

Vaughan projects to benefit from federal Gas Tax Fund

City gets \$8.7 million in 2016, \$17.5 million over two years

VAUGHAN, ON (April 21, 2016) – As the City of Vaughan continues to grow, so does the demand on existing community infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks and buildings. The federal Gas Tax Fund helps address the rising cost of maintaining, revitalizing and building new infrastructure by providing predictable and long-term funding that supports fundamental city-building mechanisms including job creation and economic stimulus.

In 2016, the City will receive \$8.765 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund that will be directed to more than three dozen projects. These include sidewalk repairs, bridge rehabilitation and improvements to hiking trails. Funds will also support stormwater management facilities and construction of the new Civic Centre Resource Library. A portion of the federal Gas Tax funding will be invested in the Pavement Management Program which focuses on maintaining appropriate service levels on the City's existing road network. In addition, funding will be used to build new multi-use paths that promote alternate modes of travel such as walking and cycling.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) delivers the federal Gas Tax Fund to all Ontario municipalities, except Toronto, twice a year, on a per capita basis. In 2016, AMO will transfer \$617 million to municipalities to invest in hundreds of projects.

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“In Budget 2016, the Government of Canada committed to working with provinces, territories and municipalities to ensure they receive the support they need to build strong and vibrant communities. The federal Gas Tax Fund gives communities the flexibility to spend money on infrastructure projects where they need it most. Here in Vaughan, the city is directing its allocation to projects that will undoubtedly improve the quality of life for residents for many years to come.”

-Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“Vaughan is committed to being a key economic development driver in the GTA by creating jobs, encouraging investment and pursuing opportunities that will improve our quality of life. The federal Gas Tax Fund began as a short-term municipal infrastructure program to help local communities keep up with the demands of rapid growth. Today it is a welcome source of funding that assists in the maintenance and

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revitalization of existing infrastructure, while also supporting new assets in emerging neighbourhoods. It has helped the City move forward with important projects that contribute to our future as a world-class city.”
-Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

“The flexibility and long-term nature of the federal Gas Tax Fund helps municipal governments set and achieve local infrastructure priorities. The City of Vaughan has done just that by using the Fund to maintain existing infrastructure and leverage it to build new assets, including a fire station that has a LEED gold certification.”

-Gary McNamara, AMO President

QUICK FACTS

- Between 2014 and 2018, the City of Vaughan will receive approximately \$43 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- Money from the federal Gas Tax Fund was used to build the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service Station 7-10, which opened in 2012 and received LEED gold certification.
- Since the federal Gas Tax Fund’s launch in 2005, municipalities across Ontario have invested more than \$3.7 billion of federal Gas Tax money into more than 6,000 infrastructure projects worth more than \$10.7 billion.
- To date, \$13 billion has been invested in municipalities across Canada through the federal Gas Tax Fund, with close to \$22 billion to come throughout the next 10 years.
- Eligible categories under the federal Gas Tax Fund include public transit, wastewater infrastructure, drinking water, solid waste management, community energy systems, local roads and bridges, capacity building, highways, local and regional airports, short-line rail, short-sea shipping, disaster mitigation, broadband and connectivity, brownfield redevelopment, culture, tourism, sport, and recreation.

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- Association of Municipalities Ontario [webpage](#)
- Infrastructure Canada – the federal [Gas Tax Fund](#)

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ABOUT VAUGHAN: The City of Vaughan is one of Canada’s fastest growing cities with a population of more than 320,000. Incorporated in 1991, Vaughan is marking its 25th anniversary as a city this year.

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Vaughan includes the communities of Concord, Kleinburg, Maple, Thornhill and Woodbridge. This culturally diverse municipality is located in the heart of York Region and the Greater Toronto Area.

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