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Five-year funding deal with province announced

Contract will allow municipality to set aside RMI funds well in advance of planned events

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Municipal and provincial officials have finalized a deal that will provide more than \$34 million in provincial funding over the next five years.

Mayor Nancy Wilhelm-Morden confirmed on Tuesday (Sept. 25) that the long-term Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) agreement is now in effect.

The signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was given to the municipality Friday (Sept.

21) signed by Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation, Pat Bell. The contract ensures a set amount of funding to be used for tourism initiatives and events in the community until 2016. "We're very pleased," said Wilhelm-Morden. "These funds are very important to Whistler. They allow us to do so much for the guest experience that we wouldn't otherwise even be able to dream of doing."

BELL **P4****SOME LIKE IT HOG:** Chef Adam Protter uses a blow torch to put the finishing touches on a roast pig at the farewell party for the Burnt Stew Café on Monday evening (Sept. 24). The popular Function Junction eatery shut down after 25 years to make way for the new Olive's Market. Photo by David Buzzard / www.davidbuzzard.com

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