
Background

GAS TAX FUND 2008-2010 ALLOCATION FOR DURHAM REGION MUNICIPALITIES

Durham Region and each member municipality will receive funding from the federal Gas Tax Fund between 2008 and 2010 as outlined in the following table:

	2008-09	2009-10
Durham Region	\$8,234,572.88	\$16,469,145.76
Oshawa	\$2,259,101.50	\$4,518,202.99
Pickering	\$1,415,709.67	\$2,831,419.34
Ajax	\$1,198,233.11	\$2,396,466.23
Clarington	\$1,134,562.81	\$2,269,125.63
Whitby	\$1,420,161.23	\$2,840,322.46
Brock	\$196,745.94	\$393,491.87
Scugog	\$327,742.01	\$655,484.02
Uxbridge	\$282,316.61	\$564,633.22
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$16,469,145.76</i>	<i>\$32,938,291.52</i>
Total (2008-10)	\$49,407,437.28	

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) delivers the federal Gas Tax Fund for municipalities in Durham Region. Cheques will be issued by the Government of Canada to AMO on July 1 and November 1 in 2008 and 2009. To date, the Government of Canada has already provided municipalities within Durham Region with more than \$32 million through the federal Gas Tax Fund.

As part of the Building Canada infrastructure plan, the federal Gas Tax Fund is helping to build stronger, safer and better communities by providing funding for municipal infrastructure that enhances the environment and quality of life.

Gas tax funding is up-front and predictable, increasing the capacity of communities to undertake the long-term financial commitments needed to address local needs. The allocation of funding is based upon population, using National Census data made available by Statistics Canada.

More than 600 infrastructure projects in Ontario currently benefit from federal gas tax funding. Eligible project categories include public transit, water, wastewater, solid waste, community energy systems, capacity building and local roads and bridges where sustainability outcomes can be demonstrated. Federal gas tax funding does not have to be matched by municipalities.