

Resolution 4D

UNSM STRUCTURE (PASSED)

⇒ District of Lunenburg

WHEREAS the object of the UNSM is to represent the interests of local governments in the Province, and to act as the advocate for member units on all such matters as are properly within the jurisdiction of the government of the Province; and

WHEREAS the objects also aim to further municipal interests by encouraging cooperation between municipal units; and

WHEREAS about ten years ago the UNSM determined that one way of achieving its objective was to form three separate and distinct caucuses, representing its regional, rural and town members; and

WHEREAS it appears that after almost ten years, the objective of speaking with a unified voice and promoting what is best in local government and service is sometimes lost within this structure; and members do not feel as though they have been part of the debate and decision making process on policy issues that originate from a caucus; and

WHEREAS a review of our structure is always in order, and there are those who feel that the present caucus structure is not working as effectively as it should in providing a unified voice for local government; and

WHEREAS we must always convince our own membership of the merits of any particular policy, otherwise we will never have any hope of convincing the Province of Nova Scotia of its merits; and

WHEREAS the UNSM for over ninety years of its one hundred and five year history did deliberate together as one body and reached consensus through policy discussion and debate, which produced some excellent results for the Province of Nova Scotia;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM conduct a complete review of the present caucus structure.