

## **Resolution 20A**

### **AMENDING BROWNFIELD DEFINITION IN FCM'S GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND PROGRAM (PASSED)**

⇒ UNSM Board of Directors

**WHEREAS** the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) defines a brownfield as “an abandoned, vacant, derelict or underutilized commercial, institutional or industrial property where past actions have resulted in actual or perceived contamination and/or threat to public health and safety and where there is an active potential for redevelopment” and

**WHEREAS** the FCM interprets property to be the land upon which a building is located; and

**WHEREAS** this definition excludes vacant or derelict buildings or structures where contamination may exist in the building but may not include real or perceived contamination of the land; and

**WHEREAS** vacant or derelict buildings may contain asbestos, lead or other contaminants that impede the reuse of the facility; and

**WHEREAS** brownfield projects can have a positive effect on a community’s economic development by encouraging the redevelopment of abandoned properties and by discouraging new development of pristine land; and

**WHEREAS** redevelopment and reuse of abandoned, contaminated, blighted or derelict buildings can help re-establish a sense of community and place; and

**WHEREAS** redevelopment and reuse of abandoned facilities can result in significant infusions of private investment, which may result in additional revenues to municipalities and the Province; and

**WHEREAS** such projects support economic development, job creation and retention and decrease community costs by utilizing existing infrastructure and service; and

**WHEREAS** the economic sustainability of rural and small town Nova Scotia can be improved by redevelopment of these facilities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM write to FCM requesting an amendment to their Green Municipal Fund Program to include in their brownfield development definition abandoned, vacant or derelict buildings or structures (such as schools and strip malls) that contain asbestos or other hazardous materials.