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FEDERAL FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR NUNAVUT COMMUNITIES

Canada's Gas Tax Fund supports local infrastructure priorities throughout Nunavut

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The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, Minister for the Arctic Council and Member of Parliament for Nunavut and the Honourable Tom Sammutok, Government of Nunavut Minister of Community and Government Services, celebrated today an agreement for the renewed federal Gas Tax Fund that provides predictable, stable funding for public infrastructure across Nunavut.

The federal Gas Tax Fund provides municipalities with funding for projects that meet their community needs and priorities. The renewed agreement governs the flow of federal funds to each province and territory over the next 10 years, from 2014-15 until 2023-24.

Since 2006, significant improvements have been made to the Gas Tax Fund; it has been extended, doubled, indexed and made permanent. By enshrining these commitments in legislation, provinces, territories and municipalities are assured of an ongoing stream of funding to address their municipal infrastructure needs and priorities.

Under the renewed Gas Tax Fund, Nunavut will continue to address the infrastructure priorities of water, wastewater, solid waste and capacity building.

With this agreement the Government of Canada is ensuring a seamless transition to the New Building Canada Plan, the largest long-term federal commitment to investing in Canada's public infrastructure in our nation's history.

Quick Facts

- Canada's Gas Tax Fund transfer has provided \$13 billion to Canadian communities to date. Over the 10-year life of the New Building Canada Plan from 2014 to 2024, the Gas Tax Fund will provide close to \$22 billion in funding for municipalities.
- In total, the New Building Canada Plan will provide \$53 billion in funding to communities across the country over the next decade. For Nunavut, this represents approximately \$419 million in dedicated federal funding, including more than \$256 million under the New Building Canada Fund and an estimated \$163 million under the federal Gas Tax Fund*.
- Provinces and territories will also stand to benefit from the Government of Canada's following national funding programs:
 - \$4 billion available across the country for projects of national significance,
 - \$1.25 billion in additional funding available for P3 projects,
 - \$10.4 billion via the GST Rebate, which provides municipalities across the country with additional resources to address their infrastructure priorities
- A total of 46 projects benefitted from funding from the last Gas Tax Fund Agreement in Nunavut.
- For example, the federal Gas Tax Fund supported projects such as:
 - Baker Lake water pump house - a new water pump house which provides proper water treatment and has significantly reduced water truck fill times. This project has led to improved municipal and fire protection services for the community.
 - Cambridge Bay solid waste site - this new facility has provided the community with an improved solid waste site. The community is now involved in waste management and has initiated a new recycling program.

***NOTE:** GTF funding by jurisdiction for the first five years (2014-2019) is based on 2011 Census data. GTF funding for 2019-2024 will be based on 2016 Census data. For illustrative purposes, Census 2011 data has been used for all 10 years. Due to the indexation of the GTF, funding for 2019-2024 is expected to be at least equal to GTF funding for the first five years.

Quotes

“Our Government’s commitment to northern communities has never been stronger. Through our unprecedented financial support for public infrastructure, we are ensuring communities in Nunavut and across the country enjoy a high standard of living, new economic opportunities, and a safe, healthy environment.”

*The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq
Minister of the Environment, Minister of the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, Minister for the Arctic Council
and Member of Parliament for Nunavut*

on behalf of

*The Honourable Denis Lebel
Minister of Infrastructure, Communities, and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of
Canada for the Regions of Quebec*

“Improving public infrastructure in our communities is of great importance to the Government of Nunavut. With increased economic activity across the territory, our communities are growing and require improvements to infrastructure such as water, wastewater and solid waste sites to support this growth. The Gas Tax Fund agreement will provide much-needed funding to meet some of these critical infrastructure needs across Nunavut.”

*The Honourable Tom Sammutok
Minister of the Department of Community and Government Services
Government of Nunavut*

Associated Links

To learn more about the federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/index-eng.html>
Find the new Canada–Nunavut federal Gas Tax Fund agreement at:
<http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/agreements-ententes/gtf-fte/2014-nu-eng.html>

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