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Tahsis municipal roads to be upgraded thanks to \$3.5m in federal Gas Tax Funding

Tahsis has received a \$3.5 million grant from the federal gas tax fund to upgrade Alpine View, Rugged Mountain and South Maquinna roads along with the below ground water and sewer lines. The grant covers 100% of the direct project costs.

These projects were identified in the Village's 2017-2021 capital plan, approved by Council last year.

Each year, the Government of Canada provides over \$278 million in funding for local government infrastructure across British Columbia through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The Union of BC Municipalities administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

"I'm pleased to see Tahsis putting the Federal gas tax funds towards its road infrastructure," said Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena. "The people of Tahsis will benefit from these safety improvements for years to come."

"Communities across BC are looking for funding to replace, upgrade and expand local infrastructure. The federal Gas Tax Fund is accelerating the pace of infrastructure renewal through the transfer of close to \$3 billion since 2005 for projects in our province. I appreciate the Government of Canada's long term commitment to fund priorities identified by BC local governments," said Director Wendy Booth, UBCM President.

"This grant is a major boost to improving our core municipal infrastructure," said Tahsis Acting Mayor Randy Taylor. "It also means that we will not need to borrow or raise taxes significantly to fix these roads, water and sewer lines."

To learn more about the federal Gas Tax Fund visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/gtf-fte-eng.html>.

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