

Executive Summary

The Province announced the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC) fund, a one-time claim which aims at providing financial relief to municipalities in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. In order to become eligible to receive MTEC funding, municipalities must execute a Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) with the Province along with a corresponding By-law.

Background

On June 29 2020, the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC) fund was introduced to provide funding of up to 15 million dollars to be distributed amongst 110 municipalities across the Province, using a modified version of the provincial gas tax formula. The City of Greater Sudbury is granted up to \$112,876 of eligible expenditures. Eligible costs include direct costs incurred by the municipality on or after April 1, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2020. Examples of eligible costs for enhanced transit cleaning include, but are not limited to, items such as cleaning materials, hand sanitizer for passengers and staff, safety wear, contracted or redeployment of staff to assist with bus cleaning, etc.

Next Steps

In December 2020, the Province announced next steps that are required in order for municipalities to receive MTEC funding. Included in these next steps is the provision of an authorizing By-law executing the TPA between the Province and the City.

Staff is requesting Council's approval to provide the Province with a copy of the signed Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) along with the supporting By-law executing the agreement between both parties. The Mayor and the Chief Administrative Officer would be the authorized representatives executing this agreement on behalf of the City.