



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Moved by: _____ Date: June 17, 2019

Seconded by: _____ Resolution No.: _____

Item
No. 15.1

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario unilaterally cancelled a planned two cent per litre incremental increase to gas tax transfers to municipalities;

AND WHEREAS transit systems will not be able to meet the needs of Ontarian commuters if they do not have operational and capital funding to provide convenient, affordable, and reliable services;

AND WHEREAS the dedicated Gas Tax for Public Transportation Program has, since its inception in 2004, become an irreplaceable source of capital and operational funding that Ontario transit systems of all sizes count on to serve their communities;

AND WHEREAS transit systems have, since the program became permanent in 2014, experienced year over year ridership increases as a result of service level improvements;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills specialized transit program currently relies heavily on dedicated Gas Tax to fund a portion of the programs operating costs;

AND WHEREAS transit initiatives within the Town of Halton Hills, including implementation of the Transit Service Strategy, would be negatively affected if changes to the dedicated Gas Tax are further reduced or eliminated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this Council request that the Government of Ontario continue to support transit systems across the province, recognizing the economic, environmental, and social benefits of public transit investments;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council request that the Government of Ontario make evidence-based decisions when considering the effectiveness of current gas tax transfers to municipalities in growing transit ridership across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council request that the Government of Ontario preserve and continue existing gas tax transfers to municipalities as a dedicated source of funding for public transit;

AND FURTHER THAT this motion be circulated to MPP Ted Arnott; Minister of Transportation, Jeff Yurek; and Ontario Public Transit Association CEO, Karen Cameron.

Mayor Rick Bonnette