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Leamington
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March 8, 2022

The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville
2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, ON N9Y 2Y9

Via Email: skitchen@kingsville.ca

Attn: Sandra Kitchen, Deputy Clerk – Council Services

Re: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

On January 19, 2022, the Ministry of Transportation advised the Municipality of Leamington that it is eligible to receive funding for the 2021-2022 program year pursuant to the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program.

As you are aware, the Municipality of Leamington currently provides a public transit service that includes service to, and financial contributions from, the Town of Kingsville. The Municipality of Leamington acts as the “host” for the provision of this joint service, as and such, a resolution of the Council for the Town of Kingsville endorsing Leamington’s role is required pursuant to the funding agreement.

It is requested that you please arrange for Council of the Town of Kingsville to enact a resolution endorsing the Municipality of Leamington to act in that capacity on their behalf and that a certified copy of that resolution be provided to the Municipality of Leamington to be returned with the Letter of Agreement to the Ministry of Transportation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or require anything further.

Yours Truly,

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Encl. January 19, 2022 Correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation

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January 19, 2022

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Her Worship Hilda MacDonald
Mayor, Municipality of Leamington
111 Erie Street North
Leamington ON N8H 2Z9

Dear Mayor MacDonald:

I am pleased to announce the launch of the 2021-22 Gas Tax Program and to advise you of your funding allocation.

Our government is committed to working with municipalities to improve Ontario's transportation network and support economic growth. Investing in transit will reduce traffic congestion, create jobs and help businesses to develop and prosper.

The Municipality of Leamington will be eligible to receive an allocation of **\$231,587** for this program year. In the coming days we will be forwarding the electronic versions of your Letter of Agreement, along with program guidelines, reporting forms and the Canadian Content for Transit Vehicle Procurement policy to the primary contact at the Municipality of Leamington.

Please return a scanned copy of the signed Letter of Agreement, in pdf format, and the required supporting by-law (if applicable), and the 2021 Reporting Forms to **MTO-PGT@ontario.ca**.

The Municipality of Leamington currently provides a public transit service that includes service to, and receives financial contributions from, the Town of Kingsville.

As your municipality is the host for the provision of this joint service, we therefore request that your supporting Council by-law confirm that your municipality is continuing to act as the host for the other supporting municipalities.

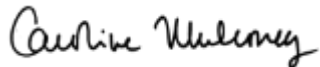
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The ministry recognizes that COVID-19 impacted gasoline sales in 2020-21. As a result, the province has committed \$120M in *one-time* additional funding to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the 2021-22 Gas Tax program. The one-time additional funding announced through the 2021 Fall Economic Statement (FES) maintains the funding envelope at the level of the 2020-21 program year. This funding will help stabilize 2021-22 program allocations as the province continues its COVID-19 recovery and transit systems begin to build back their ridership levels.

In order to further mitigate the impact of COVID-19, the ministry is using 2019 ridership instead of 2020, and will be using municipal spending figures from either 2019 or 2020, whichever is higher, when calculating municipal allocations. These actions will stabilize allocations, ensure that all municipalities can receive their largest allocation possible under the program, and ensure that no municipality is unduly penalized.

If you have any questions regarding the Gas Tax program, please contact Kevin Dowling, Acting Director, Municipal Programs Branch, at kevin.dowling@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

- c. Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
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Nelson Santos, Mayor, Town of Kingsville