WEST NOVA RURAL ECONOMY

WHEREAS Nova Scotia is struggling to create jobs and sustainable opportunities for Nova Scotians to stay home and raise their families; and

WHEREAS the economy of Rural Nova Scotia is in desperate condition; and

WHEREAS Rural Nova Scotia is losing workers and families to other Provinces resulting in a shrinking economic base; and

WHEREAS the Ivany Report on Nova Scotia=s economic decline contains grim facts about our Economic Status and recommendations for revitalizing our economic tools and changing the nature of government investment in the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the government of Nova Scotia will immediately establish a plan for implementing the recommendations contained in the Ivany Report to foster a new economy;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the government of Nova Scotia recognize the importance of education as the foundation of our future economy; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the government of Nova Scotia continue to support collaboration and cohesiveness amongst municipal governments with respect to Regional Enterprise Networks remain invested in the importance of job creation, export industries such as fishing, agriculture, tourism and forestry; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of Nova Scotia develop a comprehensive Immigration Strategy to grow the rural tax base and augment our existing work force.