

## Resolution

### Parkland County

#### RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**WHEREAS** rural communities make significant contributions to Canada's economic growth;

**WHEREAS** rural municipalities have been impacted by the demographic changes that have accompanied **Canada's** increasingly urbanized and knowledge-based economy;

**WHEREAS** rural Canada is extremely diverse in terms of population size, density, demographic composition and degree of remoteness, the opportunities for economic development in rural communities must be considered in federal policies and programs for rural economic development in a manner that respects and capitalizes on that diversity; therefore be it

**RESOLVED** that Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the federal government to strategically leverage existing programs, policies and institutions to further rural economic development, such as regional economic development offices; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the Minister of Rural Economic Development engage municipalities through Federation of Canadian Municipalities to develop economic growth approaches that recognize the diverse needs and solutions in rural communities across Canada.