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Mover: Sackville

Subject: NB Energy Blueprint

WHEREAS in October 2011 the NB Department of Energy released a strategic plan for the energy sector called the NB Energy Blueprint, and

WHEREAS Premier Alward stated that this citizen driven energy blueprint would be his government's guide to shaping our energy future, and would be implemented over the next three years, and

WHEREAS the blueprint lists the following approaches the government could take to benefit our economy, our environment, and society's well being:

- Enhancing our ability to transition away from fossil fuels and towards stable priced fuel generation to reduce market risks
- Ensuring that our energy markets are efficient and well regulated
- Working towards more intergovernmental cooperation in terms of policies and projects
- Fostering innovation and improved energy technologies
- Increasing the provincial renewable energy portfolio standard to a minimum of 40% of NB Power's in province sales by 2020
- An ongoing commitment to public stakeholder and First Nations dialogue regarding energy issues, opportunities, challenges and solutions

WHEREAS the blueprint states that "our province must do its part to mitigate climate change",

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick provide the leadership required to engage the Premier, the Minister of Energy, and the Minister of Natural Resources to actively work with municipalities on concrete blueprint projects that create local economic opportunities, benefit the environment, and enhance local communities well-being throughout our province, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick create a task force comprised of municipal representatives to develop educational resources such as electronic or web based educational tools, for use by citizens and municipalities, to better inform and prepare them for participation in the provincial energy strategy as described in the energy blueprint (for example, energy efficiency, renewable energy production, local economic development possibilities, successful projects from other parts of Canada, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such actions be undertaken in a timely manner so that the information products and strategy be implemented and ready for distribution to municipalities via the zone meetings in February/March 2014.
