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FLETCHER HAILS DOUBLED AND ACCELERATED GAS TAX TRANSFER TO WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG (April 17, 2009) – Families and workers in the RM of Headingley will soon see faster improvements to roads and other local infrastructure thanks to the Conservative government’s doubling of Gas Tax transfers to municipalities, said the Honourable Steven Fletcher, MP for Charleswood – St. James – Assiniboia.

“Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, our government is doubling the annual funding the City of Winnipeg receives as part of the Gas Tax Fund and making up to \$1 billion available to municipalities almost three months early,” said Fletcher. “This increased investment will total \$41,066,622.00 in 2009 and will help to create jobs, boost sales for local businesses and improve the quality of life for the families in Winnipeg during this challenging economic time in our history.”

“I applaud the federal government for doubling the gas tax revenue to municipalities” said Scott Fielding, Winnipeg City Councillor St. James-Brooklands Ward. “The City of Winnipeg has over a \$3 billion deficit and this new money will certainly help to upgrade and fix our crumbling roads, sidewalks and sewer and water systems. They have listened to us and realize we need this investment.”

“The doubled and accelerated Gas Tax Transfer is a continuation of what the Mayor has been advocating over the last number of years and has accomplished thanks to the partnership with the Federal Conservative Government” said Grant Nordman, Winnipeg City Councillor St. Charles Ward. “The doubling to more than \$42 million a year for the City of Winnipeg for 2009 and going forward will go a long way in supporting the construction of infrastructure in our community.”

This latest announcement builds on the Conservative government’s previous action of providing permanent Gas Tax Fund transfers to municipalities. Doubling transfers will further help municipalities ensure that their infrastructure is able to meet the future needs of local families, workers and businesses.

The federal Gas Tax transfers to the provinces and municipalities will double starting April 1, 2009, and will provide a total of \$2 billion per year for municipalities to invest in projects like new roads, water treatment plants, improved buses and transit systems, as well as better sewers and bridges. Accelerating the first payment of the Gas Tax Fund by almost three months, the federal government is making up to \$1 billion available to municipalities almost three months early. The first payment will be made in April.

Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the Conservative government is building on the existing federal investment of \$33 billion in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over the next two years. “Our government is proud to be working with provinces and municipalities to deliver stable, predictable funding for infrastructure that Canadians use and depend on every day,” said Fletcher.

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The following table is a breakdown of the Gas Tax Fund allocation to Manitoba between 2005-2014:

Year	Allocation
2005-2006	20,070,000
2006-2007	20,070,000
2007-2008	26,760,000
2008-2009	33,450,000
2009-2010	66,900,000
2010-2011	66,157,000
2011-2012	66,157,000
2012-2013	66,157,000
2013-2014	66,157,000
Total	431,878,000

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