

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: January 20, 2021</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Gary Kent, CPA, CGA, ICD.D, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer</p>	<p>Meeting date: February 10, 2021</p>

Subject

Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program (MTEC) Funding Agreement

Recommendation

1. That the Mayor and Commissioner of Transportation and Works be authorized to execute, on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, any Transfer Payment Agreements with her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for funding under the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program (MTEC), in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.
2. That the Commissioner of Transportation and Works be delegated authority to execute, on behalf of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, any and all required documentation, including any amendment, extension or ancillary document, as well as any documents required to administer and fulfill all requirements of MTEC, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.
3. That all necessary by-law(s) be enacted.

Background

Through the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program (MTEC), the Ontario Government is providing up to \$15 million to 110 municipalities across the province to support enhanced cleaning of municipal public transit systems to keep passengers and employees safe and help reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Funding will be distributed amongst municipalities using a modified version of the provincial gas tax funding formula. The modification includes a \$500 base funding amount for each recipient in addition to the funding distribution determined by 70% ridership and 30% population, utilizing the same data that was used to determine the 2019-20 Gas Tax program allocations.

MTEC funding will be flowed through a Transfer Payment Agreement between the Province and the City of Mississauga for which an authorizing by-law is required.

Comments

The City of Mississauga has been allocated a maximum funding amount of \$743,937. Funding can be used to cover eligible costs incurred on or after April 1, 2020 and on or before December 31, 2020. Eligible costs include items considered to have been properly and reasonably incurred and are necessary for the enhanced cleaning of transit vehicles and any other public and non-public facing transit assets, that provide or support transit services.

In addition to having been incurred, costs have to have been paid by the City prior to being submitted to the Province for payment and may include:

- costs of cleaning materials;
- costs of hand sanitizer for passenger and staff use;
- costs of safety wear, such as gloves or goggles;
- costs of equipment purchased;
- costs of contracted services;
- costs of salaries, including redeployment of staff; and
- any other cost that, in the opinion and at the sole discretion of the Province, is necessary for the MTEC.

Financial Impact

Funding, not to exceed the City allocation of \$743,937, will be used to cover eligible costs incurred by Transit as a result of COVID-19. Funding will be recovered following execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement and submission of a one-time claim for eligible expenditures.

Conclusion

The Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Program provides the City with an opportunity to recover costs incurred as a result of implementing health and safety measures in response to COVID-19. These health and safety measures ensured that municipally operated public transit was and continues to be safe for use by both passengers and staff during the pandemic.



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