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## **UMNB BOARD SUPPORTS ENERGY EAST PIPELINE PROJECT**

The Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick (UMNB) has added its voice of support for the Energy East Pipeline in New Brunswick. The organization joins the fourteen individual municipalities in the province which have passed resolutions in support of the pipeline project.

At its recent Board meeting the UMNB's Resolutions committee under the leadership of Councillor Stephen Chase brought forward a resolution in support of the pipeline because of the pipeline's potential economic development opportunities offered to New Brunswick and its citizens.

In his comments to the Board, UMNB President Woodstock Mayor Arthur Slipp said, "our organization must look at the whole picture when it comes to economic development, keeping in mind the positive implications which can occur for our members while ensuring that the project is done in a safe, reliable, environmentally sustainable manner."

Of particular interest to the UMNB is the potential economic benefits of the project in various regions of the province.

The Energy East pipeline is expected to bring significant economic benefits to the province, particularly during its seven year development and construction phases. For example, over 2300 direct and indirect jobs will be created, additional tax revenues of \$ 319 million will be generated and the project will add over \$ 1.6 billion to the province's gross domestic product. Following all regulatory approvals, the project is expected to be in operation and delivering oil to Saint John New Brunswick in early 2020.

For further information, please contact UMNB President Arthur Slipp, Mayor of Woodstock at 506 523 9446.

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About UMNB

The Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick is an organization representing 60 municipalities from all parts of the province. Its mission is to work for the common good of all its members from a broad perspective, developing a vision which will lead to the betterment of all its members.