



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM24.23	ACTION			Ward:All
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Development of a new long-term federal plan for municipal infrastructure funding - by Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Colle

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to:
 - a. consult directly with the City of Toronto regarding the new Long-Term Infrastructure Plan;
 - b. address the needs of large municipalities in its new Long-Term Infrastructure Plan, including specific funding for transit expansion; and
 - c. commit to implementing a new long-term plan when existing infrastructure programs expire in 2014.
2. City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with relevant City divisions and agencies, to:
 - a. provide a submission to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on the City of Toronto's interests in respect of the new Long-Term Infrastructure Plan, including Toronto's long-term infrastructure needs and the design of federal funding programs; and
 - b. report back to Council on this issue.
3. City Council endorse the FCM campaign and urge the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities to work with FCM to ensure the new Long-Term Infrastructure Plan meets the core infrastructure needs of cities and communities.

4. City Council request that a copy of this directive be sent to the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to all Ministers of Parliament with ridings in the City of Toronto, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario.

Summary

Toronto is Canada's largest municipality and a significant economic hub, with a GDP topping \$144 billion in 2011. The population and employment of Toronto and surrounding municipalities are growing every year and, as a result, our infrastructure is aging and the demands on it are increasing.

The Building Canada Plan and other federal-provincial transfer agreements vital to the City of Toronto will expire in March 2014. These federal investments have helped Toronto to address short-term infrastructure needs and to temporarily stall the growth in our backlog. They have also assisted in the funding of important projects such as the Union Station Revitalization and the Spadina subway extension.

The Government of Canada has committed to develop a new long-term plan for municipal infrastructure funding in consultation with municipal and provincial/territorial governments. A seamless transition from the Building Canada Plan to a new long term plan is necessary to ensure that the City of Toronto can continue planning its capital spending effectively.

At its annual meeting on June 1-4, 2012, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) launched a campaign to ensure the new federal plan reflects municipal priorities across the country. As well, at the FCM annual meeting, Minister Lebel, the federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, announced that Infrastructure Canada will complete the planning process in 2012, much earlier than previously anticipated.

As a result, this Motion should be considered on an urgent basis, to demonstrate swift action from Toronto Council in support of the FCM campaign, and to immediately engage staff in the preparation of a City submission to be completed over the summer in consultation with the federal and provincial governments.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.23)