

Resolution 10A

RESOURCE PROPERTY TAXES (DEFEATED)

⇒ County of Annapolis

WHEREAS preferential property tax measures were imposed by the Government of Nova Scotia in 1978 as an incentive to curtail the decline in resource-based properties and to promote preservation of forest, farm and recreational uses; and

WHEREAS the farm property rate was set at \$1.00 per acre in 1978 and has been increased annually, to a rate of \$2.70 per acre in 2010/11; and

WHEREAS the recreational property tax rate was set at \$5.00 per acre in 1978 and has been increased annually, to a rate of \$25.03 per acre in 2010/11; and

WHEREAS forest property tax rates were set at 25 cents per acre (forest property classified as resource property) and 40 cents per acre (forest property classified as commercial property) in 1978 and have not been increased during the past 32 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities request that the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations amend Section 78 of the *Municipal Government Act* to increase forest property tax rates in the 2011/12 fiscal year and to provide for an increase in each fiscal year after 2011/12 by the same percentage increase as the Consumer Price Index for Canada increases over that index in 2011.