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Headline

“City of Grand Forks” receives Federal Gas Tax Fund contribution for “Performance Measurement and Reporting Framework for Sustainable Service Delivery”

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The Federal Government announced today which communities will be receiving grants through the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF). The City is receiving a grant in the amount of \$195,000 which covers %100 of the project cost.

Asset Management has been a Council priority since 2010. Asset Management is a practice that looks at the financial, assets and levels of service within an organization and then generates a long term plan to help get an organization on track financially over the long term, all the while putting dollars away that will eventually be needed to replace assets (i.e. infrastructure).

This funding is for the development of the framework providing a practical dashboard for charting the correct course through changing conditions. The framework provides confidence to staff, Council and the community that the City will deliver quality services today and long into the future.

Quick Facts

- The Grand Forks Performance Measurement and Reporting Framework for Sustainable Service Delivery is receiving \$195,000 from the federal Gas Tax Fund.
- The total estimated cost of this project is \$195,000.
- This project is one of the 57 projects that are being funded through the Strategic Priorities Fund under the Federal Gas Tax Fund for 2016.
- The Union of BC Municipalities administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- Each year, the Government of Canada provides over \$253 million in indexed funding for local government infrastructure projects across British Columbia through the federal Gas Tax Fund. The funding can be spent on any eligible project the community prioritizes across a broad range of eligible project categories, or it can be pooled with other communities for regional projects, banked for later priorities or used to pay for financed projects.

Quotes

“Through the federal Gas Tax Fund, the Government of Canada is allowing communities in BC, and all across Canada, to make informed decisions about their infrastructure investments and how best to spend federal dollars. Community officials are best positioned to identify their specific needs, and the federal Gas Tax fund supports them in making those strategic investments. These 57 projects will contribute to building the strong, inclusive and sustainable communities Canadians desire to live in.”

Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities



Settle down.

"These funds will help support communities across B.C. through the planning stages for community improvement, and asset management. I'm pleased to say that local governments throughout the Province are receiving more than \$4 million in funding for 30 capacity building projects through the Federal Gas Tax Fund, which is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities and provided by the Government of Canada."

Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

"The City of Grand Forks is grateful to upper levels of government for providing financial support to the municipality. These funds are critical to the City's ability to undertake important projects."

Mayor Konrad, City of Grand Forks

"BC local governments appreciate the Government of Canada's support for asset management and planning development. These investments will strengthen local decision making and provide new tools to guide the development of BC communities."

Al Richmond, President, Union of BC Municipalities

Associated Links

To learn more about the federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

To learn more about other projects recently announced under the Strategic Priorities Fund visit: <http://infc.gc.ca/b5a1>"

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