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Ian Boddy
Mayor
City of Owen Sound
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Dear Mayor Boddy:

I am pleased to announce the launch of the 2022-23 Gas Tax Program and to advise you of your funding allocation.

Our government is committed to working with municipalities to improve Ontario's transportation network and support economic growth. Investing in transit will reduce traffic congestion, create jobs and help businesses to develop and prosper.

The City of Owen Sound will be eligible to receive an allocation of **\$259,379** for this program year.

In the coming days we will be distributing, through the Transfer Payment Ontario Network (TPON) system, the electronic versions of your Letter of Agreement, along with program guidelines, reporting forms and the Canadian Content for Transit Vehicle Procurement policy. The primary staff contact at the City of Owen Sound will be notified when these documents are available.

Please return a scanned copy of the signed Letter of Agreement, in pdf format, and the required supporting by-law (if applicable), and the 2022 Reporting Forms to **MTO-PGT@ontario.ca**.

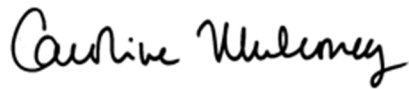
The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recognizes that COVID-19 impacted gasoline sales in 2021-22. As a result, the province has committed an additional \$80 million in supplementary funding for the 2022-23 Gas Tax program. This additional funding maintains the funding envelope at the level of the 2022-23 program year as the province recognizes transit systems are continuing to build back their ridership levels.

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For the 2022-23 Gas Tax Program, MTO is using a five-year average of ridership from 2017 to 2021, and will be using the highest level of reported municipal spending from 2017 to 2021 when calculating municipal allocations.

If you have any questions regarding the Gas Tax program, please contact Melissa Djurakov, Director, Municipal Programs Branch, at melissa.djurakov2@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Caroline Mulroney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

c. Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce—Grey—Owen Sound