

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	DATE:	2017 September 05
FROM:	DIRECTOR FINANCE	FILE:	7300-20

SUBJECT: 2016 GAS TAX PROGRAM

**PURPOSE:** To inform Council on the 2016 Gas Tax funding received and utilized by the City.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** Financial Management Committee recommend Council receive this report for information.

### REPORT

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

An administrative agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia was signed between Canada, British Columbia and UBCM effective 2014 April 01 for a ten-year period. The program aims to achieve three national objectives: productivity and economic growth; a clean environment; and strong cities and communities, and provides for flexible, long term funding for municipal infrastructure.

The Gas Tax Fund has been made available for the benefit of all municipalities across the country. The Community Works Fund (CWF) portion of the Gas Tax Fund will deliver \$519.3 million to British Columbia municipalities over the first five years of the agreement. Funding will be allocated twice annually to all local governments in British Columbia for eligible expenditures of eligible projects as set out in the Gas Tax agreement. Burnaby's allocation for 2016 was \$721,593. As part of the agreement, a report is provided annually on July 01 to UBCM outlining the use of Gas Tax funding by all municipalities.

All Gas Tax funding received by the City is set aside in a Gas Tax Reserve, to ensure its use as specified by the agreement. Council reviews and approves all capital and operating project initiatives funded by the Gas Tax Reserve annually as part of the budget process.

The table below lists projects that were funded by the Gas Tax Reserve in 2016:

Description	Amount (\$)	
Lane Condition Analysis and Prioritization (carry forward from 2014)	127,000	
Barnet Pedestrian Bridge Upgrade (carry forward from 2014)	108,012	
Local Roads Network Paving	721,593	
Total 2016 Actual Gas Tax Eligible Expenditures	\$ 956,605	

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For reference, Attachment 1 provides a summary of the Gas Tax funding received to date and the expenditures made for each year of this agreement to 2016 December 31.

As per the agreement it is expected that Burnaby will receive a grant of \$721,593 in 2017. Gas Tax funding for 2017 is allocated as follows:

Description	Amount (\$)	
Fibre Network Installation	341,600	
Swangard Track Reconstruction	380,000	
Total 2017 Plan Gas Tax Eligible Expenditures	\$ 721,600	

The Gas Tax Reserve continues to be a viable funding source for eligible initiatives that benefit Burnaby's community.

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Attachment: 1 – Gas Tax Fund Summary as Reported to UBCM, for the years 2014 – 2016

Copied to: City Manager Director Engineering Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Chief Information Officer

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

# Gas Tax Fund Summary as Reported to UBCM

For the Years 2014 to 2016

	2014 Actual (\$)	2015 Actual (\$)	2016 Actual (\$)	Total Actual (\$)	2017 Proposed (\$)
Beginning Balance	-	526,399	270,766		41,987
Actual Revenue	698,088	698,088	721,593	2,117,769	721,593
Investment Income	3,311	10,198	6,233	19,742	3,500
Total Additions	701,399	708,286	727,826	2,137,511	725,093
Actual Eligible Project Expenditures: Local Roads Network Paving	(175,000)	-	(721,593)	(896,593)	-
Riverside Area Improvements	-	(687,000)	(721,000)	(687,000)	
LED Streetlight Conversion	-	(200,000)	-	(200,000)	-
Lane Condition Analysis and Prioritization	-	-	(127,000)	(127,000)	-
Barnet Pedestrian Bridge Upgrade	-	(16,988)	(108,012)	(125,000)	-
Storm Water Monitoring and Modeling	-	(59,931)	-	(59,931)	-
Fibre Network Installation	-	-	-	-	(341,600)
Swangard Track Reconstruction	-	-	-	-	(380,000)
Total Actual Eligible Project Expenditures	(175,000)	(963,919)	(956,605)	(2,095,524)	(721,600)
Ending Balance	\$ 526,399	\$ 270,766	\$ 41,987	\$ 41,987	\$ 45,480