

**From:** President <[President@auma.ca](mailto:President@auma.ca)>

**Sent:** February 28, 2019 08:58

**Subject:** Amplify Our Municipal Voice For Responsible Resource Development

Hello municipal colleagues,

Earlier this month, I met with our sister municipal associations across Western Canada to discuss forming a **Resource Communities of Canada** Coalition. We agreed there is a need to coordinate our Canadian municipal voice to:

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

I invite you all to become involved in this movement. The Canadian resource industry is the backbone of our economy and is key to Canada's future prosperity. Whether you are a summer village or a large urban center, there are direct and indirect economic benefits that will impact your community. I ask that you pass a motion at your next Council meeting to support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition to ensure our municipal voice is heard. I have attached a motion template for you to use.

Our first three major activities are:

**1. Education Campaign at FCM Conference in Quebec**

We want to enhance the support of energy infrastructure projects by educating elected officials and the public about the benefits of the resource and energy industry at the FCM Conference. We are currently working with a group of experts to solidify the messages and approach for the educational campaign. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information on the campaign and how you can get involved.

**2. Bill C-69 Advocacy**

Although many people have termed Bill C-69 as the "pipeline" bill, we very are concerned that the proposed amendments to Bill C-69 will have a significant impact on municipalities, such as:

- Directly impacting municipal land-use planning, construction and maintenance of infrastructure.
- More municipal infrastructure projects falling under federal review.
- Additional financial and administrative costs being added to municipal operations.

I met with a group of independent Canadian senators on February 1st to discuss Bill C-69. This was important because the Canadian Senators can propose amendments before the House of Commons votes on the bill, likely during this session of parliament. We have also requested another meeting with the Senators in the near future.

### 3. Formally Establish the Resource Communities of Canada

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

There is great power in a structured and coordinated approach to represent municipal resource development interests across the country.

Please support the Resource Communities of Canada to ensure our municipal perspectives are heard by passing a motion at your next council meeting. Please let me know if your council passed the motion or if you have any questions by emailing [president@auma.ca](mailto:president@auma.ca).

Best regards,

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Report Number: (Report Number)

Meeting: (Meeting Name)

Meeting Date: (Date)

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

RE: (Name of Municipality) Joining the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition

Sponsoring Councillor: (Name of Councillor)

WHEREAS responsible resource development is essential for the future of Canadian municipalities.

WHEREAS there is a need to coordinate the Canadian municipal voice to:

1. Advocate for a responsible resource industry.
2. Ensure municipal perspectives are being heard on issues impacting resource development.
3. Share factual information regarding resource development interests.

WHEREAS the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and other municipal associations across Western Canada have created a Resource Communities of Canada Coalition to facilitate a coordinated approach to represent municipal resource development interests across the country.

WHEREAS the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and other municipal associations across Western Canada are asking municipalities to support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:**

Approve (Name of Municipality) to support the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition.