

## **Resolution 10A**

### **TOLL ROADS (PASSED)**

⇒ County of Pictou

**WHEREAS** the Province of Nova Scotia is responsible to maintain the 100 series highway network that provides economic, environmental, health and transportation benefits to our communities; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's Five year Highway Improvement Plan does not sufficiently address improvements in a timely manner to the series of single lane highways; and

**WHEREAS** the number of accidents and fatalities continue to occur at an alarming rate; placing stress on Emergency First Responders and resources;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM request that the Province of Nova Scotia adopt a highway strategy that includes fast tracking construction of twinned 100 series highways across the province, wherever the need exists, to be financed by a toll highway system that is fair and equitable to all users and taxpayers in the province with the ultimate goal to save lives and ensure a safer and more efficient highway transportation system for all Nova Scotians and tourists.

Response from:

*Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal*

### **RESPONSE:**

*The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal thanks the UNSM for expressing their view supporting the fast tracking of twinning and upgrading of major highways to improve safety through the use of tolling. In the coming months the Department and its consultant, CBCL Ltd., will be conducting open public sessions around the province to allow all Nova Scotians to express their views on this matter. We encourage UNSM members to attend these sessions in their local areas and participate in the discussion.*