



6. Committee Reports

6.1 Resolutions/Policies/Constitution Committee

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1. New Resolutions

The following resolutions have been submitted by members and referred to the 2019 AGM:

Resolution	Title
U-19-01	Flushable Wipes
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U-19-01

Mover: Village of Rexton

Subject: Flushable Wipes

Whereas companies are manufacturing and marketing products claimed to be flushable and there have been no scientific studies to support this claim, and;

Whereas there have been numerous studies led on the flush-ability and decomposition of these products to international wastewater industry specifications for toilet and drain -line clearance, along with disintegration and over 100 products failed the study, and;

Whereas the Municipal Enforcement Sewer use group estimates non-flushable materials cause \$259 Million in annual repairs across Canada, and;

Whereas majority of Municipalities have and value their wastewater infrastructure and require the system to operate efficiently and hold a due diligence in protecting the environment;

Be it resolved that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick advocate for a ban on flushable products that have ceased to be proven to do so.



U-19-02

Mover: Zone 6

Subject: Support for Rural Hospitals

Whereas 47% of the population of New Brunswick resides in rural areas, and;

Whereas rural hospitals provide high quality care to rural New Brunswickers at a proportionally small percentage of the budget of the two health authorities, and;

Whereas according to the *New Brunswick Health Council's 2013 and 2016 Acute Care Surveys*, measures of Patient Care Experience at rural hospitals were comparable or superior to the Horizon Health Network average, and;

Whereas rural hospitals provide continuity of care where family physicians attend their own patients in hospitals, and;

Whereas on average patients wait many hours before being seen at the DECRH and URVH Emergency Departments, and;

Whereas both the DECRH and URVH have acute shortages of beds to the extent that patients spend days in ERs/hallways rather than in hospital rooms, and;

Whereas the zonal and regional hospitals in Horizon Health do not demonstrate the capacity to serve increased numbers of patients, and;

Whereas residents of New Brunswick who are sick have a right to timely, accessible health care - wherever they live in the province, and;

Whereas to achieve cost savings, Horizon Health and Vitalité health networks need to examine eliminating duplication of services in urban centres, which would offer much greater financial impact than reducing services in rural hospitals;

Be it Resolved that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick seek a commitment from the Provincial Government to support and strengthen the primary services including 24/7 Emergency and Active In-Patient Beds delivered by rural hospitals in New Brunswick.



U-19-03

Mover: Town of Rothesay

Subject: Randomized Balloting for Municipal Elections

Whereas candidates running for municipal office in New Brunswick are listed on the ballot in alphabetical order, and;

Whereas research suggests such a practice may, in fact, favor one candidate over another;

Be it resolved Rothesay Council request the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick petition the Province of New Brunswick to list candidates on ballots for municipal election randomly beginning with the May 2020 elections.

U-19-04

Mover: Town of St. Andrews

Subject: Control of Urban Deer

Whereas many municipalities are experiencing dramatic increases in urban deer population, and;

Whereas the Provincial Government is responsible for wildlife management, public health, and public safety, and;

Whereas the only measure of deer population control, yet implemented, the Nuisance Deer Hunt, while significant is of limited utility in reducing the overall urban deer population in affected municipalities, and;

Whereas the most densely human populated neighbourhoods in affected municipalities are non huntable yet contain the highest concentration of urban deer, and;

Whereas both the quality of life and right to enjoyment of personal property have been compromised for many residents due to fears of injury or disease, and deer have been the cause of economic losses to individuals and businesses,

Be it resolved that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick call upon the Provincial Government of New Brunswick to immediately intervene to capture, relocate and reintegrate nuisance urban deer found in non huntable locations within municipalities now suffering from deer overpopulation, and that an effective deer relocation program be made available to all municipalities on a priority basis.



U-19-05

Mover: Town of Sackville

Subject: Municipal Property Tax Exemptions

Whereas municipalities pay provincial property tax on properties that they own, and;

Whereas currently rinks, libraries, and fully volunteer-only fire departments are examples of exempt provincial property taxes, and;

Whereas fire departments provide an essential service to all residents of every municipality in New Brunswick and not just those being served by volunteer departments, and;

Whereas water, stormwater management, and waste water are critical infrastructure that residents rely on municipalities to provide for their health and well-being;

Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville calls on the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick to meet with the Province of New Brunswick in order to exempt more municipally owned property from paying provincial property taxes as follows:

1. That beginning in 2020 all fire station properties be Provincial Property Tax exempt (not only fully volunteer departments),
 2. That beginning in 2020 all water, storm water, and waste water properties be tax exempt,
 3. That a review be undertaken to begin the process of making all properties owned by municipalities tax exempt from provincial property taxes in the future.
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U-19-06

Mover: Town of Sackville

Subject: Provincial HST Rebates for Municipalities

Whereas municipalities pay HST on all purchases made, whether for operational or capital purchases, and;

Whereas on April 1, 2004 the Federal Government granted municipalities a 100% rebate on the federal portion of HST paid, and;

Whereas municipalities continue to only receive a 57.14% rebate on the provincial portion of HST paid, and;

Whereas on July 1, 2016 the HST was increased from 13% to 15% with the Provincial portion increasing from 8% to 10%, and;

Whereas the non-rebatable portion of the HST has a significant annual impact on municipalities operating and capital budget financing;

Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville calls on the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick to meet with the Province of New Brunswick ahead of the Provincial budget for 2020/21 with the expectation that legislation be brought forward to provide municipalities in New Brunswick with a 100% rebate on the provincial portion of HST paid on goods and services.

U-19-09

Mover: Town of Sackville

Subject: Restoring Funding Levels for Designated Highway Maintenance and Repair

Whereas provincial funding for designated highway upgrades was cut in the 2019/20 Provincial budget from \$25,000,000 to \$10,000,000, and;

Whereas in 2018 municipalities were forced to start contributing a percentage of reconstruction and upgrade costs for these designated highways, and;

Whereas designated highways are provincially owned and a provincial responsibility, and;

Whereas even at \$25 million in funding municipalities had a difficult time in obtaining enough funding to undertake the needed upgrades to designated highways running through their municipality;

Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville calls on the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick to meet with provincial representatives and request the designated highway funding be returned to funding levels equal to the previous budget year at \$25 million and that future provincial budgets includes CPI increases in funding levels at a minimum.

Note: Resolution referred as amended



U-19-10

Mover: Town of Quispamsis

Subject: Provincial Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags

Whereas the amount of plastic in the oceans, rivers and lakes could outweigh the amount of fish by 2050, with more than 150 million tons of plastic waste today clogging the oceans worldwide; an especially serious hazard for marine life;

Whereas Canadians generate about 3.25 million tons of plastic waste, or about 140,000 garbage trucks' worth each year;

Whereas plastics do not decompose, but rather just break down, over time, into smaller and smaller plastic pieces;

Whereas waste diversion is an increasingly important component of municipal waste management;

Whereas a high percentage of all windborne litter escaping from landfills is plastic, much of it single use plastic bags that end up tangled in trees or floating in our inland and coastal waters;

Whereas due to prohibitive costs there is no economically feasible recycling solution available for single-use plastic shopping bags in the Province of New Brunswick;

Whereas many New Brunswick municipalities are active participants in efforts to combat climate change, but the continued use of single use plastic shopping bags used each year requires thousands of liters of oil to produce, adding considerably to our carbon footprint;

Whereas there are widespread reusable alternatives to single use plastic retail bags, and;

Whereas a province-wide ban on single-use plastic shopping bags would afford business people the most reliable, consistent and economical method for adapting their operations to options other than single use plastics bags (reusable, paper bags);

Be it resolved that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick, representing 60 New Brunswick municipalities, hereby requests the Province of New Brunswick to take action, similar to what other Provinces have done, and proceed with the implementation of a Province-wide ban that will prohibit retail stores from providing customers with single-use plastic carry-out (shopping) bags.



2. Resolutions reviewed by UMNB’s Board of Directors

The following resolutions were submitted by members and reviewed by UMNB’s Board of Directors in 2019:

Resolution	Title	
U-19-07	Doubling the Gas Tax Transfer	Adopted
U-19-08	Developing a Guide to GHG Emissions for Local Governments	Adopted as amended
U-19-11	Machinery Tax Resolution	Tabled

U-19-07

Mover: Town of Sackville

Subject: Doubling the Gas Tax Transfer

Whereas on July 23, 2019 the FCM has called on all federal parties to support the permanent doubling of the gas tax transfer, and;

Whereas doing so would have a great impact on a municipality’s ability to meet the significant demands of the infrastructure deficit that are faced by all municipalities in Canada, and;

Whereas a one-time top up was provided in 2019 that allowed municipalities to double their gas tax related project funding for that year which provided measurable benefits, and;

Whereas a permanent doubling of this transfer would have an immediate and long-term impact on municipal assets,

Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville calls on the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick to offer their support to the FCM on behalf of all New Brunswick municipalities in their requesting that all federal parties support the permanent doubling of the gas tax transfer during the upcoming 2019 Federal Election.

U-19-08

Mover: Town of Sackville

Subject: Developing a Guide to GHG Emissions for Local Governments

Whereas local governments are responsible for many ongoing infrastructure decisions that involve GHG emissions, and;

Whereas local governments are most open to direct citizen requests for meaningful efforts to mitigate climate change including events such as student climate strikes, and;

Whereas smaller towns and governments have little guidance on the scale or impact of GHG impacts from its decisions and actions, and;

Whereas there is even less knowledge of effective mitigation measures to offset impacts to those unclear impacts, and;



Whereas most GHG data exists at much higher scales and it remains difficult to translate into local decisions, impacts, and effective mitigation measures;

Be it resolved that the Board direct staff to investigate opportunities to apply for funding to develop a guide/manual for local governments that creates a practical basis for understanding the GHG magnitude associated with common local government decisions in NB, and of potential mitigation measures that can be considered in order to create an effective offset of GHG emissions from those standard local government decisions and activities.

Note: Resolution adopted as amended



Standing Resolutions

Note: The following resolutions have been grouped into “consent agendas” which will be voted on as single items. Delegates may request that a resolution be withdrawn from the group and dealt with individually.

3. Standing Resolutions: to be kept open

Recommendation: That the following resolutions be kept open for further work:

Resolution	Title
U-12-01	Deadline to Establish, Manage & Contribute to Reserves
U-16-03	Framework and Implementation Plan for waste packaging and paper stewardship program (PPP)
U-17-07	Streetlights and NB Power rate hearing
U-17-10	NB Coastline Protection
U-18-02	RCMP Services
U-18-03	NB Power slow response times
U-18-04	Designated Highways funding notification & information
U-18-05	Railway Right of Way Flooding
U-18-06	Funding for Fire Emergency Responses for Highways
U-18-07	Automatic funding from LSDs for Recreational Infrastructure and Services
U-18-08	Low Carbon Economy
U-18-09	Nurse Practitioners
U-18-10	Physician hours of practice and billing positions
U-18-11	By-Law Enforcement Officers
U-18-12	Billing Number System
U-18-13	Ambulance service

U-12-01

Subject: Deadline to establish, manage and contribute to reserves

Whereas Municipalities financial year end is December 31, and;

Whereas Weather conditions are unpredictable, and;

Whereas Municipal efforts to maintain safe road conditions in the winter can create a financial burden on municipalities, and;

Whereas the New Brunswick Regulation 97-145 under the Municipalities Act (O.C. 97-1036) paragraphs 3(1), 4(1), 5(1), 6(1), 6.1(1) and 6.2(1) requires a resolution for the establishment, management and contribution to reserves, and;

Whereas the New Brunswick Regulation 97-145 under the Municipalities Act (O.C. 97-1036) paragraphs 3(4), 4(3), 5(5), 6(4), 6.1(4) and 6.2(3) impose a deadline for December 31 of the same calendar year for any resolution to transfer fund to or from reserves, and;



Whereas New Brunswick municipalities' accountability to its constituents is fundamental, and;

Whereas Unforeseeable expense(s)/income(s) can occur up to December 31 of each year, and;

Whereas Municipalities need to keep funds in the operating budget until the last week of December for snow removal and related winter maintenance expenses, and;

Whereas New Brunswick municipalities' administration need a window of time to finalise year-end expenses;

Be it resolved that the UMNB request that the deadline for transferring monies to or from reserves during any budget year be moved from December 31 to January 31 of the next calendar year.

U-16-03

Subject: Framework and Implementation Plan for a Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program- Province of New Brunswick (PPP)

Whereas the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick recognized the many benefits that would be realized by enacting the necessary legislation to permit the implementation of a Waste Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program as an Extended Producer Responsibility, including the creation of good jobs, extension of landfill sites' usage, environmental impacts and redirection of costs related to the recycling of paper and packaging to the industry and away from the Municipalities; and

Whereas the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick recognizes there are already several models for the Recycling Plastic Printed Paper (PPP) as an Extended Producer Responsibility, (EPR) Program implemented in many Provinces across Canada, which could serve as a template for New Brunswick; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick at its October 2, 2016 Annual Meeting, hereby endorses the Extended Producer Responsibility Program – "Plastic and Printed Paper Management" and urges the Province of New Brunswick and Recycle N.B. to continue the legislative process to expedite the implementation of this worthwhile program in the Province of New Brunswick within the 2017 calendar year.

U-17-07

Subject: Streetlights and NB Power rate hearing

WHEREAS on May 10, 2017 the CBC news reported that municipalities are concerned that NB Power may be significantly over charging municipalities for street lighting, and

WHEREAS the report indicated that the municipality of Miramichi has reviewed their street lighting charges and believe the rates to be excessive, and

WHEREAS it is stated that street lighting costs are relatively insignificant for NB Power, but one of the most lucrative sources of revenue for the utility, and

WHEREAS the town of Sackville wants to ensure its citizens are receiving street lighting service at a fair and reasonable rate,



Now therefore, the Town of Sackville urges UMNB to represent all New Brunswick municipalities during the upcoming NB Power rate hearings held annually, and advocate that NB Power adjust the current rates to a level that provides fair pricing for street lighting service within all municipalities.

U-17-10

Subject: NB Coastline Protection

WHEREAS the experts in environment of the Government of New Brunswick are all in agreement that climate changes are inevitable, and

WHEREAS the sea level will increase and storms will be more and more frequent, and

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has a lot of town and villages along the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick should ask the Government of New Brunswick – Department of Transportation to invest money in the protection and maintenance of the coastline.

U-18-02

Subject: Funding for services from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

WHEREAS the municipalities participating in the Provincial Policing Service Agreement (PPSA) of the RCMP have been incurring annual increases that are largely surpassing the inflation costs, for the last fifteen years;

WHEREAS the RCMP is the national police force and is an organization that reports to the Canadian Department of Public Safety;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has the obligation to adequately fund its national police force in order to serve the rural regions of the country, at an affordable cost for the provinces and the municipalities that have the services of the RCMP;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has designated the RCMP as the provincial police force;

WHEREAS the Government of New Brunswick has the obligation to assume a larger part of the RCMP costs in order to have an accessible and affordable service for all municipalities and local service districts in the province;

WHEREAS the municipalities are assuming most of the costs for the RCMP services and that this proportion is increasing significantly, comparatively to the contribution of the Government of New Brunswick;

WHEREAS the RCMP costs increases in the last years were taken on by the municipalities in the PPSA in bigger proportion;

WHEREAS there are important inequities between the municipalities, the local service districts (LSD's) and the different regions of the province, regarding the cost sharing formula;



WHEREAS the municipal associations were not invited to take part in the work undertaken by the working committee put in place by the Department of Public Safety of the province who are currently renegotiating some of the provisions of the PPSA with the representatives of the RCMP, and that, contrary to the disposition in the agreement;

Be it resolved that UMNB begin the necessary steps with the federal and provincial authorities in order to find solutions to the ongoing increasing costs of the RCMP services and to eliminate the inequities to the provincial cost sharing formula related to the Provincial Policing Service Agreement

Resolution U-18-03

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.

U-18-04

Subject: Designated Highways funding notification & information

Whereas the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure administers funding annually for capital improvements to Provincial Highways in municipalities; and



Whereas the Department annually invites municipalities to submit funding applications for projects to improve these highways; and

Whereas municipalities wishing to see improvements to the Provincial Highways within their jurisdiction must apply annually for funding indicating whether or not, and in what amounts, the municipalities will contribute to the cost of said projects; and

Whereas there are specific eligibility requirements for projects to be funded necessitating coordination with other municipal work; and

Whereas it does not seem to be the practice of the Department to notify municipalities that are not to receive any funding;

Be it resolved that Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick adopts the following motion;

That the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to notify all municipalities that apply for funding under the Designated Highways program whether funding will be granted, such notification to be provided no later than April 15th each year;

And that the Government of New Brunswick is asked to annually publish, before the end of the fiscal year, the projects funded under the Designated Highways program including the following for each project:

- a. the name of the municipality
- b. the amount of Government funding
- c. the amount of municipal funding
- d. a description of the work undertaken

U-18-05

Subject: Infrastructure Fund for Railway Right of Way Flooding

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.

U-18-06

Subject: Funding for Fire Emergency Responses for Highways

Whereas municipalities receive funds from local service districts relating to providing fire protection for the local service districts; and

Whereas the funds received from the local service districts in many cases do not adequately cover the true cost of providing services to the local service districts; and

Whereas the funding formula currently in place does not cover the real cost of the infrastructure and equipment municipalities are providing such as buildings and fleet maximums for cost sharing being much lower than real cost of the items; and

Whereas certain municipal budget items that should be included in the cost sharing arrangement are not included; and

Whereas no funds are provided to municipalities for providing services to highway that are a provincial responsibility;

Be it resolved that UMNB lobby the province of New Brunswick that changes take place in the current funding of municipalities for fire services that are provided to local service districts, and that a funding formula be implemented whereby the province contribute towards fire emergency responses for highways.

U-18-07

Subject: Automatic funding from LSDs for Recreational Infrastructure and Services

Whereas municipalities provide a great deal of recreational infrastructure and services within their municipality that are used by local service districts; and

Whereas in most municipalities the cost of these services which are used by many people in local service districts are borne 100% by the municipalities; and

Whereas the only current funding mechanism involves a complex and difficult process whereby a municipality must request funding from each local service district in their area; and

Whereas some local service districts may agree to funding and others may not thereby possibly creating inequities amongst areas contributing to these services;

Be it resolved that UMNB lobby the province of New Brunswick to enact appropriate legislation which would enable automatic funding from local service districts through their tax rates to be provided to municipalities for the purpose of providing recreational infrastructure and services.



U-18-08

Subject: Transition to a Low Carbon Economy

Whereas we need to streamline processes and commit to educating Provincial Inspectors to encourage and promote sustainable energy sources if we want New Brunswick to reduce its reliance on carbon sourced energy, and be successful in its transition to renewal energy sources, and

Whereas there are obstacles that make facilitating renewable projects in New Brunswick challenging for developers and contractors, and that can discourage them from undertaking further energy renewable projects;

Be it Resolved that UMNB lobby the Province of New Brunswick to aid NB communities in their ability to transition to a low carbon economy by:

- Improving communication between plan review staff and the field inspection staff; improving communication between Department of Public Safety officials, Utilities, the Contractors and Customers; and increasing consistency between inspections under the Department of Public Safety.
- Adopting the National Energy Code for Buildings to establish minimum insulation standards, and building efficiencies specifically related to energy use.
- And by facilitating other considerations to help NB move forward in its Climate Change initiatives, which may include:
 - PACE Style programming/financing;
 - Virtual net-metering and Smart Metering programs,
 - Co-procurements;
 - Continue encouraging local governments to pursue Community Energy Plans.

U-18-09

Subject: Nurse Practitioners

Whereas approx. one in six Canadians are without a primary care provider, and

Whereas Nurse practitioners (NP) improve access to holistic care, cost effective care that reduces wait times in Canadian emergency rooms and costs through the broader health care system, and

Whereas even though New Brunswick has upward of 20000 residents without a primary health care provider, NP's are losing their licenses and are they are not being utilized by the province as part of a reasonable solution for a more efficient, cost effective Health care system.

Be it resolved that UMNB lobby the Department of Health to recruit and retain Nurse practitioners (NP) in Areas which have been identified as difficult to recruit. These areas would be defined as areas where Physician billing positions have been vacant one year or more.

Be it further resolved that UMNB lobby that the Regional Health Authority in cooperation with the Department of Health be given the ability to convert Billing position (or salary equivalents), typically held by Physicians in these Areas to staff with salaried NP positioned. The Regional Health Authority will work with these communities in determining the appropriate places to staff these NP positions based on community resources, whether it is Community Health center or local clinics.



U-18-10

Subject: Physician hours of practice and billing positions

Whereas physicians working in New Brunswick work from billing number positions assigned to a community, and the physician retains this billing position regardless of their status of having fulltime practice or full patient load within the community they practice, and

Whereas this type of system restricts the community in having adequate Physician coverage as they are bound by the Billing position held by the physicians. It also restricts the physician in needing to decrease his practice, without penalizing the community, and

Whereas every Resident needs the ability to practice and retire as he or she wishes and every community needs the ability to give its resident access to unrestricted health care providers.

Be it resolved UMNB lobby the Department of Health to create a new Billing position system wherein Physicians who work fulltime or Part-time practice hours are permitted to do so without it having a detrimental effect on the community in which they serve. This system will permit communities to have full coverage determined by population data studies regardless of whether a physician holding the billing position is working Full time, Part time or just decided to keep his billing position number.



4. Standing Resolutions: to be closed

Recommendation: That the following past resolutions be closed. (Note: If municipalities/Zones believe UMNB should pursue additional action on a subject, they may introduce a new resolution.)

Resolution	Title
U-11-04	Unightly Premises
U-12-05	Watercourse and Wetland Alteration – Municipal Consultation
U-15-02	Energy East Pipeline
U-15-03	Provincial Road Maintenance Contribution
U-16-01	Application deadlines for CANADA – NEW BRUNSWICK AGREEMENTS
U-16-02	Moving Provincial services from municipalities
U-17-06	Route 108
U-17-08	Property assessment freeze
U-17-09	McKendy Report
U-18-14	1/3 Tax Exemption
U-18-15	Reinstatement of the Date for Municipal Byelections

U-11-04

Subject: Unightly Premises

Whereas Section 190 of the Municipalities Act permits a municipality to provide by by-law that sections 190.001 to 190.07 apply to such areas of the municipality as the by-law prescribes, and

Whereas Sections 190.001 to 190.07 of the Municipalities Act deals with unsightly premises and specifies the procedures a municipality must follow in addressing an unsightly premise, and

Whereas the specified procedures to be followed by a municipality are cumbersome and time consuming during which time the condition of the unsightly premise may continue to deteriorate further, and

Whereas it would be beneficial for a municipality to be able to take quicker, more decisive action in addressing an unsightly premise issue, therefore

Be It Resolved that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick request that the Province of New Brunswick review all provincial legislation relating to unsightly premises and change as necessary to permit a municipality to take action on unsightly premises in a quicker, more decisive manner.

U-12-05

Watercourse and Wetland Alteration – Municipal Consultation

WHEREAS the owner of a property, located within the boundaries of a municipality, may prepare and submit an application for a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permit to the Department of Environment and Local Government; and

WHEREAS the application shall then be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Environment and Local Government; and



WHEREAS after consideration by the Department of Environment and Local Government, a Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permit may be issued to the property owner; and

WHEREAS the above review, evaluation and consideration of the said application and the subsequent issuance of the permit may be carried out without consultation with a representative of the municipality in which the property is located.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick request that the Department of Environment and Local Government ensure that the operating process(es) and / or procedure(s) for processing applications for Watercourse and Wetland Alteration Permits include consultation with municipal officials, prior to issuing a permit or denying same, when the property in question is located within the boundaries of a municipality.

U-15-02

Subject: Energy East Pipeline

WHEREAS responsible economic development and job creation are priorities for NB and its municipalities, and

WHEREAS responsible economic development with effective and proper safeguards for the environment, and

WHEREAS a secure and safe method of transporting petroleum products should be adopted in the best interests of both economic development and protecting environmental quality,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT UMNB express its support for the construction of the Energy East Pipeline project subject to all aspects of the project conforming fully to federal and provincial environmental acts and regulations.

U-15-03

Subject: Provincial Road Maintenance Contribution

WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick has provincial highways and routes which travel through municipalities, and

WHEREAS the Province asks municipalities to perform maintenance of the provincial roads within their boundaries, and

WHEREAS the Province has not increased the amount of support it provides to municipalities for repair and work done on provincial designated highways passing through municipalities, and

WHEREAS the Province has recently stated that future road work will now require municipalities to contribute set levels of resources to approved projects

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick request that the Province increase the amount of funding it provides to municipalities for ongoing road maintenance for Provincial highways within municipal boundaries to better reflect actual costs and inflation since the last increase.



U-16-01

Subject: Canada – New Brunswick Agreements

WHEREAS the Canada-New Brunswick Bilateral Agreement for the Clear Water and Wastewater Fund, a significant program to assist New Brunswick Municipalities in providing critical infrastructure was announced to Municipalities on May 20, 2016, and

WHEREAS the Department of Environment and Local Government established a deadline of June 8, 2016 to receive applications, a period of only Thirteen (13) working days, and,

WHEREAS thirteen working days is insufficient to allow necessary engineering, cost estimates, and Council approval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick request that the Department of Environment and Local Government allow Municipalities responding to Funding Programs be afforded sufficient time, at a minimum of 60 days, to adequately consider, investigate, prepare and approve applications for submission to government.

U-16-02

Subject: Moving Provincial Services

WHEREAS provincial services have been removed from many New Brunswick Municipalities without consultation between the Province and impacted municipalities including court houses, Service New Brunswick Centers and the Jemseg – Gagetown ferry and,

WHEREAS the local impact of a service being withdrawn from a municipality cannot be completely understood without communicating through consultation between the Province and impacted municipality prior to the announcement and actual removal of a provincial service from a municipality and,

WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the Provincial Government to have municipalities contribute, through consultation, to the process of evaluating any provincial service within said municipality and,

WHEREAS there must be an appropriate consultation process legislated that clearly outlines the involvement of a municipality along with the Provincial Government, in coming to any decision that involves the potential reduction and/or removal of a provincial service from the municipalities directly implicated and,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Government of New Brunswick work with UMNB to draft a process, to be legislated, that clearly ensures municipalities will be consulted with by the Government of New Brunswick when a provincial service within said municipality is being considered/evaluated for reduction and/or removal.



U-17-06

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.

U-17-08

Property Assessment Freeze

Whereas the New Brunswick government recently announced its intention to implement a freeze on property assessment for 2018, except for new construction and renovations on tax ; and

Whereas the government plans to introduce the new legislation this fall; and

Whereas this has significant financial implications on all municipalities in New Brunswick as property assessment tax is the primary source of revenue; and

Whereas the property tax assessment freeze will result in a significant loss of revenue that may adversely affect the quality and provision of programs and services for our residents; and

Whereas the government did not consult with municipalities on the effects of such a policy change or explore other options.



Be it resolved that the Town of Sackville urges UMNB to meet with the government to represent New Brunswick municipalities advocating the provincial government to consider another option or amendment other than the proposed property tax assessment freeze in 2018 as outlined such that municipalities are able to sustain a stable source of revenue to deliver the municipal programs and services to our citizens.

U-17-09

Subject: McKendy Report

Whereas the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government has received the McKendy report on “Improving Regional Service Commissions in New Brunswick” and is currently consulting with the regional levels of government, and

Whereas the delivery and costs of local services and programs being delivered by regional governments has significant implications for local communities, and

Whereas there has not been any communication on this matter with the local governments and no indication of an intent to consult directly with the local municipalities, and

Be it resolved that the town of Sackville hereby requests UMNB to formally approach the New Brunswick department of environment and local government to engage in consultation process with local municipalities on the affects and implications of proposed policy changes and be open to exploring other viable options.

U-18-11

Subject: By-Law enforcement officers

Whereas the majority of Villages, Towns, LSD, Rural Communities, and Regional Municipalities do not have a By-Law Officer; and

Whereas this is a dilemma for enforcing municipal rules and regulations,

Be it resolved that UMNB propose the creation of a specialized agent or officer for bylaw enforcement, whether through Sherriff Services or hired by the RSCs, to be funded through a tax to the above municipalities and available to the above municipal bodies at a reasonable hourly rate.

U-18-14

2018 AGM Emergency Resolution

Subject: Federal Tax Exemption Cut 2019

Whereas the Federal Government’s 20187 Budget eliminated the tax exemption for elected provincial & municipal officials effective in 2019,

Whereas elected municipal officials across Canada had a 1/3 tax exemption in lieu of claiming expenses for their respective duties,



Whereas as elected officials, we are not formally “paid” for our work but receive a modest stipend for our many, many hours of work in our community,

Whereas this move will have a financial impact both personally and in the communities we serve, particularly in rural New Brunswick, and

Whereas municipal politicians and their service to their communities strengthen our communities and benefit all citizens,

Be it Resolved that the UMNB join the FCM and other provincial & territorial municipal associations in lobbying the Federal Government to re-evaluate the removal of traditional tax exemptions for municipal officials in Canada.

U-18-15

2018 AGM Emergency Resolution

Subject: Reinstatement of the Date for Municipal Byelections

Whereas numbers of New Brunswick municipalities have vacancies on Council, in some cases multiple vacancies, and

Whereas the date for the next municipal byelections to fill those vacancies has already been postponed from October 2018 to December 2018 to accommodate the Provincial General Election, and

Whereas the uncertainty created by the result of the September 24 2018 Provincial Election has caused a further postponement of the municipal byelections to May 2019,

Be it Resolved that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick immediately intervene to negotiate the reinstatement of December 2018 as the date of the next municipal byelection.