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Subject Federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario achieves positive outcomes

Federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario achieves positive outcomes, municipalities transparent and accountable in reporting money spent

Ontario municipalities invest the federal Gas Tax Fund into priority projects that improve local quality of life. This investment results in measurable environmental benefits, short-term job creation and long-term economic growth.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) administers the federal Gas Tax Fund to 443 Ontario municipalities twice a year, on a per capita basis. This unique model recognizes that local governments are best able to determine local priorities for their own communities. The arrangement works well. Municipalities report to AMO on each and every Gas Tax dollar invested. AMO produces an annual report with detailed information on every project and every dollar spent. [Annual reporting information on the outcomes of the investments](#) is readily available at www.amo.on.ca.

AMO proactively shares project information with Canadians through www.gastaxatwork.ca. Users can explore federal Gas Tax projects across Ontario using an interactive map.

The federal Gas Tax Fund provides [real results for Ontarians](#). Between 2005 and 2014 Ontario municipalities have invested \$3.7 billion into 5,960 projects. This investment has resulted in:

- The rehabilitation of more than 7,200 km of roads, leading to a reduction in emissions by 310.5 million kg of CO₂ per year (between 2005 – 2013);
- 333 new transit buses, leading to about 16,000 fewer cars on our roads (between 2005 – 2013);
- A decrease in Ontario's annual energy demand by almost 24.5 million kW hours, enough to power 2,547 average Ontario homes for one full year (between 2005 – 2014).

As part of its administration, AMO profiles individual Gas Tax funded projects through [a series of videos](#) that highlight unique and interesting investment in Ontario. The most recent video takes viewers on a [journey across Ontario](#) (literally, from Manitoba to Quebec) on the TransCanada Highway to learn more about the value of asset management planning.

The federal Gas Tax Fund is one of the only permanent and stable sources of funding for municipal infrastructure. Compared to grant applications, the Gas Tax Fund approach helps municipal governments manage infrastructure challenges the best. It provides Ontario municipalities with \$744 million per year of entitlement based funding that is helping to address a significant, province-wide infrastructure deficit. Municipalities invest the Fund into projects that make our communities safer, more efficient and prosperous.

You can learn more about the Gas Tax Fund in Ontario by visiting www.gastaxatwork.ca or [@GasTaxinOntario on Twitter](#).

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