

New Federal Gas Tax Fund 2014-2024



Department of Municipal Affairs

New Gas Tax Agreement

- Negotiations complete and Canada-NS Agreement signed in effect as of April 1, 2014 <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/prog/agreements-ententes/gtf-fte/2014-ns-eng.html>
- Capital infrastructure
- 10 year Program – 2014-2024
- Transfer Based – 100% Federally Funded
- Stacking Rule limitations on other federal programs (i.e., New Building Canada Fund)

UNSM Collaboration

UNSM collaboration on all GTF communication activities including, project event calendar, signage tracking, project spotlights, FAQs, newsletters, site visits, asset management, workshops etc.

UNSM-Gas Tax Resources: <http://www.unsm.ca/gas-tax-fund.html>

DMA-Gas Tax Resources:

<http://www.novascotia.ca/dma/funding/infrastructure/gas-tax-fund.asp>

New NS Gas Tax Allocations

Fiscal Year	GTF Funding for NS
2014-15	\$53.2M
2015-16	\$53.2M
2016-17	\$55.9M
2017-18	\$55.9M
2018-19	\$58.5M
2019-2024*	*based on 2016 census

Eligible Recipient

Municipality or its agent (including its wholly owned corporation); and

Non-municipal entity, including for profit, non-governmental and not-for profit organizations, on the condition that the Municipality(ies) has (have) indicated support for the project through a formal resolution passed by its (their) council(s).

See MFA for specifics

Funding Non-Municipal Entities

- Resolution passed by Council (projects must be reported in CIP and AER)
- DMA has provided sample letter for Agreement (must submit to DMA if any non-municipal entities are funded using GTF)
- Non-Municipal entity must comply with terms and conditions of MFA, including reporting.
- Refer to Section 2.6 of MFA for more info.

Expanded Gas Tax Categories

- Drinking Water
- Wastewater
- Solid Waste
- Community Energy Systems
- Local Roads and Bridges
- Public Transit
- Capacity Building
- Highways
- Regional/Local Airports
- Short-Sea Shipping
- Short-Line Rail
- Broadband Connectivity
- Brownfield Redevelopment
- Cultural Infrastructure
- Tourism Infrastructure
- Sport Infrastructure
- Recreational Infrastructure
- Disaster Mitigation

Note: New Category expenditures eligible only after April 1st , 2014

Project Eligibility

- Municipalities are encouraged to contact the Department of Municipal Affairs **in advance** of incurring costs on a project to determine broad eligibility.
- The municipality incurs the risk of project ineligibility or ineligible costs.

Gas Tax Reporting

- Pre-construction Report
- Annual Expenditure Report
- Outcomes Report
- Capital Investment Plan

Asset Management Plan

- **“Asset Management Plan”** means documents that support integrated, lifecycle approaches to effective stewardship of infrastructure assets in order to maximize benefits, and manage risk
- Demonstrate progress towards development/implementation of Asset Management Plan in Outcomes Report (Due 2018)
- IAM-NS Working Group (DMA / UNSM / AMANS / MPWANS / Municipal Partners)
- Asset Inventory Pilot Projects and developing Asset (Tracking) Registry (in process)

Communications Protocol

- UNSM will be collecting information on planned gas tax projects in the Spring.
 - Communications Report to INFC
- Project Signage required as per previous program (**currently on hold, but expect to start in near future**). Signage costs is eligible as part of overall project cost.
- Project announcements required as deemed by INFC
- If Municipality wishes to hold an event, it must notify DMA Communications and proceed accordingly

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