

Subject: Request for Support - FCM Resolution 2020

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To:

Dear Mayor Copeland,

I am writing on behalf of the Strathcona County Council to seek your support on the submission of a resolution (attached) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

On December 10, 2019 Strathcona County approved the submission of a resolution to FCM that would urge them to advocate to the Federal Government to:

- Work with provinces, municipalities, and Indigenous groups to establish a utility corridor that would span from coast to coast to coast; and
- Repeal/amend Bills C-48 and C-69.

There is a real opportunity for the Canadian Government to provide leadership that benefits all of Canada with the development of a Utility Corridor to span the nation. This corridor could include pipelines, telecommunications, energy, utilities, and other options the government deems appropriate.

Such corridors would aid in the development of vital services for the betterment of all of Canada, including development new access to international markets and reducing internal trade barriers. Strathcona County believes that the Federal Government should work with provinces, municipalities, and Indigenous groups to get this work done. While the Federal Government will be responsible for the development of this corridor, all of the directly impacted parties should have a voice at the table.

Strathcona County also believes that Canada has an obligation to develop our resources in a safe and environmentally responsible way, without unnecessary and divisive policies. Bill C-48, the *Oil Tanker Moratorium Act*, and Bill C-69, An Act to enact the *Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act* will not help Canada become more competitive. These two pieces of legislation will not have a positive impact on the environment, as they will simply ensure foreign energy products are brought to market instead of ours.

Strathcona County agrees that Canada needs to continue getting its products to market in a responsible manner, but we believe that these two Bills do not achieve this and serve to only divide our nation.

Resolutions like this are an opportunity to show unity across the nation.

As such, Strathcona County is asking you to provide a letter of support in favour of the attached resolution we intend to put forward at the 2020 FCM conference in Toronto. Letters of support can be provided to Strathcona County by February 7, 2020 in order to submit them on your behalf during the FCM approval process.

We appreciated your consideration of this request. If you have questions on the resolution, please feel free to contact my office at any time.

Yours truly,

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