

**Resource and Energy Coalitions****Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council on the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition (AUMA and RMA) and the Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action (C-69).

**Recommendation**

THAT the Strathcona County sponsored resolution, as set out in Enclosure 1 of the April 9, 2019 Resource and Energy Coalitions report, be submitted for consideration at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) 2019 Convention.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 3 - Cultivate economic diversification, within the petro-chemical industry and beyond, through a business-friendly environment

Goal 4 - Ensure effective stewardship of water, land, air and energy resources

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

**Report**

The AUMA and the RMA are working toward the development of a Resource Communities of Canada (RCC) Coalition which will unify activities and key messages that aim to achieve the following objectives:

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

As a coordinated effort between municipalities and municipal associations, the RCC will also liaise with industry experts to share information. This effort has also been discussed at the Mid-Sized City's Mayors Caucus. RMA and the AUMA will be engaging their members for a coordinated effort.

The first three major activities for the RCC are:

1. Education Campaign at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Conference:  
The RCC desires 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. The RCC is currently working with a group of experts to solidify the messages and approach for the educational campaign.
2. Bill C-69 Advocacy:  
The RCC is 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.
3. Formally Establish the Resource Communities of Canada:

Although activities are already underway, the RCC will formalize and develop a detailed terms of reference. The RCC will be focusing on this after the educational campaign at the FCM Conference.

The AUMA and RMA efforts are a single movement, not two different ones. The AUMA and RMA efforts are being mirrored in other provinces as well.

They will be obtaining a consultant that will be advocating at FCM, directly with the Prime Minister's office, as well as with other members of the Federal Government on Bill C-69. Presentations to the Senate are also being planned.

AUMA has asked the municipalities pass a resolution in support of the Resource Communities of Canada Coalition (the full resolution is provided in the report recommendation).

Coalition of Canadian Municipalities for Energy Action (C-69) – A similar but separate initiative has also been identified and is not the same as the RCC. This coalition will be engaging the federal government to outline to concerns surrounding Bill C-69. Additional details regarding the actions of this group are not yet available. This group has asked for a monetary contribution of \$1000 for which the purpose has not been determined.

**Communication Plan**

The RCC is currently developing communication products which will be circulated to members.

**Enclosure**

1. Proposed AUMA Resolution