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Brampton Receives 15.9 Million from the Federal Gas Tax Fund Transfer

As first of two installments delivered to support local infrastructure priorities, every Ontario community to benefit from federal Gas Tax Fund transfer

August 4, 2017, Brampton, Ontario – Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, is proud to confirm that Brampton will receive \$15,928,563 from the federal Gas Tax Fund transfer to Ontario. Modern and up-to-date community infrastructure helps connect people to jobs and provides access to better community services, attracts new businesses and creates economic growth.

In July, the Government of Canada delivered the first of two annual \$391 million federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) installments to Ontario. In total, Ontario's municipal governments will be provided with over \$782.1 million this year through the fund. The funding, which flows through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario is now available to support community infrastructure projects.

GTF funding supports hundreds of local infrastructure projects across Ontario each year. A portion of the annual provincial allocation is also used by the province to maintain rural roads in northern Ontario on behalf of local roads boards.

Some examples of the projects being funded this year include transit fleet replacement and state of good repair in Toronto, upgrades to recreational facilities in Brampton, the purchase of transit buses in Barrie, and major road reconstruction in Sault Ste. Marie. Other communities will use the funding to improve and repair their local roads and bridges, among other projects. The range of planned projects helps demonstrate the flexibility that the GTF provides.

The two Gas Tax Fund installments for this year are in addition to funds flowing to Ontario under the [*Investing in Canada Plan*](#).

Quotes

“As one of Canada's fastest growing cities and also the ninth largest, Brampton is experiencing rapid growth with a particular need for new investments into community infrastructure and services. The federal Gas Tax Fund provides cities like Brampton, important funding to allow for key investments into local infrastructure that will help grow the middle class, create a healthy community for our children and promote sustainable development and long-term prosperity for Canadian families.”

Ruby Sahota

Member of Parliament for Brampton North

“Through the federal Gas Tax Fund, communities across Ontario and the rest of Canada can direct federal funding to the infrastructure projects that address the most pressing needs of local residents and businesses, from improving drinking water to building new recreational facilities. The Government of Canada is proud to deliver this predictable, long-term funding to help ensure access to good middle class jobs, increased mobility, greater economic opportunities, sustainable communities and a high quality of life for all Canadians.”

*The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi,
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

“The Gas Tax Fund benefits Ontario municipalities by allowing local communities to decide where and how to invest resources for their most pressing needs. Constructing and improving infrastructure across the province will create jobs, enhance municipal services, and help commuters get to and from work faster – allowing them to spend more time with their families.”

*The Honourable Bill Mauro,
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs*

“The federal Gas Tax Fund is a stable source of funding that helps municipal governments maintain, rehabilitate and build the vital local infrastructure that we all rely on, including everything from roads and bridges to wastewater systems to community recreation centres. Investing in local infrastructure plays a major role in growing Canada’s economy, protecting the environment and building strong cities and communities. AMO will administer almost \$620 million from the Fund in 2017 alone.”

*Lynn Dollin,
President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)*

Quick facts

- Since the program was first introduced in 2005, over \$7.9 billion has been provided to Ontario communities through the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund makes over \$2 billion available each year, and through it provides each community across Canada with a permanent, predictable and indexed source of long-term funding. The funding is made available in two annual installments, in July and November.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund offers significant flexibility. Local communities can make strategic investments across 18 different project categories, including roads and bridges, public transit, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and recreational facilities. Communities can use the funds immediately for priority projects, bank the funds for later use, pool the dollars with other communities for shared infrastructure projects or use it to finance major infrastructure expenditures.
- The Government of Canada will invest more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada’s rural and northern communities.

Associated links

More on the federal Gas Tax Fund: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>

The federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario: <https://www.amo.on.ca/AMO-Content/Gas-Tax/Canada-s-Gas-Tax-Fund>

The federal Gas Tax Fund in Toronto: <http://www.toronto.ca/gastaxworks>

Federal infrastructure investments in Ontario: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/on-eng.html>

Investing in Canada, the Government of Canada's new \$180 billion infrastructure plan: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/about-invest-apropos-eng.html>

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