

Resolution – Infrastructure Funding

Whereas the municipal infrastructure deficit in excess of \$120 billion continues to increase with projects vital to health and safety of citizens and which cannot be addressed within current municipal budgets; and

Whereas federal and provincial cost sharing programs that have addressed infrastructure projects with municipalities over the past several years are largely exhausted, and;

Whereas to date the current federal election campaign leaders and candidates for the federal political parties have neglected to address the crisis the municipal infrastructure deficit represents to all Canadians and to provide a vision leading to a long term solution, municipal leaders have become increasingly concerned, disappointed and frustrated, and;

Whereas the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has clearly identified that as present funding programs expire, forty (40) percent of core funding for municipal roads, housing and policing projects will be gone;

Therefore be it resolved that the Atlantic Mayors' Congress in full cooperation with the FCM call upon all parties, party leaders and candidates in the current federal election to commit to creating stable and predictable funding programs that will effectively replace programs fully expended and renew the partnership with municipalities in addressing the vital infrastructure needs in communities across Canada.