

**Request for Council's Consideration**

**Included on Agenda**  
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon  
Thursday)

**Added Item**  
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon  
Monday)

**Date of Council Meeting: August 7, 2012**

**Subject: UNSM Resolution amendment**

**Motion for Council to Consider:**

That the resolution HRM submitted to the UNSM Annual Conference be amended to include reference to the FCM and remove reference to "nation-wide" program criteria, as follows:

**INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

**WHEREAS** the federal long term infrastructure plan under development intends to support economic growth and job creation; and

**WHEREAS** timely and efficient program administration will assist the plan in achieving those goals; and

**WHEREAS** clear, consistent eligibility criteria will ensure fair and equitable program delivery across Canada; and

**WHEREAS** sustainable and reliable program-based funding mechanisms enable ongoing infrastructure renewal to be undertaken while adhering to rigorous reporting requirements;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM request that the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM advocate for program criteria that are clear, consistent, and administered consistently; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** the UNSM also write the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM requesting that the new long term infrastructure plan mandate that program details and processes be available no later than 60 days after program creation and/or announcement; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM advocate to the Province of Nova Scotia

and FCM that the new long-term infrastructure plan utilize program-based funding such as the Gas Tax to ensure sustainable and reliable funding while ensuring transparent and accountable reporting on the use of funds.

**Reason:**

On June 19, 2012, Halifax Regional Council approved four resolutions to submit to the UNSM Annual Conference. On July 16, 2012, the UNSM Resolutions Committee discussed all resolutions going forward to the conference and whether they would recommend any changes. The Committee had concerns that a one-size fits all approach may not work the same for all provinces and therefore asked that the phrase “nation-wide” be removed from the statement:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request that the Province of Nova Scotia and FCM advocate for program criteria that are clear and consistent nation-wide, and administered consistently”.

The Committee also recommended that the FCM be added as another group UNSM would approach regarding advocacy efforts.

These are minor changes to the original resolution; however they do represent a change from the motion Council approved. If Council is in agreement with the proposed changes the revised resolution will go forward to the UNSM Annual Conference. If not both HRM’s original motion and the amended motion from the Resolutions Committee would go forward to the annual conference with the amended motion carrying the Committee’s recommendation.

**Outcome Sought:**

Council’s approval of the revised resolution on Infrastructure Program Administration.

Councillor Russell Walker

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