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A Critical Conversation: “Building Municipal Infrastructure”

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Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, Ontario

Dunton Tower, 20th Floor, Room 2017

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A Critical Conversation...

This one day event will discuss municipal infrastructure and, specifically, the efficacy of federal transfers (e.g. the Gas Tax Fund and the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund) for the development of local infrastructure – both physical and social. Fundamental transformations are required in all sectors of society, including changes to our social, economic and governance structures if Canada’s growing infrastructure challenges are to be met. Canadian municipalities and communities are on the front-line in trying to maintain and renew urban infrastructure but rely heavily on the federal and provincial governments for funding through a plethora of transfers and programs.

This event will disseminate the findings of a three-year research project examining Infrastructure Canada’s Gas Tax Fund and will engage expert panels of academics, public servants, and practitioners in broader questions related to local government finance and both physical and social infrastructure development and renewal.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact Sandra Jones at 613-520-7444.

Program:

8:15 am - 9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Overview of CURE's Gas Tax research project➤ Comparison of the GTF with the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF)
9:30 am -11:00 am	Panel 1- Discussion on federal transfers for the funding of infrastructure Speakers: Robert Hilton, Carleton University Christopher Leo, University of Winnipeg Mike Buda, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Claude Blanchette, Infrastructure Canada
11:15 am -12:30 pm	Panel 2 - Discussion on alternatives to federal transfers for infrastructure Speakers: Harry Kitchen, Trent University Enid Slack, University of Toronto Rob Hatton, City of Toronto
12:30 pm - 1:15pm	Lunch and Networking Opportunity
1:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Social Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Introduction and Overview
1:45 pm – 3:15 pm	Panel 3 - Federal and Local Initiatives: Case Studies and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Integrated Community Sustainability Plans (ICSPs)➤ Infrastructure Planning in Ottawa (The Neighbourhood Planning Initiative and Lansdowne Live)➤ Action for Neighbourhood Change (ANC) Shawn Menard, Centretown Citizens Community Association (Lansdowne Live) Ann Dale, Royal Roads University (ICSPs) Christopher Stoney (NPI) Paula Speevak Sladowski (ANC)
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Round-table discussions
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Conclusion and final remarks
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Reception

Funding for “*The Gasoline Tax and Infrastructure Funding: An Examination of Governance Structures and Spending Patterns Research Project*” has been provided by the Government of Canada, Infrastructure Canada.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our office. Warm regards.

Sandy Jones

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