
News Release

GAS TAX FUND: DELIVERING RESULTS FOR CANADIANS BRITISH COLUMBIA

On April 1st, 2009, the federal Gas Tax Transfer to the provinces and territories to support better municipal infrastructure doubled to \$2 billion annually. The Gas Tax Fund (GTF) will remain at that level beyond 2014, when the Government makes it a permanent measure, providing British Columbia municipalities with stable and predictable funding for their long-term infrastructure priorities. Accelerating the first payment of the Gas Tax Fund by almost three months, the federal government is making up to \$1 billion available to municipalities almost three months early. In British Columbia, the Federal Excise Tax on gasoline is currently 10 cents per litre. Of that 10 cents per litre, this increase in the Gas Tax Fund allocation to BC provides a return of 5 cents per litre to taxpayers.

The GTF is part of an ongoing commitment from the Government of Canada to create jobs and stimulate the economy through modern public infrastructure. It is also an example of all levels of government working together to improve infrastructure and the quality of life of Canadians.

The GTF makes capital investments in water, wastewater and solid waste infrastructure, public transit, community energy systems, and local roads and bridges. The Gas Tax Fund combines predictable, long-term funding with local decision making and planning to enable municipalities to build and rehabilitate their core public infrastructure. The first payment will be made in April; in the past, payments have been made in July and then November.

Gas Tax funding is provided nationwide and the money is allocated based on population. The Union of British Columbia Municipalities partners with the Federal Government to deliver the funds on behalf of the federal government to British Columbia municipalities.

Results for British Columbians

The Gas Tax Fund is providing British Columbians with stable funding that will have a tangible impact on their quality of life and the long-term sustainability of their communities. The GTF has already provided funding towards various projects that support reducing GHG emissions and energy consumption. Improving public transit service is a high priority and the largest area of investment. Some examples include:

- The construction of new bus pullouts, bus shelters, lighting and construction of the Squamish Commuter Corridor trail in the Squamish Lillooet Regional District.
- Expansion and replacement of TransLink's various fleets across Metro Vancouver.
- Development of a comprehensive transportation plan in the Sunshine Coast Regional District.
- Converting landfill gas to electricity through the Sechelt Landfill project in Sunshine Coast Regional District.

The following table is a breakdown of the Gas Tax Fund allocation to British Columbia between 2005-2014:

Year	Allocation
2005-2006	76,272,000
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2007-2008	101,696,000
2008-2009	127,120,000
2009-2010	254,239,000
2010-2011	250,697,000
2011-2012	250,697,000
2012-2013	250,697,000

2013-2014	250,697,000
Total	1,638,387,000

The following table is a breakdown of the Gas Tax fund allocation to Okanagan-Shuswap municipalities between 2008-2010.

Municipality	2008-2009	2009-2010
Armstrong	96,345	170,491
Chase	87,676	152,438
Coldstream	165,962	315,444
Columbia-Shuswap	433,895	873,330
Enderby	77,318	130,872
Lumby	60,365	95,573
North Okanagan	277,987	548,700
Salmon Arm	356,659	712,510
Sicamous	96,719	171,268
Spallumcheen	111,044	201,096
Vernon	496,420	1,003,517