

MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Gary Northcott, P. Eng
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DATE: March 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Systems,
February 29th Press Release, Municipality of Chatham-Kent

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. In order to adhere to Provincial requirements relating to the announced sharing of Provincial gas tax revenues:
 - a) The Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary Letter of Agreement which shall be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation.
 - b) Engineering and Transportation Division be authorized to prepare the necessary reporting forms and forward to the Ministry of Transportation.

BACKGROUND

Press Release, February 29, 2008

On February 29, 2008 the municipality, received notification from the office of the Honorable Pat Hoy, Member of Provincial Parliament Chatham-Kent Essex, (Attachment "A"), that an additional \$276,657 to improve public transit was being made available. This is in addition to the prior \$829,971 previously announced for 2008.

COMMENTS

The agreements and confirming by-law to receive this additional funding are required to be in the office of the Ministry of Transportation prior to March 14, 2008. The press release, Attachment "A", is self explanatory and documents the intended uses for the funding. Council is asked to give consideration at this time to the recommendations outlined to allow staff to meet the deadlines identified to secure the funding. The funds

will be placed into reserve to be allocated by council to future initiatives for Transit as outlined in the Press Release.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendations in this report support the following objectives and strategic directions:

A. Health – We are a healthy community

A1: Provide sufficient capacity to sustain community health and economic growth

B. Economy – We are a prosperous community

B3: Maintain and enhance new and existing infrastructure to support economic and smart growth opportunities

Desired Outcomes

- Provide safe, accessible, convenient and efficient public transportation
- Support new infrastructure investments and modernize existing infrastructure

The recommendations will not adversely impact on the remainder of the Community Strategic Plan.

CONSULTATION

No consultations were held related to the preparation of this report as it simply permits execution of the necessary agreements associated with the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation program as administered by the Ministry of Transportation.

Although not specifically part of this report, it should be noted that Council, administration and the general public have been consulted as required on specific expenditures of gas tax fund receipts. This practice shall continue for the duration of the program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As indicated by the Ministry of Transportation, the execution of the agreement identified within this report insures that the Municipality of Chatham-Kent will receive be eligible for an additional allocation of \$276,657 to improve Public Transit.

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Attachments: Appendix A February 29th, Press Release.

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