

# 2017-18 Budget Highlights

## Provincial Municipal Support

The 2017-18 Budget provides \$434.2M of direct provincial support to municipalities. This represents an increase of \$29.1M or 7.2 per cent from the 2016-17 Budget and \$192.3M or 79.5 per cent from the 2007-08 Budget.

Municipal revenue sharing accounts for the greatest portion of this funding at \$257.8M in 2017-18. This is a decrease of 5.1 per cent (\$13.9M) from the 2016-17 Budget, reflecting the reality of lower PST revenue. Municipal revenue sharing has increased by \$130.5M or 103 per cent from the 2007-08 Budget.

The support shown here includes only provincial funding to municipalities, therefore, does not include the federal funding that flows through the Ministry of Government Relations to municipalities.

### MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING

- Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) is based on one percentage point of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenue as reported in Public Accounts from 2015-16.
- Total MRS funding is \$257.8M and will be allocated as follows:
  - \$165.7M to urban municipalities;
  - \$72.8M to rural municipalities; and,
  - \$19.2M to northern municipalities.

### INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

- The 2017-18 Budget includes \$134.2M in provincial support for municipal infrastructure, an increase of \$50.4M or 60.1 per cent from the 2016-17 Budget. Highlights of that funding include:
  - \$60.8M for the provincial portion of the New Building Canada Fund (Government Relations);
  - \$36.4M for the provincial portion of the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (Government Relations);
  - \$15M for the Saskatoon North Commuter Bridge (Government Relations);
  - \$14M for the Municipal Roads for the Economy Program (Highways and Infrastructure);
  - \$6.7M for the Urban Connector Program (Highways and Infrastructure); and,
  - \$1.4M for the Strategic Partnership Program (Highways and Infrastructure).

### OTHER FUNDING

- The 2017-18 Budget includes \$42.2M in other funding for municipalities, a decrease of \$7.4M or 15.0 per cent from the 2016-17 Budget. Highlights of that funding include:
  - \$16.4M in policing grants (Corrections and Policing);
  - \$6.3M grant to Libraries – reflects end of funding for Regina and Saskatoon libraries and reduction in funding for the seven Regional Libraries (Education);
  - \$8.4M for Grants in Lieu of Taxes to municipalities and libraries (Government Relations);
  - \$5.1M for Urban Parks (Central Services, Parks, Culture and Sport and Advanced Education);
  - \$3.5M for the Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Program (Government Relations);
  - \$1.9M for the Discount Bus Pass Program (Social Services); and,
  - \$700K for the Community Airports Partnership Program (Highways and Infrastructure).

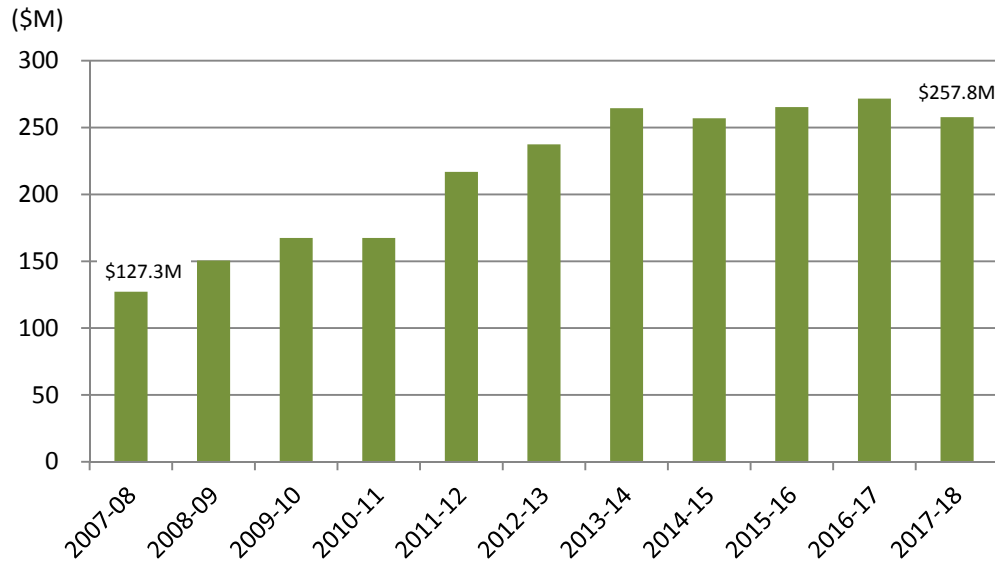
Note: Some municipal programs were eliminated/completed in this Budget. The Building Communities Program (\$1.1M -- Parks, Culture and Sport), the Building Canada Fund – Communities Component (\$1.2 M – Government Relations) and the Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative (\$604K --Government Relations) have met their total funding obligations. The Community Rinks Affordability Grant (\$1.7M -- Parks, Culture and Sport) is suspended and the Rehabilitation of Irrigation Bridges on Municipal Roads program (\$500K -- Agriculture) is discontinued.

## DETAILS OF REVENUE SHARING

The chart below illustrates the growth in municipal revenue sharing grants since 2007-08. There has been a total of more than \$2.3 billion in unconditional funding provided to municipalities over that period.

The table which follows the chart shows the change in funding through revenue sharing to Saskatchewan's cities, including Martensville and Meadow Lake, which became cities in 2009, and Warman, which became a city in 2012.

**Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$M), 2007-08 to 2017-18**



Revenue Sharing – Saskatchewan Cities (\$ in millions)			
	2017-18*	2016-17	2007-08
Estevan	2.16	2.41	0.89
Humboldt	1.10	1.24	0.44
Lloydminster (SK)	2.22	2.13	0.71
Martensville	1.82	1.69	0.51
Meadow Lake	1.01	1.10	0.49
Melfort	1.13	1.22	0.46
Melville	0.86	0.99	0.36
Moose Jaw	6.38	7.27	2.82
North Battleford	2.70	3.03	1.16
Prince Albert	6.77	7.67	3.00
Regina	40.53	42.17	15.75
Saskatoon	46.43	48.52	17.78
Swift Current	3.13	3.39	1.31
Warman	2.08	1.55	0.49
Weyburn	2.05	2.29	0.83
Yorkton	3.08	3.42	1.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>123.45</b>	<b>130.09</b>	<b>48.32</b>

- Note that amounts for individual municipalities may change slightly from those depicted as payments are subject to approval of program regulations.

<b>Provincial Municipal Support</b>				
<b>Program</b>	<b>Ministry</b>	<b>2007-08 Budget (\$000s)</b>	<b>2016-17 Budget (\$000s)</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget (\$000s)</b>
<b><i>Municipal Revenue Sharing</i></b>				
Urban Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	67,447	174,638	165,730
Rural Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	49,631	76,749	72,834
Northern Revenue Sharing	Government Relations	10,181	20,254	19,220
<b><i>Infrastructure</i></b>				
Saskatoon North Commuter Parkway Bridge	Government Relations	-	10,000	15,000
New Building Canada Fund	Government Relations	-	21,400	60,791
Clean Water Wastewater Fund	Government Relations	-	-	36,373
Saskatchewan Infrastructure Growth Initiative	Government Relations	-	604	-
Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program	Government Relations	1,188	-	-
Urban Development Agreements	Government Relations	1,582	-	-
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund	Government Relations	18,858	-	-
BCF-Communities Component & Top-Up	Government Relations	-	175	-
Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund	Government Relations	11,500	-	-
Municipal Roads for The Economy	Highways and Infrastructure	5,000	16,000	14,000
Urban Connectors	Highways and Infrastructure	-	7,655	6,655
Strategic Partnership Program	Highways and Infrastructure	6,000	1,890	1,390
Stadium Project	Parks, Culture and Sport	-	25,000	-
Building Communities Program	Parks, Culture and Sport	40,000	1,092	-
<b><i>Other Funding</i></b>				
GIL of Property Taxes (Municipal)	Government Relations	5,032	7,402	7,860
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Mosquito Control	Government Relations	1,114	-	-
Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities	Government Relations	2,650	3,537	3,537
Provincial Library	Education	7,267	11,090	6,250
Discount Bus Pass Program	Social Services	876	1,831	1,853
Making Community Rinks More Affordable	Parks, Culture and Sport	-	1,700	-
Urban Parks	Central Services, Parks, Culture and Sport / Advanced Education	5,106	5,478	5,068
RCMP Subsidy	Justice	756	-	-
Police Grants	Justice	6,880	16,923	16,423
Community Airports Partnership Program	Highways and Infrastructure	465	700	700
Rehabilitation of Irrigation Bridges on Municipal Roads	Agriculture	-	500	-
<b>Total Provincial Funding</b>		<b>241,920</b>	<b>405,104<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>434,208</b>

<sup>1</sup> This amount differs from what was published last year. Funding of \$1.2 million for the Rural Physician Recruitment Incentive was removed. It is not provided directly to municipalities.