

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has been administrator of the federal Gas Tax Fund to all of Ontario's municipalities, except the City of Toronto, since 2005. Under the new Gas Tax Agreement, AMO will continue in this role. As of 2014, AMO delivers \$590.9 million in federal funding to 443 municipalities, on a per-capita basis.

The Ontario Model

- Unique because AMO and municipalities have a direct relationship with the Federal Government.
- The Province of Ontario respects municipalities as a mature and accountable order of government, and acknowledges that it is desirable for municipalities to have a direct relationship with the Government of Canada.
- Neutral third party evaluations have pointed to the model as one that should be replicated elsewhere, and in future infrastructure programs.

Transparency & Accountability

- Reporting to Infrastructure Canada has been completed on time and compliance audits have returned without qualifications, each and every year.
- AMO's reporting has been identified as a model of best practice among administrators of the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- Ontario is a leader among provinces and territories in communicating the benefits of federal funding and our federal-municipal partnership through news releases, media events, and social media.
- Municipalities report in a timely manner, and municipal audits have returned without material qualifications since the program's inception.
- To strengthen our efforts, municipalities will now load new/planned projects into AMO's online system before they begin. This will enable us to plan ahead and improve communications and transparency.

- Municipal reporting is made transparent through www.gastaxatwork.ca, which allows for public mapping of every project and every dollar invested since 2005.

Value for Money & Efficiency

- Delivery of this half-billion-dollar funding program at less than 0.5% of program allocation, with only three-and-a-half full-time equivalent staff members.
- Payments made to over 99% of eligible municipalities within seven days of receipt.
- An award winning online system that allows for efficient and cost-effective reporting by municipal recipients.
- Municipalities have leveraged \$2.05 from other sources for every \$1 from the federal Gas Tax Fund invested since 2005.
- An additional \$1.85 million was distributed to municipalities in 2010, which was interest accrued by AMO on federal funds held temporarily between 2005 and 2009.
- An additional \$15.69 million will be distributed to municipalities in 2014 due to AMO's efficient administration. This is a one-time only payment. Looking forward, if AMO has additional funds made available through efficiencies, they will be delivered to municipalities.