



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

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	January 14, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	City of Hamilton / Ministry of Transportation Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Transfer Payment Agreement (FCS21005) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS21005 between the City of Hamilton and the Province of Ontario related to the funding commitment made by the Province of Ontario to the municipality regarding Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning funding in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (b) That, upon being passed, a certified copy of the authorizing By-law and resolution, together with the signed Transfer Payment Agreement for the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On June 29, 2020, the Province of Ontario announced \$15 M in funding for 110 municipalities province-wide. The funding will be distributed amongst all 110 municipalities using a modified version of the gas tax formula. Specifically, \$500 will serve as the base amount for each recipient with the balance being determined by 70% ridership and 30% population utilizing the same data as the 2019 / 2020 Gas Tax program allocations. The expected allocation for Hamilton is \$464,413.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

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The authorizing By-law and Transfer Payment Agreement attached as Appendix “A” to Report FCS21005 are provided as a condition of the transfer of funds, provided by the Province of Ontario to the City of Hamilton under this Program.

Under the terms and conditions of the attached Transfer Payment Agreement, an authorizing by-law is required to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the “Transfer Payment 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 for Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning”.

Council had previously delegated authority for submission of agreements and documents related to Safe Restart Agreement funds through Report FCS20085. As this funding allocation is separate from the Safe Restart agreement a separate Council authorization is required by the Ministry of Transportation.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Ratification of the Transfer Payment Agreement is a condition of the City of Hamilton becoming eligible for an estimated \$464,413 in provincial funding relating to Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning funding.

Staffing: None.

Legal: None.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

None.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

None.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

None.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

Under the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning funding allocation, a base amount of \$500 plus an additional amount based on a modified dedicated gas tax formula of 70% transit ridership and 30% municipal population delivers an estimated \$464,413 to the City of Hamilton.

The funding will be used as a one-time funding source for expenditures related to enhanced cleaning expended between April 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. The eligible costs that can be claimed are as follows:

- costs of cleaning materials for the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC);
- costs of hand sanitizer for passenger and staff use;
- costs of safety wear for the MTEC, such as gloves or goggles;
- costs of equipment purchased for the MTEC;
- costs of contracted services for the MTEC;
- costs of salaries, including redeployment of staff, for the MTEC;
- any other cost that, in the opinion and at the sole discretion of the Province, is necessary for the MTEC.

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ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report FCS21005 – Transfer Payment Agreement – Municipal Transit
Enhanced Cleaning

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