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## **Every Yukon community to benefit from federal Gas Tax Fund transfer**

*Joint news release*

Modern and up-to-date community infrastructure helps connect people to jobs and provides access to better community services, attracts new businesses and creates economic growth.

In July, the Government of Canada delivered the first of two annual \$7.8 million federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) installments to Yukon. In total, the territory will be provided over \$15.7 million this year through the fund. The funding, which flows through the territorial government to all of its communities, is now available to support local infrastructure projects.

Based on previous years, GTF funding supports approximately 50 local infrastructure projects across Yukon each year.

Some examples of the projects being funded this year include upgrades to the fire suppression system in the St. Elias Convention Centre in the Village of Haines Junction, and asphalt resurfacing of Fourth Avenue in the City of Whitehorse. Teslin Tlingit Council also has plans to purchase a new 28-passenger bus. The range of planned projects helps demonstrate the flexibility that the GTF provides.

The two Gas Tax Fund installments for this year are in addition to funds flowing to Yukon under the Investing in Canada plan.

### **Quotes**

"Through the federal Gas Tax Fund, communities across Yukon and the rest of Canada can direct federal funding to the infrastructure projects that address the most pressing needs of local residents and businesses, from improving drinking water to building new recreational facilities. The Government of Canada is proud to deliver this predictable, long-term funding to help ensure access to good jobs, increased mobility, greater economic opportunities, sustainable communities and a high quality of life for all Canadians."

*–Government of Canada Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi*

"The great thing about the Gas Tax Fund is that it allows Yukon communities to build local solutions to local problems. The result is healthy, sustainable communities that benefit from the jobs and economic opportunities that these projects create."

*–Government of Yukon Minister of Community Services John Streicker*

### **Quick facts**

- Since the program was first introduced in 2005, over \$159 million has been provided to Yukon communities through the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund makes over \$2 billion available each year, and through it provides each community across Canada with a permanent, predictable and indexed source of long-term funding. The funding is made available in two annual installments, in July and November.
- The federal Gas Tax Fund offers significant flexibility. Local communities can make strategic investments across 18 different project categories, including roads and bridges, public transit, drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and recreational facilities. Communities can use the funds immediately for priority projects, bank the funds for later use, pool the dollars with other communities for shared infrastructure projects or use it to finance major infrastructure expenditures.
- The Government of Canada will invest more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities.

### **Learn more:**

Federal Gas Tax Allocations for Yukon Communities in 2017-18

Federal infrastructure investments in Yukon

Federal Gas Tax Fund

Federal Gas Tax Fund in Yukon

Investing in Canada, the Government of Canada's \$180-billion+ infrastructure plan

### **See backgrounder.**

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### Backgrounder: Federal Gas Tax allocations for Yukon communities in 2017–18

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The following table indicates this year's federal Gas Tax Fund allocation for Yukon's communities.

Location	Federal Funding
Carcross/Tagish First Nation	\$281,503
Village of Carmacks	\$225,715
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	\$437,894
City of Dawson	\$790,161
Town of Faro	\$225,715
Village of Haines Junction	\$451,536
Kluane First Nation	\$159,093
Kwanlin Dün First Nation	\$340,584
Liard First Nation	\$391,556
Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation	\$247,908
Village of Mayo	\$225,715
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	\$231,690
Ross River Dena Council	\$228,214
Selkirk First Nation	\$264,126
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	\$195,391
Teslin Tlingit Council	\$296,949
Village of Teslin	\$225,715
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	\$346,762
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	\$305,058

Town of Watson Lake	\$790,161
White River First Nation	\$134,766
City of Whitehorse	\$7,568,558
Unincorporated Communities	\$1,081,220

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