



## **STAFF REPORT**

**Title:** Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action - Coalition Lobby Days

**Meeting Date:** April 16, 2019

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**Executive Summary:**

Further to the February 12, 2019 regular meeting of Council, Administration is providing Council an update with regards to the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action.

**Background:**

At the February 12, 2019 regular meeting of Council, Council authorized the City of Cold Lake to enter into a relationship with IMPACT Public Affairs concerning Bill C-69 and lobbying the Government of Canada and Senate (Resolution No. CRM20190212.1011).

**Alternatives:**

**Recommended Action:**

That the Corporate Priorities Committee recommend that Council send one (1) City representative to the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action, Coalition Lobby Days, being held in Ottawa on May 1-2, 2019.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

No

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Good morning everyone:

From all intents, it looks like this week's trip to Fort Mac was a success. Please see attached press release that went out on the newswire April 10<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Gene and Don's speaking notes from the Senate Presentation, Tweet from Senator Michael MacDonald, and also the description of activities planned for the upcoming Media Advocacy Day on Ottawa, planned for May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Key takeaways from the trip and upcoming plans:

The Message we received from Senators we met with is that they were very sympathetic to our cause and want to hear from Municipalities that will be negatively affected by Bill C-69, as it is currently written. If we have specific examples of projects that might be impacted by the Current wording of the Bill as it stands, they would like to hear about those as well. This information may be included in their final report..

Media Days in Ottawa is shaping up to be an important trip, for all Muni's that can make it. The consultant has lined up over 15 meetings with Senators and MP's over the 2 day period, as well as key media representatives.

We are sharing this info with all you, including those who are still thinking of joining. So far, we are upwards of 14 Municipalities in Alberta, from as far north as Wood Buffalo, and as far South as Pincher Creek, and the list is growing.

Hope this helps keep you in the loop. If you are currently thinking of joining us in the Ottawa trip, it looks like this trip will generate major publicity to the cause, and to the Canada-wide potential negative effects of Bill C-69.

We hope this helps.



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Good day all,

It's a pleasure to send you this update to all members of the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action.

Yesterday, the **coalition appeared before the Senate Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee** as it was on 'the road' in Fort McMurray to hear from stakeholder groups about their concerns with Bill C-69. Speaking on behalf of the Coalition was Mayor Scott of RMWB/Fort McMurray and Mayor Sobolewski of Bonnyville. Attached, you will find the prepared remarks and corresponding Press Release that was shared with the media. I have also attached a tweet from Senator MacDonald as one reference for the attention that was received from the committee hearing.

We continue to see new municipalities contact us to express interest in joining the coalition. If you know if other potential members that are looking to speak about our overall efforts or need further information, please let me know and we would be happy to do so.

We continue to move ahead with preparations for the **Coalition Lobby Days in Ottawa on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are planning to join us in Ottawa to meet directly with political stakeholders, bring the coalition message to Parliament Hill in a visible way, and engage with media and the public, **please let us know sooner rather than later on your plans to attend.**

We have already booked over 15 meetings with Members of Parliament and Senators over those two days, and expect many more to be booked in the days to come. We also have a press conference at Parliament booked, and will work with coalition members to engage with regional media while they are in Ottawa.

We will hold a members briefing as a group either the evening before meetings begin or the morning before. Each member will receive a personal package with their own individual schedules of meetings (in groups of 2-3 coalition members per meeting), biographies of the individuals they are meeting with, key messaging documents, maps and guides for Parliament, and media engagement supports (social media and traditional media). We can use the briefing to answer any questions and discuss the efforts over those two days.

Members are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs, as well as personal meals and incidentals. I **have attached a guide for the Lord Elgin Hotel, where we are holding a block of rooms until next week.**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Richard or I if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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## **MUNICIPALITIES OUTLINE CONCERNING IMPACTS OF BILL C-69 TO SENATE COMMITTEE IN FORT MCMURRAY**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Fort McMurray, AB** – The Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action shared their concerns on Bill C-69 at the Standing Senate Committee on Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources hearing in Fort McMurray, Alberta today.

The Coalition is a grassroots effort that arose from municipal concerns surrounding Bill C-69, and includes cities, towns, regional municipalities, and counties. As local leaders in their communities, municipal officials are on the front lines of any potential impact, both intended or unintended.

“The resource industry, including hydro, mining, forestry and energy, like oil and gas, is the lifeblood of many communities in Canada and we appreciate the opportunity to share that perspective with the Senate committee,” said Don Scott, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Coalition co-lead. “We outlined several concerns and recommendations unique to municipalities that we hope Senators will consider to improve this bill.”

“Many municipalities echo the concerns we raised today,” added Gene Sobolewski, Mayor of Bonnyville and Coalition co-lead. “The unintended consequences of the vague and all-purpose language in Bill C-69 and its sweeping legislative change are deeply concerning to members of the Coalition.”

### **Items of concern include the following:**

1. Municipalities are obligated by legislation to provide frontline services to residents at reasonable tax rates. Bill C-69 does not clearly outline the financial and administrative burden for municipalities. There is concern that this uncertainty will lead business and industry to invest elsewhere. The purpose of the bill should be to improve investor confidence, strengthen the Canadian economy, encourage prosperity, and improve competitiveness. We would like to see these principles reflected in the legislation.
2. The term jurisdiction should be expanded to include local municipalities, specifically in section 2 (d) and section 12. This will ensure a voice to those directly affected by a project and that proposed projects are considered with a greater understanding of environmental, health, social, and economic implications.





3. With the bill's proposed new regulatory structure there is concern that progress on municipal infrastructure projects will be impeded. The language of the bill is open to interpretation and does not provide the necessary clarity on municipal land-use planning, waterway use, indigenous consultation or federal grants. For this reason, there are sections where municipalities should receive explicit exemption. Municipal projects should not be subject to this legislation.

4. Amendments to the Navigation Protection Act raise questions about how terms including navigable water, vessels and works are defined in relation to water bodies. There should be specific language that incorporates municipal knowledge and guidance into the decision-making process.

5. Municipalities across Canada rely on federal and provincial grants to upgrade or rehabilitate aging infrastructure. The language in Bill C-69 could escalate project costs, create uncertainty for project approval, jeopardize the consistency of funding streams, and foster unpredictability in the public process.

6. The Supreme Court, has affirmed the duty to consult with Indigenous Communities and this principle is enshrined in the Constitution of Canada. There is concern that Bill C-69 will create duality of process and require the courts to provide clarity. Municipalities can ill-afford this type of ambiguity in the execution of major projects such as the construction of bridges, landfills or sewage lagoons.

For an overview of members and for municipalities interested in joining our growing efforts, please visit [www.energytowns.ca](http://www.energytowns.ca). There, members of the public can also directly contact their local Senators on this issue.

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## **Senate Remarks – Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

### **Witnesses:**

Don Scott, Mayor, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo

Gene Sobolewski, Mayor, Town of Bonnyville

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### **Don Scott:**

Thank you, Chair. I'd like to recognize that we are on Treaty 8 and Unceded Métis Territory.

Honourable Senators, thank-you for taking the time to visit Fort McMurray and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

My name is Don Scott, and I am the Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. I am joined by Gene Sobolewski, Mayor of the Town of Bonnyville.

We are here to represent the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action, a grassroots effort that arose from municipal concerns surrounding Bill C-69. The coalition includes cities, towns, regional municipalities, and counties.

The resource industry, including hydro, mining, forestry and energy (oil and gas) is the lifeblood of many communities in Canada. These industries inject assessment into the communities and contribute to the creation of direct employment.

The status quo of the existing legislation isn't an option ... but neither is the proposed legislation.

I would like to take this opportunity to outline some concerns as well as a few suggested amendments for consideration.

First, Municipalities are obligated by legislation to provide frontline services to residents at reasonable tax rates. Bill C-69 does not clearly outline the financial and administrative burden for municipalities. We are seriously concerned that this uncertainty will lead business and industry to invest elsewhere. I would suggest the purpose of the bill should be to improve investor confidence, strengthen the Canadian economy, encourage prosperity, and improve competitiveness. We would like to see these principles reflected in the legislation.

Second, we would like to see the term jurisdiction expanded to include local municipalities, specifically in section 2 (d) and section 12. This will ensure a voice to those directly affected by a project and that proposed projects are considered with a greater understanding of environmental, health, social, and economic implications.

Third, with the bill's proposed new regulatory structure we worry that progress on municipal infrastructure projects will be impeded. We believe the language of the bill is open to interpretation and does not provide the necessary clarity on municipal land-use planning, waterway use, indigenous consultation or federal grants. For this reason, we believe there are sections where municipalities should receive explicit exemption. Municipal projects should not be subject to this legislation.

Fourth, amendments to the Navigation Protection Act raise questions about how terms including navigable water, vessels and works are defined in relation to water bodies. We would like to see specific language that incorporates municipal knowledge and guidance into the decision-making process.

I'd now like to invite Mayor Sobolewski to share his thoughts.

**Gene Sobolewski:**

Thank you, Mayor Scott. We are joined in Fort McMurray today by many municipalities who are here to echo the concerns we are raising.

Bill C-69, in reference to a resource industry municipality, will have a devastatingly detrimental effect on our ability to procure assessment. It will



destroy jobs and family security. It will result in the strangulation of community service delivery.

Municipalities across Canada rely on Federal and Provincial grants to upgrade or rehabilitate aging infrastructure. The language in C-69 could escalate project costs, create uncertainty for project approval, jeopardize the consistency of funding streams, and foster unpredictability in the public process.

The unintended consequences of the vague and all-purpose language in C-69 have caught municipalities off-guard with sweeping legislative change.

It is important to state clearly; we understand and share the end goals that Bill C-69 intended to reach but the bill, from a municipal perspective, will not meaningfully accomplish what it set out to do.

The Supreme Court, has affirmed the duty to consult with Indigenous Communities and this principle is enshrined in the Constitution of Canada. We wonder if C-69 will create duality of process and require the courts to provide clarity. Municipalities can ill-afford this type of ambiguity in the execution of major projects such as the construction of bridges, landfills or sewage lagoons.

Honourable Senators, we thank you for engaging with community leaders and the public during your cross-country hearings and we urge you to proceed with amendments that strengthen and improve this legislation.

Thank you for your time today. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



**Michael L. MacDonald**

@SenMacDonald

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**DEPARTURE DATE:** May 4, 2019

**RES ID:** #190430IMPA

**BLOCK CUT OFF DATE:** April 16, 2019

**BOOKING COMMENTS:** 48 hour Cancellation.





# KEY AMENDMENTS TO BILL C-69

## PROVIDING GREATER CERTAINTY AND PREDICTABILITY FOR COMPANIES

### STRENGTHENING THE PROPOSED IMPACT ASSESSMENT, CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR, AND CANADIAN NAVIGABLE WATERS ACTS

**CLEANER ENVIRONMENT, STRONGER ECONOMY.** In February 2019, the Government of Canada introduced proposed legislation (Bills C-68 and C-69) that would put in place better rules to protect our environment, fish and waterways, and rebuild public trust in how decisions about resource development are made. As Bill C-69 goes through the Parliamentary process, amendments have been made in the House of Commons in order to provide greater clarity to parts of the proposed legislation following input from companies, Indigenous peoples, and the broader public. With these amendments, companies would have more clarity about what is required of them, and project reviews would be more predictable and timely, encouraging investment in Canada's natural resources sectors.

Below are some of the key amendments made to Bill C-69. For the full list, visit [Parliament of Canada's website](#). Bill C-69, as amended by the House of Commons Standing Committee, has been referred to the Senate. A Senate Committee will study the proposed legislation, which could be subject to further amendments. For more information about the legislative process, download our infographic on [How new laws and regulations are created](#).

#### GREATER CERTAINTY AND PREDICTABILITY

The amendments would:

- ✓ Enable the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to let companies know early on if a project is likely to have unacceptable negative impacts. This would not stop the process. Instead, it would allow companies to make an informed decision about whether or how to go forward with a project in the new impact assessment process.
- ✓ Require that the Minister consider any feedback provided by the proponent when:
  - ✓ establishing the time period within which companies must substantially begin construction; and
  - ✓ deciding whether to extend the period within which companies must substantially begin construction.
- ✓ Provide greater clarity about the scope and outputs of the new early planning and engagement phase, increasing certainty for companies. At minimum, early planning will result in:
  - ✓ Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines that are scoped to reflect factors relevant to the specific project;
  - ✓ a Cooperation Plan;
  - ✓ an Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan;
  - ✓ a Public Participation Plan; and
  - ✓ a Permitting Plan (if warranted).

#### TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

The amendments would:

- ✓ Make transition provisions even clearer and confirm how the transition to the new impact assessment would work:
  - ✓ provide an objective criterion that is earlier in the environmental assessment process to identify projects that will continue to be reviewed under CEAA 2012;
  - ✓ give companies the option to "opt-in" to the new process; and
  - ✓ confirm that no one goes back to the starting line.
- ✓ Set out the conditions under which a designated project would not be subject to the new Act, such as those projects for which companies have already started construction. These measures are similar to transitional measures in CEAA 2012.

#### FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN PROJECT REVIEWS

The amendments would:

- ✓ Provide further clarity around the factors that would guide project reviews:
  - ✓ both positive and negative consequences—economic, environment, social and health—would be taken into account including in the public interest decision factors; and
  - ✓ consideration of alternatives only includes those that are technically and economically feasible and directly related to the project.
- ✓ Clarify that the same set of factors that would be considered in an impact assessment would also guide decisions about what information and studies are required to be collected by the proponent.
- ✓ Clarify that the Minister or Governor in Council's decision would be based on the report as well as a consideration of the public interest factors outlined in Section 63. The reasons must demonstrate this.

#### TIMELINES

The amendments would:

- ✓ Establish a new timeline of 300 days for reviews of projects with a lifecycle regulator, with the possibility to set the timeline to a maximum of 600 days, if warranted.
- ✓ Set a 45-day timeline for establishing review panels, building on other provisions to ensure timely reviews.
- ✓ Clarify that comments must be provided during a time period specified by the proposed Impact Assessment Agency of Canada to ensure meaningful participation is balanced with timely assessments.

#### GREATER TRANSPARENCY

The amendments would:

- ✓ Promote greater transparency around Ministerial decision-making:
  - ✓ when the Minister refers the public interest decision to the Governor in Council, the reasons for that referral are posted on the Internet; and
  - ✓ where the timelines for issuing a decision statement following an assessment are extended, companies are informed about the reasons why.
- ✓ Confirm that Agency assessment reports need to incorporate a broader range of information, including: a summary of comments received, recommendations on mitigation measures and follow-up, and the Agency's rationale and conclusions.
- ✓ Require the Agency to ensure that public comments provided during the project reviews are posted online and maintained.

#### ONE PROJECT, ONE REVIEW

The amendments would:

- ✓ Allow integrated review panels that involve federal regulators to co-operate with other jurisdictions, making it possible to have just one assessment that meets all requirements.

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# KEY AMENDMENTS TO BILL C-69

## PARTNERING WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND ADVANCING RECONCILIATION

### STRENGTHENING THE PROPOSED IMPACT ASSESSMENT, CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR, AND CANADIAN NAVIGABLE WATERS ACTS

**CLEANER ENVIRONMENT, STRONGER ECONOMY.** In February 2010, the Government of Canada introduced proposed legislation (Bills C-60 and C-69) that would put in place better rules to protect our environment, fish and waterways, and rebuild public trust in how decisions about resource development are made. As Bill C-69 goes through the Parliamentary process, amendments have been made in the House of Commons in order to provide greater clarity to parts of the proposed legislation following input from Indigenous peoples, companies and the broader public. With these amendments, the Government of Canada reaffirms its commitment to renewing its nation-to-nation, Inuit-Crown, and government to government, relationship with Indigenous peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect, cooperation and partnership. Reconciliation must guide partnerships with Indigenous peoples.

Below are some of the key amendments made to Bill C-69. For the full list, visit [Parliament of Canada's website](http://Parliament of Canada's website). Bill C-69, as amended by the House of Commons Standing Committee, has been referred to the Senate. A Senate Committee will study the proposed legislation, which could be subject to further amendments. For more information about the legislative process, download our infographic on [How new laws and regulations are created](#).

#### UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The amendments would:

- ✓ More clearly reflect the Government's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- ✓ Clarify that the Government, the Minister, the proposed Impact Assessment Agency and federal authorities would need to exercise their powers under the *Impact Assessment Act* in a way that respects the Government's commitments with respect to the rights of Indigenous peoples.
- ✓ Clarify that the mandate of the proposed Canadian Energy Regulator would include exercising its powers and performing its duties and functions in a way that respects the Government's commitments with respect to the rights of Indigenous peoples.

#### INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE - USE AND PROTECTION

The amendments would:

- ✓ Clarify that Indigenous knowledge would be considered and not limited to "traditional" knowledge, but include the evolving knowledge of Indigenous peoples.
- ✓ Require transparency about how Indigenous knowledge is used in impact assessments, as well as regional and strategic assessments. Assessment reports would need to describe how Indigenous knowledge was taken into account.
- ✓ Provide strong protection for the confidentiality of Indigenous knowledge.
- ✓ Strengthen the protection of Indigenous knowledge across all Acts:
  - ✓ Consultation would be required before Indigenous knowledge could be disclosed; and
  - ✓ Ministers would be able to place conditions on its disclosure in light of the consultation.

#### RESPECTING RIGHTS AND DISTINCTION-BASED APPROACH

The amendments would:

- ✓ Require that the decision to refer a project to a panel consider the impact on Indigenous rights.
- ✓ Clarify that Indigenous membership on key committees under the proposed *Impact Assessment Act* and *Canadian Energy Regulator Act* would be distinction-based and include members who represent the interests of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.
- ✓ Make it mandatory for the proposed Canadian Energy Regulator to establish an Indigenous Advisory Committee.



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# BETTER RULES TO PROTECT CANADA'S ENVIRONMENT AND GROW THE ECONOMY

## BENEFITS FOR CANADIANS

### ASSESSING WHAT MATTERS TO CANADIANS

Developing resources while protecting the environment requires taking a big-picture look at a project's potential impacts.

Project reviews would consider not just impacts on our environment, but also on social and health aspects, Indigenous peoples, jobs and the economy over the long-term. We would also conduct gender-based analysis.

Project reviews would consider how projects are consistent with our environmental obligations and climate change commitments, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

We would undertake a strategic assessment for climate change to provide guidance on how to consider greenhouse gas emissions in individual project reviews.

### REGULATORY CERTAINTY AND PREDICTABILITY FOR COMPANIES

The new impact assessment system would be more efficient and predictable, giving companies the clarity they need.

Companies would have the option to "test in" in the new system and no project would have to go back to the starting line.

Project reviews would be rigorously managed to ensure that they are more timely. Companies would know what is required from them at the outset, including what is required for Indigenous engagement.

A revised project led to a final decision would clarify when types of projects would require a review, offering greater clarity about how the new rules apply.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPARENCY

We would ensure that Canadians' views are heard from the start and improve participant funding programs for Indigenous peoples and the public. Comments would also have to be provided within a specified time period to ensure meaningful participation is balanced with timely assessments.

Project decisions would be guided by science, evidence and Indigenous knowledge. Project reviews would reflect our strong commitment to science and to the federal authorities to exercise their powers under the proposed Impact Assessment Act in a way that adheres to the principles of scientific integrity, honesty, objectivity, thoroughness and accuracy. Science and evidence provided by companies would be rigorously reviewed by federal scientists. Independent reviews would be done where there is strong public concern or the results of a study are uncertain.

We would increase online access to science and evidence, including data on follow-up, monitoring, compliance and enforcement. We would also make easy-to-understand summaries of decisions publicly available.

### A SINGLE AGENCY TO CONDUCT IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

To rebuild public trust and make the review process more efficient and consistent, a single agency would lead federal project reviews and coordinate consultations with Indigenous peoples.

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency would become the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. It would work collaboratively with life-cycle regulators, such as the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and other federal bodies.

The Agency would coordinate with provinces and territories to advance our commitment to one project, one review.

### PARTNERING WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The goals of reconciliation must guide our shared path forward.

There would be early and regular engagement with Indigenous peoples based on recognition of Indigenous rights and interests from the start. The decision to refer a project to a panel would have to consider the impact on Indigenous rights.

We would work in partnership with Indigenous peoples for project reviews. Key commitments under the proposed Impact Assessment Act and Canadian Energy Regulator Act would be distinction-based and include members who represent the interests of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

Consideration of Indigenous knowledge would now be mandatory. We would protect the confidentiality of Indigenous knowledge (e.g. sacred site locations) and respect Indigenous laws and protocols for its use.

### A NEW CANADIAN ENERGY REGULATOR

A modern energy regulator has an essential role to play in ensuring access to safe, affordable and reliable energy and guiding Canada's transition to a low-carbon economy.

We would replace the Federal Energy Board with an independent, non-federal agency called the Canadian Energy Regulator (CER).

This would ensure that good projects go ahead with timely decisions that reflect common values and shared benefits.

The new CER would be built on modern effective governance: more inclusive engagement, greater Indigenous participation, stronger safety and environmental protection, and more timely decisions.

Life-cycle regulations would retain responsibility for the assessment of non-designated projects.

### PROTECTING CANADA'S NAVIGABLE WATERS

To protect the public right of navigation, we are bringing forward the Canadian Navigable Waters Act.

New navigation protections would apply to all of Canada's navigable waters — covering our vast network of rivers, lakes and oceans. New modern safeguards would create greater transparency, and give local communities a say in projects that could affect their navigation. This includes a greater level of oversight for navigable waterways that are most important to Canadians and to Indigenous peoples, including eligible Heritage and wild and free-flowing rivers.

### RESTORING LOST PROTECTIONS TO FISH AND FISH HABITAT

We are restoring the protection of all fish and fish habitat for future generations. Legislative amendments would restore lost protections by protecting all fish and fish habitat, strengthen the role of Indigenous peoples in project reviews, monitoring and policy development, and allow for better management of large and small projects that may be harmful to fish or fish habitat through a new permitting system and codes of practice.







## AUMA shares Bill C-69 concerns with Canadian senators

February 20, 2019

On February 1, 2019, AUMA President Barry Morishita was part of a delegation that met with a group of independent Canadian senators in Edmonton to discuss Bill C-69. The Bill has been under debate in the Senate since December 12, 2018. There is an opportunity to make amendments before the House of Commons votes on the Bill, likely during this session of Parliament.

The Bill contains amendments to three different pieces of legislation: The *Impact Assessment Act*, the *Canadian Energy Regulator Act*, and the *Navigation Protection Act*. Currently, there is much opposition to the Bill, especially from the oil and gas industry. For municipalities, the *Navigation Protection Act* has been a key piece for AUMA's advocacy work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Western Canadian Municipal Associations (WCMA).

AUMA's key issues with Bill C-69:

Municipalities are concerned these amendments will directly impact municipal land-use planning, construction and maintenance of infrastructure. The proposed Bill could result in more municipal infrastructure projects falling under federal review. This could add additional financial and administrative costs to municipal operations.

Municipalities need more clarification on a new requirement to consider and protect Indigenous traditional knowledge and the consultation process required with Indigenous communities. It is unclear how the new process will work for adding navigable waters to the list of waters subject to extra oversight. It is unclear "who" can make this request, local citizens, Indigenous communities, or environmental non-governmental organizations.

Clarification is needed regarding the definition of navigable water and how "reasonable likelihood" will be defined in relation to the water body being used for navigation. For example, many waterways in Alberta are seasonal, the frequency of navigation needs to be considered and clarified.

More work needs to be done on the categorization of "Minor Works," "Major Works," "works other than a minor work." These categories create a complex series of requirements.

FCM has recommended that Transport Canada conduct a review of existing Minor Works to assist municipalities to better understand the requirements.

Although the impact on the resource development sector does not directly affect local governments, the industry is important to economic prosperity and quality of life in many local communities.

AUMA has been working with FCM and WCMA on advocating for change and seeking clarification. WCMA sent a joint letter to the Minister of Transport in May 2018, and another letter to the Senate of

Canada in October 2018. FCM provided its submission to the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development in April 2018. FCM's submission echoed several similar points as WCMA and AUMA.

AUMA continues to follow this issue closely and will provide updates as information comes available.

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# Amplifying our municipal voice for responsible resource development

March 20, 2019

Responsible resource development is essential for the future of all municipalities. We are working with our members and other municipal associations to form a **Resource Communities of Canada Coalition (RCCC)**. There is a need to coordinate our Canadian municipal voice to ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development.

There are other municipally-focused groups that are joining together to advocate for Bill C-69, but the RCCC is different in the following ways:

## **We are asking for your support, not money.**

AUMA President Barry Morishita invited our members to become involved on February 28 by passing a motion at their next council meeting to support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition. We have already heard back from many of our members and appreciate the show of support to make sure our voices are heard. This show of support has already gained media interest.

If your municipality hasn't passed a motion yet, [here is a template motion](#) that can be used.

## **We are focused on more issues.**

The RCCC's first three major activities are:

### **Education campaign at FCM Conference in Quebec.**

We are encouraged by the recent resolution that the FCM Board passed last week to call on the Government of Canada to support the further development of nation-building energy infrastructure projects. We are finalizing our education campaign plan and will be sending out more information soon.

### **Bill C-69 Advocacy.**

We recently met with Amarjeet Sohi, MP for Edmonton Millwoods and Minister of Infrastructure and Communities and Matt Jeneroux, MP Edmonton Riverbend, Shadow Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Urban Affairs, to discuss this Bill. We are completing a legal analysis of the bill and will share more information with you once it has been completed. We are also investigating a coordinated approach for testifying at the Senate Committee hearings by sharing messaging and key information with sister associations.



**Formally establish the Resource Communities of Canada.**

Although activities are already underway, we do want to formalize our group with detailed terms of reference. We will be focusing on this after the educational campaign at the FCM Conference.

**We are taking a strategic approach.**

We are partnering with our sister municipal associations and municipalities across the country with the intent to formalize the RCCC so there is a strategic and long-term approach to ensure our unified municipal voice is heard on responsible resource development.

**Please show your support by passing a motion at your next council meeting to support the Resource Communities of Canada!**

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**Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action**

**Resolution # CRM20190212.1011**

Moved by Councillor Buckle

That Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into a relationship with IMPACT Public Affairs concerning Bill C-69 and lobbying the Government of Canada and Senate.

In Favor (3): Councillor Grai, Councillor Buckle, and Councillor Soroka

Opposed (1): Councillor Vining

**Carried**

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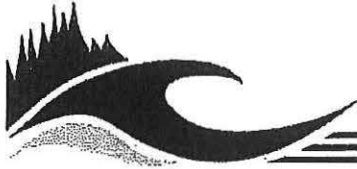
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INTEROFFICE MEMO

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**Date:** February 12, 2019

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Kevin Nagoya, CAO

**Re:** Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action

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The City of Cold Lake, the Town of Bonnyville, the M.D. of Bonnyville and Lac La Biche County have been involved in various discussions surrounding the Federal Government's Bill C-69.

Verbally, the AUMA had initially indicated that it was planning to speak to issues regarding Bill C-69, however, the AUMA has recently issued a letter indicating it will take a more neutral approach. The following is excerpted from an AUMA letter to member municipalities in regards to coordinating municipal voices on C-69:

*Responsible resource development is essential for the future of Canadian municipalities. After talking to many municipal partners, there is a lot of momentum around coordinating our Canadian municipal voice to:*

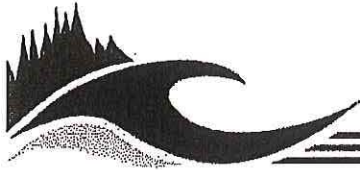
- *Advocate for responsible resource development.*
- *Ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development.*
- *Share factual information regarding resource development interests.*

*We will be inviting all Alberta municipalities and encouraging our sister municipal associations to invite their municipal members to participate in this coordinated effort. More details on the specific activities and how you can get involved will be communicated in the coming weeks. One of our first activities will be an awareness campaign at the Quebec City FCM Conference at the end of May.....Barry Morishita | President*

The main concern being raised are the timelines in which AUMA is proposing – will waiting for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' conference in May leave enough time to have an impact on Bill C-69, or will the bill be passed by that time?

In its letter, AUMA also signals a shift away from an activist stance on the subject to a more broad effort geared towards educating Canadian municipalities about resource development in Alberta. It has been questioned whether this will be "too little, too late," as the Senate is convening on the issue in the coming weeks and months.





## INTEROFFICE MEMO

In an effort to have Western Canadian municipalities' concerns heard, the Town of Bonnyville has spearheaded an initiative to hire a lobbying firm to represent a municipal coalition concerned with the potential impacts that Bill C-69 could have in its present form.

Attached is a proposal from Impact Public Affairs which states that, if hired, the firm would develop key messages, a strategy, and facilitate meetings for the "Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action."

The proposed base fee is \$3,000.

The exact makeup of the proposed coalition and its strategy remains unconfirmed, however, administration is recommending that council consider playing an early role to ensure that the City of Cold Lake's concerns are heard by the group from the outset and during the development of a strategy.

The City of Cold Lake was also able to join a presentation from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) via teleconference on January 16, 2019. The presentation was also attended by a number of Chief Elected Officials, including the Mayors of the City of Grande Prairie, the City of Brooks, the Town of Whitecourt, and the Town of Bonnyville, among others. The presentation outlines the association's concerns over Bill C-69. Also attached for council's information is the presentation and CAPP literature provided to the group at that meeting.

Administration is recommending that Council pass a motion authorizing the City of Cold Lake to enter into relationship with IMPACT concerning Bill C-69 and lobbying the Government of Canada and Senate.

With regards,

Kevin Nagoya  
Chief Administrative Officer