

Budget Debrief

2015 Municipal Symposium



Our Goal

MNL's goal for this budget was to see as many

PRIORITY ONE GROUP

items, from our Fiscal Framework Position Paper implemented as possible.

What's The Plan?

4 of the 5

PRIORITY ONE GROUP

items, were announced in this Budget.

What's The Plan?

1) HST Rebate

57.14% phased in over 3 fiscal years.

This matches rebates in the provinces of NS & NB.

Year 1 (2015/16) = \$1.9M

Year 2 (2016/17) = \$10M

Year 3 (2017/18) = \$17M annually thereafter

2) Gas Tax Transfer

Phased in over 3 fiscal years.

50% shared between all municipalities and 50% shared per capita.

Year 1 (2015/16) = \$3.5M

Year 2 (2016/17) = \$5.3M

Year 3 (2017/18) = \$7.1M annually

HST & GAS TAX

Combined transfers = \$46 Million over 3 years.

With an annual total of \$25 Million starting in year four.

Urban municipalities, who spend more, will benefit significantly on an HST rebate, while the Gas Tax transfer formula will ensure smaller communities benefit equitably.

3) MOGs

Maintained for 3 years at the current level of \$22 Million.

Knowing the MOG amounts in advance is crucial for planning.

4) Regionalization

An advisory committee established in the coming months to explore a potential new regional governance model.

Province will conduct consultations with the public, municipal sector, communities and other stakeholders beginning in late 2015/early 2016.

The regional government consultations alone have the potential to change the municipal landscape significantly and for generations.

Community Sustainability Partnership

with Municipalities / Inuit Community Governments / Local Service Districts

OVER **\$46 million** over 3 years

 <p>Partial HST Rebate</p>	<p>2015-16 \$1.9 million</p>	<p>2016-17 \$10.1 million</p>	<p>2017-18 \$17.6 million</p>
 <p>SHARING Gas Tax REVENUE</p>	<p>2015-16 ^{1/2c} \$3.6 million</p>	<p>2016-17 ^{3/4c} \$5.3 million</p>	<p>2017-18 ^{1c} \$7.1 million</p>
 <p>Regional Water Operators</p>	<p>2015-16 \$420,000</p>	<p>2016-17 \$412,500</p>	<p>2017-18 \$412,500</p>
<p>Advisory Committee Exploring Regional Governance</p>	<p>Consultations Blended Commercial and Realty Tax</p>	<p>3 Year Commitment Municipal Operating Grant \$22 million annually</p>	<p>Accountability Structures</p>

Other Gains

- 3 new regional water operators;
- Improved access to Crown Lands;
- The potential for towns to institute an accommodations levy;
- The continuation of existing capital cost sharing ratios; and
- Infrastructure Asset Management Framework

Budget Concerns

Increase in HST

- Increases costs
- Limits early impact of rebate

Decrease in infrastructure funding

- Expected given economic situation
- Dampening impact on economy
- “Infrastructure Investment Schedule”

What's The Plan?

Next Steps

There is still a lot of work to do

We need bigger change to tackle clean drinking water and proper sewer treatment

We still believe access to income and sales tax is part of the solution.

What's The Plan?

Our Thanks

Thanks to the Premier, Minister Hutchings and his staff at Municipal and Provincial Affairs.

Thanks all our friends in other sectors like business and labour who spoke up for our cause.

Thanks to the people of the province who made their voices heard on the need for a healthy municipal sector.

What's The Plan?

But Most Of All

Thank you to all the municipal leaders
who attended consultation meetings,
who wrote letters and spoke to the media,
who crunched numbers for us,
who presented to pre-budget sessions, and
who supported us last fall at our AGM when we laid
out our position paper.

What's The Plan?

Thank-you!!

