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Hub City Mayors united

Agreement reached on formula and timeline for sharing federal fuel tax

(Toronto) - A two-day meeting of Canada's ten hub cities, chaired by Toronto Mayor David Miller, concluded today with a clear plan for reinvesting in public transit and urban infrastructure, based on swift delivery of the federal fuel (gas and diesel) tax.

The mayors unanimously agreed that the federal allocation of the fuel tax revenue to each province must be based on the following formula: 75% of the funding will reflect fuel consumption, and 25% of the funding will reflect transit ridership. A minimum of 25% of each province's share must be dedicated to public transit infrastructure, where it is a municipal priority.

The mayors also agreed that a schedule for sharing the fuel tax revenue must be set out in the Speech from the Throne, with at least 2.5 cents/litre in 2005, ramping up to the full 5 cents/litre by 2007. Each cent of the fuel tax is equal to about 500 million dollars.

"We've given the federal government the next step in the new deal for Canada's cities," said Mayor Miller. "This new source of revenue will provide support for economic development and investment in the country's urban centres. There's no doubt that this will improve quality of life for the residents of our cities, and empower the country's economic engines."

Agreements on sharing federal fuel tax revenues with cities must be finalized by the federal government and the provinces by the end of 2004, the mayors said.

The full text of the mayors' communiqué and a group photograph is available at Canada Newswire at www.newswire.ca.

Mayors and representatives at the summit were:

Vancouver – Mayor Larry Campbell
Calgary – Mayor Dave Bronconnier
Edmonton – Councillor Allan Bolstad
Regina – Mayor Pat Fiocco
Winnipeg – Mayor Sam Katz

Toronto – Mayor David Miller
Ottawa – Mayor Bob Chiarelli
Montréal – Mayor Gérald Tremblay
Quebec City – Mayor Jean-Paul L'Allier
Halifax Region – Mayor Peter Kelly

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