



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole X
Meeting Date:	March 20, 2024
Subject/Title:	Federal Infrastructure Funding to Support Growth
Submitted by:	Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Godwin Chan

Whereas, Canada is experiencing record population growth, having welcomed 1.25 million new Canadians last year alone; and

Whereas, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) at least 3.5 million additional homes are needed in Canada by 2030, and municipalities need to build or expand the infrastructure to accommodate this growth; and

Whereas, Federation of Canadian Municipalities has estimated that the cost of the municipal infrastructure required support housing development is, on average, in the range of \$107,000 per unit; and

Whereas, according to Statistics Canada the cost of upgrade existing municipal infrastructure to keep it in a state of good repair is in the range of \$170 billion; and

Whereas, non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure project without a corresponding growth in revenue; and

Whereas, unlike federal and provincial revenues, municipal tax revenue has not increased in recent years along with inflation, economic growth, or population growth; and

Whereas, municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end, the Canada Community-Building Fund is being renegotiated and the Permanent Public Transit Fund is set to start in 2026;

Whereas, The Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF), which was formerly known as the federal Gas Tax Fund, provides more than \$2 billion in annual capital funding directly to municipalities through a predictable allocation mechanism, and municipalities of all sizes use the CCBF to deliver direct results for Canadians by building and renewing critical core public infrastructure, including water infrastructure, local roads, public transit and community, and cultural and recreational facilities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests that the Federal government work with municipalities and agreement signatories to maintain the Canada Community-Building Fund as a source of direct, predictable, long-term funding for local infrastructure priorities; and be it further resolved

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests the Federal government commit, in Budget 2024, to the next generation of infrastructure programs, including a new program for water and wastewater infrastructure and an increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund; and be it further resolved

That Council for the City of Richmond Hill requests that the Federal government engage with provinces, territories and municipalities to negotiate a “Municipal Growth Framework” to modernize the way that municipalities are funded in order to enable Canada’s long-term growth; and be it further resolved

That the City Clerk send this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada, Finance Minister of Canada, Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition of Canada, and Leaders of other Federal Parties, the Local Members of Parliament, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Big City Mayors’ Caucus, as well as York Region and its member municipalities.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor and Regional and Local
Councillor Godwin Chan

Seconded by: