

October 30, 2013

Roy Avis  
Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Avenue  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9



Dear Mayor Avis:

As administrators of the federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario, we are pleased to share with you our 2012 Annual Expenditure Report. The report highlights the impact of the federal Gas Tax Fund in Ontario's municipalities by summarizing the investments we have made throughout the year. In total, \$555 million was invested in over 1500 projects during 2012.

AMO promotes the impact of the fund across the province, but we know that the real benefits are felt on the ground in municipalities like yours. Improving our transportation networks and our solid waste, water, wastewater and community energy systems creates jobs and stimulates long-term growth. Your residents and businesses prosper when we invest in infrastructure, and these are the local stories that we need to share.

To help share the good news we have developed a template letter that you can send to your Member of Parliament. This will also be sent to your staff electronically so they are able to add your municipality's Gas Tax projects (past and present), and talk about the impact these investments have made in your community.

Engaging your MP reminds them that local investments are supported by our direct federal-municipal partnership. Your municipal association has a seat at the table, and we are proud to be working in partnership with the Government of Canada to bring the much needed investments to our communities. We have achieved much since 2005, and the good news is that there is more to come.

In 2011, the Government of Canada made the Gas Tax Fund permanent in legislation. The next step is for AMO, the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to agree on a new Agreement. We are hard at work to ensure that the Fund, and its terms and conditions, continue to deliver for Ontario's municipalities.

For more information on how the Gas Tax Fund is at work across the province, please visit [www.gastaxatwork.ca](http://www.gastaxatwork.ca) and follow us on twitter [@GasTaxInOntario](https://twitter.com/GasTaxInOntario). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Judy Dezell, Manager – Gas Tax at 416-971-9856 ext. 306, or [jdezell@amo.on.ca](mailto:jdezell@amo.on.ca).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Powers'.

R.F. (Russ) Powers  
President



## Template letter for sending out to your MP

Dear [MP NAME],

Since 2005, [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY] has received \$X from Canada's Gas Tax Fund to invest in environmentally sustainable infrastructure. Federal funds and local investments have led to an improved quality of life for our residents. Key investments include [NAMES OF PROJECTS], which have resulted in [MENTION PROJECT BENEFITS].

Ontario municipalities own more infrastructure than any other order of government and a lot of that infrastructure needs to be upgraded or replaced. In fact, Ontario's municipalities have a \$60 billion infrastructure gap, and we cannot tackle this challenge alone.

I am pleased that [NAME OF MUNICIPALITY], like all Ontario municipalities, has a long-term partnership with the Government of Canada through the predictable and stable Gas Tax Fund. I want to make sure that everyone knows how dedicated, long-term and predictable investments from the Government of Canada are critical in meeting our local needs.

Through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, we know that these local investments add up. Since 2005, Ontario's municipalities have invested almost \$2.7 billion from the federal Gas Tax Fund into more than 4,500 infrastructure projects worth \$8.2 billion. It has improved roads and bridges, and enhanced transit, water, wastewater, solid waste and community energy networks. Most importantly, it has created jobs and laid the foundation for long-term economic growth. Municipal infrastructure is the foundation for economic activity, and we know that investments in our communities will create a strong and prosperous Canada.

Thank you again for federal investments in municipal infrastructure. Through the permanent Gas Tax Fund, we look forward to continuing our successful partnership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

[HEAD OF COUNCIL]

c: Russ Powers, AMO President