

## **STURGEON COUNTY**

### **NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE SUPPORT**

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**WHEREAS** the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline would transport crude oil from Alberta to British Columbia and provide significant access to new markets in the Pacific Rim and fair market prices for Canadian oil, integral to the economic prosperity of Alberta and Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern Gateway pipeline will create 4,000 jobs during construction and 1,000 long-term jobs in First Nations communities and municipalities in Alberta and British Columbia; and

**WHEREAS** the Northern Gateway pipeline would contribute nearly \$98 billion in revenues to local, provincial and federal governments over the 30-year life of the project; and

**WHEREAS** nearly all of Alberta's municipalities either directly or indirectly benefit from a healthy oil and gas industry; and

**WHEREAS** rural municipalities in Alberta are home to existing pipeline infrastructure and as such, collectively understand that they are a safe and preferable means of transporting energy resources; and

**WHEREAS** in June 2016, by two-thirds majority, the Federal Court of Appeal ruled that the Federal Government's consultation with First Nations and Metis peoples regarding the project was insufficient and therefore incomplete; and

**WHEREAS** Enbridge has stated they remain committed to listening and working with Indigenous communities and Metis communities as well as municipalities to ensure the success of the project;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties demonstrate their support for the Northern Gateway pipeline and inform the Federal Government of this support;

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED** that the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties collaborate with the Government of Alberta and other municipal associations to emphasize the importance of buy-in from First Nations and Metis communities for this project, in addition to the local, provincial, and national benefits that the Northern Gateway pipeline would provide.

#### **Member Background**

Northern Gateway is a pipeline project led by Enbridge, which would transport crude oil from Alberta to British Columbia. Northern Gateway is the only Canadian oil pipeline project with First Nations and Metis ownership, represented by The Aboriginal Equity Partners, which represents the 31 First Nations and Metis communities in British Columbia and Alberta who support and have ownership in the Northern Gateway project.

As part of the approval process, the National Energy Board had placed 209 conditions on the project that the ownership group would be required to meet prior to construction. Simultaneously, the federal

Court of Appeal ruled that further federal government consultation was required with First Nations and Metis communities, and quashed the approval—referring it back to the federal government for consideration.

As a municipality through which the pipeline would run, Sturgeon County is supportive of the overall project and agrees that social license from all affected parties is necessary for this project to move forward. We believe other Counties and Municipal Districts agree, based on AAMDC support for the Energy East Pipeline.

Therefore we would ask the AAMDC share their support for the project with the Federal Government, specifically with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Natural Resources. Further, that this support run collaboratively with the Government of Alberta, and that both the Provincial and the Federal governments drive towards the outcome of ensuring this project move forward, with the support of all communities involved.