

# York Region politicians want share of gas tax

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Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Dave Barrow said he hoped the money will stay in the provincial transit budget.

There will be some things, like the two cents per litre gas tax, that may now be backed up, but I think they'll keep the commitment for the \$50 million," Mr. Barrow said.

Regional chairperson Bill Fisch expressed confidence the province will not renege on Quick Start.

"It wouldn't make sense not to approve it. They're getting a \$150-million project completed and only have to supply \$50 million of their own," he said.

As for a GTA transit authority, Mr. Fisch said it will only work if all partners have an equal voice.

"It can't just be Toronto-centric. They can't just talk about the TTC. That's what happened when they tried to establish the Greater Toronto Services Board. There needs to be wider interest."

But he was disappointed the speech made no reference to the promise of giving municipalities two cents per litre of the gasoline tax.

"We were hoping to hear something

on that. In fact, there were no specifics in the speech about the gas tax or an earlier promise to share the cost of hiring additional police officers," Mr. Fisch said.


Vaughan Mayor Michael Di Biase agreed.

"I welcome the news they are going to create a new deal for municipalities, but Mr. McGuinty had promised a share of the gas tax for infrastructure and there was no mention of that in yesterday's speech," he said.

*"Well, he has delivered one change — he has changed his tune from what he promised just six weeks ago."*


Oak Ridges Tory MPP Frank Klees called the speech a laundry list of excuses, symbols and time-buying tactics.

"In the election, Dalton McGuinty made over 200 promises that he said would bring change to Ontario," Mr. Klees said. "Well, he has delivered one change — he has changed his tune from what he promised just six weeks ago."



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