

Appendix B2 – Relevant Tourism Branch Correspondence

(relating to reserve land and timelines for MRDT Rate Changes)

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Subject: Fwd: FW: Resort Municipality Initiative
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Hi Andrea,

Thank you for double checking with us.

Accommodation providers on reserve land, if they are within the designated accommodation area, would be required to levy, collect, and remit the MRDT. It should be pointed out, that MRDT applicants should engage with the First Nation during their consultation process as part of the existing program requirement to consult with broader tourism stakeholders. If you haven't already done so, I suggest you review the MRDT program requirements found on Destination BC's website at: www.destinationbc.ca/mrdt.

I would also like to encourage you to connect with Destination BC staff if you have more MRDT related questions. Destination BC is the first point of contact for program inquiries. They will be able to assist you with any general questions you may have about the application process and program requirements. You can reach Destination British Columbia by email at MRDT@destinationbc.ca.

Thanks again,
Adrienne

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Subject: RE: Resort Municipality Initiative

Hi Amanda – I'll respond in Adrienne's absence...

From our MRDT program requirements: *New applications for the tax and applications for rate changes must be submitted at least nine months in advance of the desired effective date of the tax.* This refers to the process of government approval only; required consultations will need to take place in advance of that, and you may have a better sense of how long that will take based on the number and make-up of accommodators in the designated region.

Please let us know if you have any other questions, we're more than happy to assist.

Amy

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