



Federal Gas Tax Fund contributes to smoother roads in Leeds Grenville

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, July 19, 2016 – Residents of Leeds Grenville are enjoying a smoother ride on County Road 44 thanks, in part, to contributions from the federal Gas Tax Fund.

Work on County Road 44 began in 2015 and was completed in early June 2016. The road was fully rehabilitated, including drainage improvements, road bed upgrades, road widening, hot mix paving, as well as shoulder and guardrail installation. The road work will result in faster, safer trips for drivers. The total cost for the rehabilitation work was \$1,211,541. Leeds Grenville invested \$566,611 from their annual federal Gas Tax Fund allocation and contributed an additional \$644,930 from other sources.

“The Government of Canada is pleased to provide municipalities like Leeds Grenville with flexible federal Gas Tax funding to address the unique needs of their community,” said Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. “These local road improvements will help connect people, contribute to increased safety, and support economic development in the region.”

“We are responsible for hundreds of kilometres of local roads in Leeds Grenville,” said David Gordon, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. “Predictable, dedicated funding from the federal Gas Tax Fund is a great contributor in our ability to build, maintain and repair critical local infrastructure.”

“In 2016 the Association of Municipalities of Ontario will administer \$617 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund to invest in local infrastructure,” said AMO President Gary McNamara. “The fund is permanent and stable which helps municipalities plan for the future and build safe, prosperous and sustainable communities.”

Leeds Grenville is set to receive more than \$2 million from the federal Gas Tax Fund in 2016. Federal Gas Tax Funds have been hard at work in the United Counties, funding several road rehabilitation projects. Between 2005 and 2015, Ontario municipalities invested more than \$2.1 billion from the Gas Tax Fund into local road and bridge infrastructure.

The federal Gas Tax Fund is one of the only permanent and stable sources of funding for municipal infrastructure. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) delivers the Fund to all Ontario municipalities, except Toronto, twice a year, on a per capita basis. Funds can

be invested into infrastructure from 16 different project categories, or can be used for capacity building projects that contribute to strategic asset management and long-term planning. This flexible approach means federal funding can address the diverse needs found in all of Ontario's municipalities. For more information, and to find out where Gas Tax funding is invested in your community, visit www.gastaxatwork.ca.

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