

Resolution U-18-03

Mover: Village of New Maryland

Subject: NB Power crew slow response times

Whereas There have been numerous occasions when our Fire Department has been required to wait for NB Power to arrive on the scene for calls such as power poles on fire, trees fallen on power lines, and downed power lines.

Whereas It is necessary for the fire fighters to wait for NB Power to arrive on scene before dealing with these situations due to the potential for significant harm.

Whereas The slow response time by NB Power has a significant impact on the fire department's ability to respond in a timely manner and constrains our fire fighters and equipment.

Whereas The wait times have ranged from one hour to several hours before NB Power arrives on scene to shut off power and allow our department to respond effectively to the emergency situation.

Whereas This renders our fire fighters and equipment unavailable to respond to other emergency calls for lengthy periods of time.

Whereas Our Fire Chief has advised us that numerous Fire Chiefs throughout the province share the same concerns, and therefore we are proposing that UMNb advocate and facilitate the necessary measures to result in positive changes.-

Be It Resolved That UMNb confer with all members regarding levels of concerns relating to the slow response time, and associated repercussions, by NB Power crews when responding to fire related service calls; and

Be It Further Resolved That, if members agree that this is an issue of shared concerns, that UMNb contact the appropriate authorities at NB Power and the Department of Public Safety for further discussion and to establish appropriate solutions to address the issue.