

**Subject: National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy****APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the proposed Resolutions: National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy, dated June 8, 2021 (Attachment 1 and 2) be approved and submitted for consideration at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board of Directors Meeting scheduled to be held on September 14-17, 2021 and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association Conference scheduled to be held on November 17-19, 2021.

**Summary and Background:**

On February 9, 2021, Council passed a resolution to advocate to all levels of government, including the Government of Alberta, to participate in and contribute to the work of the National Task Force on Flood Insurance and Relocation. The goal of the resolution was to advocate for support for developing a national high-risk residential flood insurance program and to secure sustainable, long-term funding for the provinces, Indigenous communities, and municipalities for flood mitigation programs, projects, and initiatives that increase overall community resiliency.

Although the Region has taken steps to improve flood mitigation and emergency preparedness planning, the Province's involvement in the National Task Force is vital as their primary mandate is to examine the options for low-cost residential flood insurance. This program would help protect homeowners across the province in areas of high risk of flooding and without adequate insurance protection.

Following Council's meeting on February 9, 2021, a resolution was presented at the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA) Spring Convention where support of this initiative was adopted:

*THAT the Rural Municipalities of Alberta advocate for the Government of Alberta to participate in and contribute to the work of the National Task Force on Flood Insurance and Relocation;*

*THAT the Government of Alberta's participation on the National Task Force on Flood Insurance and Relocation focus on advocating for the development of a national high-risk residential flood insurance program and sustainable, long-term funding for provinces, Indigenous communities and municipalities for flood mitigation programs, projects and initiatives that increase overall community resiliency.*

In addition to the Resolutions passed, both originally by Council and RMA, Administration was directed to develop additional resolutions for Council's consideration in support of related advocacy efforts at the upcoming Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) Annual Conference and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors meeting, as both organizations are representatives for Canadian municipalities and are a natural conduit to lobby the Federal and Provincial Governments to support this initiative.

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

The FCM Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 14-17, 2021, with a deadline of July 12, 2021, to submit resolutions. FCM is aware of the Municipality's intention to submit a resolution regarding the National Task Force on Flood Insurance and Relocation and supports the Municipality's policy goals with their own resolutions and supporting views.

The AUMA Conference is scheduled to take place on November 17-19, 2021 with a deadline of June 30, 2021 to submit resolutions.

**Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government

**Attachments:**

- 1. FCM - National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy**
- 2. AUMA - National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy**