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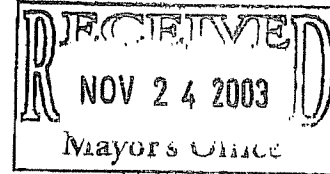
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November 19, 2003



Mr. John Schmal, President  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
24 Clarence Street  
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Dear Mr. President:

The Council of the Region of Queens Municipality, at its regular meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003, unanimously approved the following resolution and ask that this resolution be presented at the Annual FCM Conference:

**WHEREAS** many Canadian communities have been hit with severe natural disasters over the past few years; and

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has a Disaster Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) in conjunction with the provinces to help alleviate some of the financial losses incurred during these disasters; and

**WHEREAS** when the people most in need are subjected to endless red tape in order to apply for and receive government financial assistance because of strict federal government accounting practices for this program; and

**WHEREAS** the rules for the DFAP are so ineffective that they have become moving targets for fishermen, farmers, municipal governments, small businesses, landlords and tenants, private road owners among others; and

**WHEREAS** many claims for losses are sometimes taking more than six months to settle;

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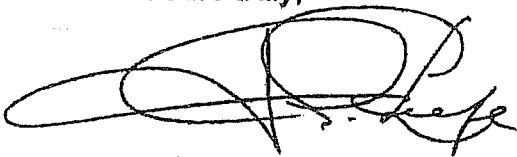
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities strongly urge the Government of Canada to initiate an immediate grass roots consultation committee to review and rewrite this existing Disaster Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) to meet the real needs of residents and business sectors from all provinces in a timely manner.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John G. Leefe', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John G. Leefe, DCL  
Mayor

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c.c. All Municipal Units in Nova Scotia