

**U-17-05**

**Mover: UMN Board of Directors**

**Subject: Spruce Budworm Spraying**

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**Whereas** a recent outbreak of spruce budworm in Quebec has already consumed a forest the size of New Brunswick; and

**Whereas** the Spruce budworm infestation is now moving east at the New Brunswick border; and

**Whereas** the potential losses if this outbreak goes unchecked could result in \$15 billion dollars and 1500 jobs in Atlantic Canada over the next 30 years; and

**Whereas** communities that depend on the forestry economy will experience extreme hardship if this outbreak goes unchecked; and

**Whereas** the Early Intervention Program initiated in 2014 by industry, the provinces and federal government has shown great promise;

**Be it resolved that** the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick urgently request that the Government of Canada support the continuation and expansion of this Early Intervention program by providing an additional \$300 million dollars in funding.

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