

Resolution 4C

FUNDING TO ASSIST IN RE-DEVELOPMENT OR DEMOLITION OF SURPLUS SCHOOL BUILDINGS (PASSED—removed from block of “C” Resolutions and voted on individually)

⇒ Town of Yarmouth

WHEREAS with declining enrolments in most rural Nova Scotian communities, Municipal Governments are being approached to acquire school buildings that have become surplus; and

WHEREAS there is more and more pressure being placed on Municipal governments to fund an increasing number of different services, projects and activities for the betterment of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS Municipal governments are seeing, especially in rural Nova Scotia, declining opportunities for revenue generation apart from increasing property taxes; and

WHEREAS it should not be the intent of any level of government to place any financial burden onto another level of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities engage in discussions with the Department of Education, and other appropriate Government Departments, to set in place a process wherein when a surplus educational structure and related property is turned over to a Municipal Unit that there will be sufficient funding to assist in the potential re-development or demolition of said building and related property.

Response from:

Department of Education and Early Childhood Education

RESPONSE:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has been meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Municipal Affairs to discuss surplus school buildings and respond to concerns. Work is continuing in this area.