

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM27.38	ACTION			Ward: All
---------	--------	--	--	-----------

**Safe Restart Agreement - Phase 2 Transit Funding - by Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford**

*\* 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**

Mayor John Tory, seconded by Councillor Gary Crawford, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to enter into and execute any agreements, including any amendments and extension of such agreements, with the Province of Ontario for funding under the Phase 2 - Safe Restart Agreement program and any other programs to provide COVID-19 related relief funding to the City on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Manager, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.
2. City Council authorize the receipt and disbursement of funds from Phase 2 of the Safe Restart Agreement and any other programs providing COVID-19 related relief funding to the City.

**Summary**

On July 27, 2020, as part of the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Agreement, the Government of Ontario announced up to \$2 billion in funding would be provided in two phases to support municipal transit systems. Under Phase 1, Toronto received an allocation of \$404,088,232 to help provide immediate relief from the financial pressures of COVID-19.

On December 15, 2020, the Province of Ontario confirmed the City of Toronto's Phase 2 Transit allocation is \$776,099,821 to address the ongoing financial pressures of COVID-19 until March 31, 2021.

In order to receive Safe Restart Agreement Phase 2 Transit funding, the City is required to execute a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario and provide a report for the eligible expenditures incurred during the Phase 2 eligibility period.

Prior to the Province signing the Transfer Payment Agreement, anticipated as early as January 2021, municipalities will be required to provide the Ontario Ministry of Transportation with a copy of the by-law authorizing the municipality to enter into the Transfer Payment Agreement

with the Province. This requirement must be fulfilled prior to the Ministry providing funding to the municipality.

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM27.38