

## UMNB RESOLUTIONS AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

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**U-12-05**

**Mover: Zone 3**

**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.

**THEREFORE, 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-17-07**

**Mover: Town of Sackville and Zone 4**

**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,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that 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.

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**U-17-10**

**Mover: Village of Charlo and Zone 7**

**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

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**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.

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**U-18-04**

**Mover: Zone 3**

**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;

**THEREFORE, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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**U-18-05**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**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;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that UMN B 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.

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**U-18-06**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**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;

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**U-18-07**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**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;

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**U-18-08**

**Mover: Town of Quispamsis**

**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;

**THEREFORE, 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.
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**U-18-11**

**Mover: Town of Dalhousie**

**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,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that UMN 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.

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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;

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**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;

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**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,

**THEREFORE, 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.

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**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;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick 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;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick 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.

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**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;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that 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.

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**U-20-01**

**Mover: Zone 4**

**Subject: Support for NB Land-Based Natural Resource Industries**

**WHEREAS** New Brunswick's forest sector employs 24,000 people today and contributes \$1.7 billion dollars annually to the provincial economy;

**WHEREAS** silviculture investments totaling over \$480 million have been made on New Brunswick's Crownland growing more trees to improve wood supply and at the same time help increase conservation areas;

**WHEREAS** New Brunswick's forest is managed today for multiple objectives including water course protection, maintaining wildlife and conserving old growth forest communities as well as harvesting trees;

**WHEREAS** New Brunswick's forest sector is a leader in environmental performance having made substantial investments to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to improve the sector's carbon footprint;

**WHEREAS** regenerating forests sequester more CO2 than they emit with an average tree absorbing up to one tonne of CO2 in its lifetime;

**WHEREAS** tree improvement research can help New Brunswick adapt to a changing climate in the future;

**WHEREAS** there are real and significant growth opportunities for capital investment and new jobs in New Brunswick's forest sector, the "**cumulative**" impact of new and proposed government regulations could negatively affect the competitiveness of the sector;

**WHEREAS** the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick considers forestry as a strong, viable and sustainable industry critical to the Province of New Brunswick and its municipalities;

**WHEREAS** the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick also recognizes the quality of forest management in New Brunswick and the future potential that this management has provided by way of capital investment, employment and taxes;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick will raise concerns in the future to any changes to taxes, legislation and regulations that could potentially jeopardize employment, investment and tax growth provided by sustainable and well managed land-based natural resource industries.

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**U-20-03**

**Mover: Zone 5**

**Subject: Universal Affordable High-Speed Internet Access in New Brunswick**

**WHEREAS** in order to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, governments, businesses and institutions have placed a greater reliance on internet connectivity as a means of providing essential products, services, and communication to residents of New Brunswick, and;

**WHEREAS** the continued quality of life, healthcare, safety, education, inclusivity, and economic prosperity of people and businesses in New Brunswick will require modernized, effective and efficient tools, and;

**WHEREAS** internet access in many parts of New Brunswick is limited to dial-up connection at home or no internet connection at all leaving residents and businesses in those areas at a significant disadvantage;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick request that the Government of New Brunswick invest in and lobby the Federal Government of Canada to invest in, universal and affordable broadband internet access of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download speed and 10 Mbps upload speed for all residents of the province that will contribute to and support economic growth, access to essential products and services, inclusivity and a modern quality of life.

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**U-20-04**

**Mover: Village of Grand Manan**

**Subject: Machinery Tax Resolution**

**WHEREAS** growing, competitive industries provide good direct, indirect and induced jobs for New Brunswick Residents, and;

**WHEREAS** the provincial government of New Brunswick is constantly working to attract new industry to set up in this province, and;

**WHEREAS** industry is constantly weighing the pros and cons of not only setting up in New Brunswick but in deciding to stay here in this province in the long term, and;

**WHEREAS** taxation is a major factor in these decisions especially with exporting businesses trying to compete from New Brunswick in today's global scale, and;

**WHEREAS** there is discussion in the New Brunswick Legislature to add the value of machinery in property tax assessments as well as the current formula of structure and land values, and;

**WHEREAS** this will impact industry's competitiveness in New Brunswick, having a real negative effect on not only attracting but retaining industry in the communities of New Brunswick, and;

**WHEREAS** Industry is the lifeblood of the communities of New Brunswick, and;

**WHEREAS** the Legislature Standing Committee on Law Amendments is currently seeking input from experts and stakeholders on this proposal under Motion 31 of the New Brunswick Legislature;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick express its concern of the very real risk of losing badly needed existing industry, future capital investments in communities and therefore jobs to the communities of the province of New Brunswick if the value of machinery is added to property assessments.

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**U-21-01**

**Mover: Town of Grand Bay-Westfield**

**Subject: RCMP Costs**

**WHEREAS** there are increased calls to have a review of the RCMP; and

**WHEREAS** many provinces and municipalities are studying the feasibility of establishing their own police force or have established their own police force; and

**WHEREAS** the cost of police services is increasing and the establishment of local police forces is costly;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that UMNb partner with the Province of New Brunswick, other municipal associations, and Regional Service Commissions within New Brunswick, to determine the most effective and efficient way to provide policing that meets or exceeds minimum policing standards in the province and in its municipalities.

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**U-21-02**

**Mover: Town of Grand Bay-Westfield**

**Subject: Municipal Insurance Program**

**WHEREAS** municipal insurance costs have been significantly increasing; and

**WHEREAS** there are alternative means of managing risk;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNb study the feasibility of establishing a municipal group liability insurance and property insurance program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the UMNb consult with the other maritime provincial municipal associations, partners and stakeholders to determine if they are interested in establishing a working group to study the feasibility of establishing a municipal group liability insurance and property insurance program.

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**U-21-04**

**Mover: Town of Riverview**

**Subject: Service New Brunswick**

**WHEREAS** Service New Brunswick (SNB) provides over 300 services to the public through a network of offices, online services, teleservice (call service), and;

**WHEREAS** New Brunswick has an aging population with many having mobility and health issues and for those in rural areas who do not have adequate internet services or use today's technology, particularly seniors, accessing Service NB becomes difficult, and;

**WHEREAS** users have been experiencing long wait times and inconvenience associated with obtaining in-person SNB services, which can be especially difficult during periods of inclement weather, and;

**WHEREAS** According to its website, Service New Brunswick is dedicated to customer service, customer consultation and customer satisfaction;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNb lobby the provincial government to review the delivery of Service New Brunswick services in rural and under-served areas.

**U-21-05**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**Subject: Ban Recyclable and Compostable Materials at Landfills**

**WHEREAS** the UMNb has been working on and gaining ground related to province-wide regulations on packaging and paper products, which has been supported by both Recycle NB and the New Brunswick Conservation Council;

**WHEREAS** 78% of all landfill waste comes from commercial of which apartments, multi-residential units and universities are considered part;

**WHEREAS** enacting the proposed would shift responsibility onto the provincial government, preserving the relationship between New Brunswick communities and their landlords and business owners, and;

**WHEREAS** the province of Nova Scotia has passed similar regulations as the proposed in the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNb petition the Provincial Government to ban recyclable and compostable materials from going into general waste at landfills across the Province of New Brunswick.

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**WHEREAS** the province of Nova Scotia has passed similar regulations as the proposed in the Nova Scotia Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNb petition the Provincial Government to ban recyclable and compostable materials from going into general waste at landfills across the Province of New Brunswick.

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**U-21-06**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**Subject: Permanent Resident Voting Rights**

**WHEREAS** a significant amount of the population of New Brunswick does not have the right to vote and are politically voiceless and powerless in decisions that have a direct impact on their livelihood;

**WHEREAS** permanent residents, also known as 'Canadians in waiting,' are contributing members of the economic and social society;

**WHEREAS** often permanent residents who are directly impacted by municipal legislation do not have a say in the services and programs that are put in place to help them;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNB petition Elections NB to change the NB Elections Act to allow for permanent residents to vote municipally.

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**U-21-07**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**Subject: Indigenous Languages on Ballots**

**WHEREAS** there are approximately 16,509 First Nations people living in New Brunswick, 9,889 on reserve and 6,620 off reserve;

**WHEREAS** First Nations people are a major part of our population and culture;

**WHEREAS** starting at #13 and running to #17 in the Truth & Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, there are specific calls to action addressing the importance of, recognition of, and preservation of Indigenous languages;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNB petition Elections NB to include Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqey, and Peskotomuhkati languages on municipal and provincial ballots.

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**U-21-08**

**Mover: Town of Sackville**

**Subject: Municipal Climate Change Funding**

**WHEREAS** the province raises a significant amount of money through a carbon tax (\$163 million in 2021-22);

**WHEREAS** the province created the climate change fund under the Climate Change Act (S.N.B 2018, c.11), which was to receive the carbon tax revenue and spend it on projects to address climate change;

**WHEREAS** the carbon tax of \$163 million in 2021-22 is slated to be distributed as follows:

- \$78 million will be returned to taxpayers through the April 2020 reduction in gasoline and diesel taxes;
- \$36 million will be allotted to the climate change fund and climate initiatives; \$12 million will go towards the natural gas distribution offset established last year;
- \$9 million will be provided to First Nations; and
- \$28 million will be returned to New Brunswickers through a reduction in personal income tax.

**WHEREAS** a portion of the \$36 million allotted to the climate change fund is intended to ensure that 75% of the climate action plan commitments are implemented;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNB petition the provincial government, and the Department of Environment and Climate Change, to ensure that a significant portion of the carbon tax revenue be dedicated to implement the commitments of the Climate Action Plan and be re-invested in the 9 climate change commitments directed toward municipalities.

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**U-22-01**

**Mover: Town of Grand Bay-Westfield**

**Subject: Advocacy Resources**

**WHEREAS** Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB)'s purpose is to advocate for strong, sustainable communities throughout the province, unite communities of all sizes, represent members' interests and concerns and ensure local priorities are on the provincial agenda, connect municipal leaders to exchange knowledge and solutions, and inform members and government through research, professional development and insider analysis;

**WHEREAS** UMNB has 2 employees: Executive Director and Communications/ Events Officer;

**WHEREAS** the Executive Director has many responsibilities to fulfill and has limited resources to effectively advocate on behalf of UMNB;

**WHEREAS** UMNB has thirty-six resolutions from previous years. It is trying to move forward with the province and other New Brunswick municipal associations including Cities of New Brunswick Association (CNBA) and Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB);

**WHEREAS** CNBA has 1 employee and AFMNB has 7 employees;

**WHEREAS** UMNB has limited resources to dedicate to researching and advancing members' interests, concerns, local priorities, connect municipal leaders to exchange knowledge and

solutions and inform members and government through research, professional development and insider analysis;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that UMNb increase its resources to effectively fulfill its purpose of advocating for its members including: advocate for strong, sustainable communities throughout the province, unite communities of all sizes, represent members' interests and concerns and ensure local priorities are on the provincial agenda, connect municipal leaders to exchange knowledge and solutions, and inform members and government through research, professional development and insider analysis.

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**U-22-02**

**Mover: Town of Grand Bay-Westfield**

**Subject: Strengthening Communities**

**WHEREAS** Union of the Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB)'s purpose is to advocate for strong, sustainable communities throughout the province, unite communities of all sizes, represent members' interests and concerns and ensure local priorities are on the provincial agenda, connect municipal leaders to exchange knowledge and solutions, and inform members and government through research, professional development and insider analysis;

**WHEREAS** municipalities in New Brunswick are represented by three municipal associations including Cities of New Brunswick Association (CNBA) and Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick (AFMNB);

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Canada are represented by one municipal association, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, who effectively represents municipalities to the Government of Canada;

**WHEREAS** UMNb and CNBA are under resourced to effectively fulfill their mandates;

**WHEREAS** the municipalities may be more effectively represented to the Province of New Brunswick with one municipal association;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that UMNb begin discussions with AFMNB and CNBA to unify to increase their effectiveness and efficacy in their representations to the Province of New Brunswick advocating for strong, sustainable communities throughout the province, with united communities of all sizes, represent members' interests and concerns and ensure local priorities are on the provincial agenda, connect municipal leaders to exchange knowledge and solutions, and inform members and government through research, professional development and insider analysis.

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**U-22-03**

**Mover: Village of Salisbury**

**Subject: Consolidation of Provincial 911 Call-taking, Ambulance, Fire Dispatch, and Provincial Mobile Control Centre functions into a centralized operation with interprovincial integration and backup capabilities.**

**WHEREAS** there is a mix of many emergency dispatch centres in New Brunswick including:

- six separate Public Safety Answering Points (911-PSAPS) operating with independent Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems, and dispatching some fire departments;
- one Province-wide Ambulance Dispatch Centre operated by Medavie Blue Cross under contract to Ambulance New Brunswick;
- one Provincial Dispatch Centre (PMCC) that dispatches many provincial agencies including DTI, EMO, Fire Marshal's Office, Department of Natural Resources and other provincial agencies;

**WHEREAS** this fragmented collection of dispatch and 911 agencies is ineffective in either a routine or large-scale emergency requiring interoperability that can promptly dispatch multiple agencies within New Brunswick;

**WHEREAS** during routine or large-scale emergencies that require rapid seamless interoperability it is critical to ensure that the appropriate agencies share information in a single dispatch service that has all appropriate information at hand and can act as a redundancy with neighbouring provinces should any catastrophic event cause any provincial dispatch centres to be inoperative;

**WHEREAS** the cost of the six 911-PSAPS/Regional Fire Dispatch Centres is not a competitive or efficient model compared to our neighbours in Prince Edward Island, who answer all 911 calls in PEI and dispatch 95 per cent of all fire departments in PEI with ONE centralized dispatch centre operated by the vendor that is contracted for ambulance services in ALL three Maritime Provinces with each provincial dispatch centre being redundant with each other for backup;

**WHEREAS** all of the above-mentioned agencies have access to the Maritime Provincial Digital Radio System, otherwise known as TMR Radio System;

**WHEREAS** the Prince Edward Island model provides dispatch services to PEI fire departments for \$2,500 per year per fire department...substantially cheaper than the New

Brunswick ½ cent on the tax base model (\$27,000 for the current Village of Salisbury alone and approximately \$40,000 for the new entity);

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the UMNB urge the Province of New Brunswick to investigate alternate, more cost-effective dispatch services that would coordinate all 911 call-taking, and all fire, ambulance, PMCC agencies under a consolidated call-take and dispatch centre including all six fire dispatch services coordinated into one separate fire dispatch, with interprovincial redundancies between our Maritime neighbouring ambulance dispatch centres to afford New Brunswickers a cost-efficient model.

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**U-22-04**

**Mover: Village of Perth-Andover**

**Subject: Financial Costs of Municipal Reform**

**WHEREAS** the Government of NB is implementing wide-scale municipal reform to be implemented by the end of 2022, and;

**WHEREAS** the province requires municipal staff and elected officials to sit on municipal advisory & technical committees throughout the municipal reform process, and;

**WHEREAS** the province is assigning additional new mandates to Regional Service Commissions and requires municipal staff and elected officials to participate on advisory and technical committees to manage this restructuring and plan for delivery on the new mandates, and;

**WHEREAS** transition facilitators rely on municipal administrators heavily for information, input, financial records, documentation, etc., and;

**WHEREAS** municipal staff are dedicating significant time, labour, and expertise to facilitate the municipal reform process over and above their responsibilities as laid out in their job descriptions, *in effect seconded by the provincial government to facilitate municipal reform*, and;

**WHEREAS** the legal costs of revising by-laws & municipal plans, hiring & re-organizing staff, etc. are necessary but unknown and potentially significant, and;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that UMNB lobby the provincial government for

1. appropriate financial funding for municipalities to compensate for staff time already required and to be required by the province to assist in the process of municipal reform;

2. reimbursement of municipal legal, accounting, and consulting expenses incurred as a result of municipal reform, including those already incurred and those arising in the coming year.
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**U-22-05**

**Mover: Village of Perth-Andover**

**Subject: Shortfall in Budgets due to Tax Increase Limits**

**WHEREAS** tax increase limits, especially in former LSD areas, will leave shortfalls in new municipalities' budgets that in the past were absorbed by the provincial government;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that UMNB lobby the provincial government for adequate subsidies to expanded municipalities for the costs of providing services within any new entity where those costs are not covered due to tax increase limits imposed by the province

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**U-22-06**

**Mover: Zone 5 Resolution**

**Subject: Municipal reform awareness**

**WHEREAS** for over 50 years municipalities in New Brunswick have lobbied the provincial government for much needed municipal reform in order to ensure vibrant and sustainable communities;

**AND WHEREAS** in December 2021, the Government of New Brunswick introduced legislation to initiate much needed municipal reform;

**AND WHEREAS** the implementation of the proposed reform will have significant impacts on municipalities, their staff, elected officials and the residents they serve including the creation of new municipalities and the downloading of additional services to municipalities through enhanced mandates of the Regional Service Commissions;

**AND WHEREAS** despite assurances that they would, the Government of New Brunswick and the Ministry of Local Government and Local Government Reform, have done little to inform residents of New Brunswick on how the reform will impact the services they receive from their municipal governments and what they will pay for such services;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that on behalf of all municipalities in New Brunswick and the residents they serve, the Union of Municipalities request that the Government of New Brunswick and specifically, the Ministry of Local Government and Local Government Reform, immediately

begin a fulsome and sustained education and awareness campaign through all possible communication platforms in order to inform residents of New Brunswick on why municipal reform is so important and what impacts it will have on their interactions, service offerings and tax rates with the municipalities in which they live.

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**U-22-07**

**Mover: Village of Hillsborough**

**Subject: Ambulance Availability**

**WHEREAS** there have been multiple media reports of late that hospital emergency departments are in crisis and are unable to manage the number of patients waiting for care, including those arriving by ambulance; and

**WHEREAS** this is resulting in ambulance personnel having to remain with patients in their custody and care until accepted by hospitals; and

**WHEREAS** the inability of ambulance personnel to return to service is resulting in the repositioning of ambulances from rural areas across the province to larger communities where calls are more likely to occur; and

**WHEREAS** this is resulting in significant ambulance availability gaps that that disproportionately impact rural New Brunswickers,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNMB lobby the Province of New Brunswick to consult with healthcare and ambulance service professionals to implement measures that will reduce gaps in ambulance services in all areas of the province, including;

- Increasing accessibility to Nurse Practitioners where practicable, as outlined in UMNb resolution U-18-09;
- Strengthening the provision of primary healthcare services in rural community hospitals and community health centres as outlined in UMNb resolution U-19-02 and U-21-03;

and any other such measures as deemed appropriate to positively impact gaps in ambulance service.