

**U-18-05**

**2018 AGM Resolution**

**Mover: Sackville**

**Subject: Infrastructure Fund for Railway Right of Way Flooding**

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**Whereas** climate change is bringing more acute climate events and precipitation across the country; and

**Whereas** local governments are already struggling to adapt infrastructure to better manage the larger and more acute impacts from climate events; and

**Whereas** local governments with railway right of ways through its jurisdiction or adjacent to its borders, have seen events around many railways become more acute over the years often leading to flooding of nearby lands and sometimes of the rail bed itself; and

**Whereas** local governments alone have limited ability to influence O&M decisions of railway owners including taking preventive action ensuring culverts and ditches are clear of debris and blockages; and

**Whereas** we understand that the costs of undertaking the required work across the country to prevent this type of flooding is enormous;

**Be it resolved that** UMNb investigate the scope of this issue across the province and prepare a recommendation for its members on whether there is-- or whether there should be a request for – an infrastructure fund that can financially assist in creating cooperation between the local government and the subject rail company - to help address such flooding risks from drainage issues in and around railway right of ways.