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RMA Sponsors Rural Resolution at FCM Conference

RMA is sponsoring the emergency resolution titled “Policy Tools for Solving Rural Challenges”

RMA is sponsoring an emergency resolution at the upcoming **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference** in Halifax, Nova Scotia which starts on May 31, 2018. The resolution, “Policy Tools for Solving Rural Challenges”, supports the need to develop rural-specific tools to address the challenges faced in rural Canada. The text of the operative clauses is below:

RESOLVED that FCM build now on these important gains and call on the federal government to develop a practical, accountable policy framework for rural Canada through the application of a “rural lens” for new federal programs and policies; and be it further

RESOLVED that the “rural lens” reflects the fiscal limitations, diverse challenges and sparse populations of rural communities, with the aim of enhancing rural socio-economic development; and be it further

RESOLVED that the “rural lens” helps address the emerging challenges and champion the urgent priorities identified in FCM’s new report on the state of rural Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED that the “rural lens” be developed in partnership with local governments, who are on-the-ground experts that best understand the emerging challenges facing rural Canada and can help identify possible solutions.

In support of this resolution is a recently released FCM report, ***Rural Challenges, National Opportunities***. The report highlights the importance of rural communities to Canada as a whole, and the need to support policy tools and initiatives that fit the rural context. It also provides a series of recommendations to the Government of Canada about how to support and grow rural Canada. To read this report, click [here](#).

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