



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**  
**Financial Planning, Administration and Policy Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members General Issues Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	February 6, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	City of Hamilton and Ministry of Transportation 2018 / 2019 Dedicated Gas Tax Funding Agreement (FCS19009) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Brian McMullen Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services Corporate Services Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That the Mayor and the Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Hamilton's Public Transportation Program;
- (b) That the Mayor and Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services be authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program attached as Appendix "A" to Report FCS19009;
- (c) That the By-law attached as Appendix "C" to Report FCS19009 authorizing and directing the Mayor and Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be passed;

- (d) That, upon being passed, a certified copy of the By-law authorizing and directing the Mayor and Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, together with two copies of the signed Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program, be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The By-law (By-law) authorizing and directing the Mayor and Acting General Manager, Finance and Corporate Services to sign a Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (attached as Appendix “C”), accompanying Agreement (attached as Appendix “A”), 2018 / 2019 Guidelines and Requirements (attached as Appendix “B”) are provided as a condition of the transfer of funding, provided by the Province of Ontario to the City of Hamilton under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program. Under the terms and conditions of the attached Agreement (Appendix “A”), a by-law is required to authorize the Mayor and City Treasurer to sign the “Letter of Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario, Represented by the Minister of Transportation for the Province of Ontario and the City of Hamilton related to Funding Provided by the Province of Ontario to the Municipality under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program”.

Municipalities receiving dedicated gas tax funds must meet the requirements set out in the “2018 / 2019 Guidelines and Requirements”, attached as Appendix “B” to Report FCS19009.

## **Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

## **FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: Ratification of the Letter of Agreement (Appendix “A”) is a condition of the City of Hamilton becoming eligible for an estimated \$11,405,923 in provincial funding relating to 2018 / 2019 as part of the 2018 / 2019 program. This represents an increase of 1.9% over the previous 12-month total allocation of \$11,192,903.

Staffing: None.

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Legal: The enacting of the supporting By-law per Appendix “C” to Report FCS19009 is a requirement to receive funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

In 2013, the Province of Ontario moved forward with its commitment to make Gas Tax funding permanent. As part of that commitment, the Province of Ontario, under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for the Public Transportation Program, is providing funding in the amount of \$11,405,923 to the City of Hamilton, in accordance with and subject to the terms set out in the Letter of Agreement (attached as Appendix “A”), which forms part of the authorizing By-law (attached as Appendix “C”) and the 2018 / 2019 Guidelines and Requirements (attached as Appendix “B”). The Province of Ontario, under the above-noted Program, will provide two cents of the existing Provincial Gas Tax to municipalities to support public transportation. In this, the fifteenth year of the program, that is \$364 M in funding.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

None.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

None.

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for the Public Transportation Program, funding allocated is based on 70% transit ridership and 30% municipal population.

The funding received is deposited into a dedicated reserve that is used to fund the expansion of public transit in terms of capital infrastructure and operating budget funding related to levels of service.

## **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None.

## **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

### **Community Engagement & Participation**

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**Economic Prosperity and Growth**

*Hamilton has a prosperous and diverse local economy where people have opportunities to grow and develop.*

**Healthy and Safe Communities**

*Hamilton is a safe and supportive city where people are active, healthy, and have a high quality of life.*

**Clean and Green**

*Hamilton is environmentally sustainable with a healthy balance of natural and urban spaces.*

**Built Environment and Infrastructure**

*Hamilton is supported by state of the art infrastructure, transportation options, buildings and public spaces that create a dynamic City.*

**Culture and Diversity**

*Hamilton is a thriving, vibrant place for arts, culture, and heritage where diversity and inclusivity are embraced and celebrated.*

**Our People and Performance**

*Hamiltonians have a high level of trust and confidence in their City government.*

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

- Appendix “A” - Letter of Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario with respect to funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program
- Appendix “B” - Ministry of Transportation Dedicated Gas Tax Funds For Public Transportation Program 2018 / 2019 Guidelines and Requirements
- Appendix “C” - 2018 City of Hamilton and Ministry of Transportation Gas Tax Funding Agreement By-law - To Authorize the Signing of an Agreement between the City of Hamilton and the Ministry of Transportation Related to Funding Provided Under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

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