

## **Resolution 2**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PASSED)**

**WHEREAS** all municipalities support economic development through the provision of essential services such as water, sewer, transportation, waste disposal, protective and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS** the province established Regional Enterprise Networks, which were intended to be a two-way partnership between the province and municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** demographic and economic trends indicate a continued movement of people away from rural and small communities and indeed the province, indicating further challenges for municipalities in meeting their responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS** land use planning and regional land use planning can be tools for economic development;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the UNSM request that the Province:

- provide and share economic expertise with municipalities and the Regional Enterprise Networks;
- provide and assist in the analysis of economic development data and assist in the development of feasibility studies;
- provide incentives for regional approaches, including land use planning; and
- assist in the development of best regulatory practices.

Response from:  
*Department of Municipal Affairs*

### **RESPONSE:**

*Thank you for sharing the 2016 Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities (UNSM) Resolutions. I applaud the UNSM's work to improve the resolution process and focus on priority items.*

*The Partnership Framework between the UNSM and the Department of Municipal Affairs (signed December 1, 2016), provides our organizations with a formalized process to collaboratively address issues of common interest, including the UNSM Resolutions.*

*I have asked my staff to work with the UNSM Executive and Association of Municipal Administrators to identify the resolutions that can be incorporated into our joint strategic plan. As outlined in the Partnership Framework, we will be reporting annually on our progress towards addressing these priorities. We will provide responses to those that are not part of the framework discussions shortly.*

*I look forward to working together on developing and implementing our joint strategic plan.*