relevant tactical information with applicable Destination BC program areas to facilitate increased collaboration and alignment.**

1. The **major category** of the activity. Examples could include marketing, destination and product experience development, visitor services, etc.  
**Marketing, which may include:**
  - Media Advertising and Production (for example: print, radio, television, out-of-home, direct mail, email marketing, search engine marketing, paid social media, display ads, etc.)
  - Website - Hosting, Development, Maintenance
  - Social Media Management Platforms and Tools (i.e. Hootsuite)
  - Consumer Shows and Events
  - Travel Trade and Corporate focused Shows and Events
  - Collateral production and distribution
  - Travel Media Relations (for example: story idea creation, media and influencer FAM hosting/support, attendance at media marketplaces, etc.)
  - Travel Trade (for example: trade FAM hosting/support, etc.)
  - Consumer-focused asset development (for example: curation or production of written content, photography, videography, etc.)
  - Other (these activities must be specified)**Destination and Product Experience Development, which may include:**
  - Industry Development and Training - Enhancing Education and Knowledge (for example: market readiness, digital readiness, industry conferences, packaging and other tourism-related Industry Workshops)
  - Product Experience Enhancement and Training (for example: Itinerary Development, Content Development and Key Experience Creation)
  - Research, Evaluation, and Analytics
  - Destination Development Projects listed within your Planning Area Strategy that are eligible activities
  - Other (these activities must be specified)**Visitor Services, which may include:**
  - Visitor Services Activities (for example: staff wage and benefits, visitor services via social media, digital tools, including mobile apps, kiosks, beacons, etc., roving/mobile visitor services, ambassador programs, FAMs)
  - Other (these activities must be specified)**Meetings, Conventions, Events and Sport:**
  - Examples could include conferences, events, sports, etc.**Affordable Housing, which may include:**
  - Details on affordable housing projects (project description and rationale, authorizing documents, budget, and applicable funding partners).
  - Please complete and attach Appendix 1.8.**Other:**
  - Other activities not covered by the above categories, such as capital expenditures if **pre-approved by government** (prior to application), etc.
2. Please list and describe **the tactics** your community will use to achieve the strategies outlined in Section 1 of your Five-Year Strategic Business Plan. There may be several tactics for each activity.
3. Please provide an **implementation plan** that includes a short description, quantifiable objectives, rationale, action steps, potential partnerships, resources, sources of funding, responsibilities, time frame, budget, and evaluation mechanism.

## Project Plan Template

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<b>Major Category:</b> <i>(e.g., Marketing - Travel Trade; Visitor Services – Mobile Apps; Conferences)</i>
<b>Activity Title:</b> <i>Please provide the title of activity.</i>
<b>Tactics:</b> <i>Please list and describe the tactics to be used to achieve the strategies outlined in Section 1 of the Strategic Business Plan. There may be several tactics for each activity.</i>
<b>Implementation Plan:</b> <i>For each activity, an implementation plan should include the following information:</i> <b>Short Description:</b>  <b>Quantifiable Objectives:</b>  <b>Rationale:</b>  <b>Action Steps:</b>  <b>Potential Partnerships:</b>  <b>Resources:</b>  <b>Sources of Funding:</b>  <b>Timeframe:</b> <i>(when will the tactic begin and end or is it ongoing?)</i>  <b>Budget:</b>

## **Performance Measures:**

- *Please review the tactics listed above and identify expected outcomes and outputs for each.*
- *Report out annually on the performance measures (refer to Appendix 2.2).*
- *The performance measures must align with the four MRDT Program Principles:*
  - *Effective tourism marketing, programs and projects*
  - *Effective local-level stakeholder support, and inter-community collaboration*
  - *Marketing efforts that are coordinated and complementary to provincial marketing strategies and tactics*
  - *Fiscal prudence and accountability.*
- *Consider the following definitions when preparing the output and outcome measures:*
  - *Outputs - measure the level of service provided by a project or provides information about what was done. They define "what you did", e.g., hosted four media familiarization trips.*
  - *Outcomes - measures on the achievement of broader goals such as increasing average visitor yield or enhancing the customer experience.*
- *Examples only:*

### Output Measures:

- *Types of marketing activities*
- *Number of event campaigns and results*
- *Description of social media activities, outcomes*
- *Number of media placements*
- *Number of conventions and meeting sales*
- *Webpage visits*
- *Visitor inquiries/calls*

### Outcome Measures:

- *Visitor volume*
- *Visitor nights & visitor spending*
- *Visitor revenues*
- *Average length of stay*
- *Accommodation revenues*
- *Number of new tourism businesses*