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Mover: Village of Plaster Rock

Subject: Route 108

WHEREAS Highways of the Province of New Brunswick are the arteries through which commerce brings economic security and development to the many rural municipalities of New Brunswick and its rural areas.

WHEREAS It has been stated many times by Premier Gallant and his Government of the need for major Highway Infrastructure repairs and upgrades.

WHEREAS Route 108, connecting Grand Falls, Plaster Rock, Miramichi and many other East Coast municipalities and communities has fallen behind in upgrades and improvements over the past number of years and is in a state of disrepair.

WHEREAS Premier Gallant and his Government have formulated a vision for future economic development and growth in the province of New Brunswick which involves highway improvements and long overdue upgrades to Route 108 between Plaster Rock and Miramichi which would greatly assist the afore mentioned Municipalities and communities in their endeavors to promote tourism and other economic development in their areas.

WHEREAS The building of passing lanes and rest stops along route 108 would allow for increased tourism traffic and assist commercial traffic movement through the center of the Province, noting that Route 108 is the ONLY ROUTE through the central area of New Brunswick and also one of the spectacular scenic areas of natural beauty.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick provide the leadership required to engage The Premier, The Minister of Transport and Minister of Environment & Local Government to actively work with the Municipalities that would benefit from said route improvements and develop a long-term plan to make Route 108 a three lane Highway through the center of the province.