

Appendix I

Dedicated Provincial Gas Tax By-law Amendment

Highlights - General Eligibility Requirements for the Dedicated Gas Tax Program

Municipalities receiving dedicated gas tax funds must meet, among others, the following eligibility conditions:

- Only municipalities that have submitted their annual data survey to the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) and their Gas Tax reporting forms to the Ministry (as prescribed), will be eligible to receive dedicated gas tax funds;
- Dedicated gas tax funds, including all interest earned must be kept in a dedicated gas tax funds reserve account and remain the property of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) pending payment of eligible expenditures;
- Dedicated gas tax funds and any related interest must be used exclusively towards the provision of public transportation service (the Region of Peel uses the funding towards the capital and operating expenditures to support the Region's TransHelp accessible bus service.);
- Transit vehicles purchased using the gas tax funds must be fully accessible;
- The acquisition of transit vehicles must comply with the Canadian Content for Transit Vehicle Procurement Policy requirements;
- Municipalities are required to provide an annual report of their spending on public transportation services;
- For municipalities that provide only specialized transit, transit strategies that may not initially result in ridership growth, but will provide increased accessibility can be considered as eligible expenditures, if approved in writing by MTO prior to implementation;
- Any funds accrued from the sale, lease or disposal of assets purchased with dedicated gas tax funds must be returned to a dedicated gas tax funds reserve account, with the exception of funds accrued from the sale, lease or disposal of transit buses beyond their useful economic life; and
- For those GTA municipalities that are required to provide funding for the capital costs for the Metrolinx Transit Growth and Enhancement Plan, these municipalities are required to demonstrate that they have met their responsibility for the payment of the growth and expansion capital costs of Metrolinx pursuant to the *Amendment to Greater Toronto Services Board By-law No. 40*, O. Reg. 446/04, made under the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, S.O. 2006, c. 16, as amended.