

## **Resolution 5A**

### **REQUEST TO AMEND THE NOVA SCOTIA BUILDING CODE ACT AND REGULATIONS TO ENABLE THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING COTTAGES CONSTRUCTED ON SURFACE FOUNDATIONS (PASSED)**

⇒ County of Colchester

**WHEREAS** many older cottages in Nova Scotia are traditionally constructed on a surface foundation consisting of blocks on a gravel and earthen pad and have existed without concern for many years; and,

**WHEREAS** Part 9 of the Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations does not recognize surface foundations as a method of supporting a dwelling; and,

**WHEREAS** coastal erosion is forcing older cottages to be moved away from the shore and the Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations requires a more permanent foundation which is disproportionately expensive when compared to the value of the existing cottage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM write to the Province requesting existing cottages constructed on a surface foundation should be exempt from the foundation standards of the *Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations* when being relocated on the same piece of property or adjacent property.

Response from:

*Department of Labour and Advanced Education*

#### **RESPONSE:**

*The resolution has been forwarded to the Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee for review. SNSMR will ensure that UNSM is forwarded a copy of their response as soon as it is received.*