



Council Memorandum

Date: June 11th, 2019

To: Council

From: Mayor Letham

Re: Federal Gas Tax

Recommendation;

That the Memorandum from Mayor Letham, regarding **Federal Gas Tax**, be received;

That up to \$2,000,000.00 of the additional Federal Gas Tax funds be committed to enhance the Roads Capital Program in 2020; and

That staff include up to an additional \$2,000,000.00 of roads projects in the proposed 2020 capital budget to accelerate our roads program for Council consideration.

Rationale;

The City has received an additional \$4.6 million in a one-time Federal Gas Tax payment. It is important to balance infrastructure needs against the possibility of Provincial downloads and funding reductions for next year. Until these amounts are finalized and budget pressures known, utilizing \$2 million for roads infrastructure acceleration and leaving the balance in the Capital Reserve is a wise business decision. This is a one-time funding allocation, and should be carefully utilized for maximum multi-year effect. Leaving the balance in the capital reserve leaves the city with ongoing future options.