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The Margaree Environmental Association is requesting that the Municipality of the County of Inverness pass a resolution on the following items on a priority basis, in consideration of the information that the Federal government via the Rural Infrastructure Fund wishes to approve 18 million dollars for our county before the upcoming federal election.

Be it resolved and approved that:

1) Inverness County does not support any new airport development in our County at this time, and will write the Premier to withdraw the request for airport funding from Ottawa.

2) That the county wishes to further develop recreational, wellness, and transit infrastructure in the county by doing the following:

The County will request that the Province immediately apply to the federal government's Rural Infrastructure Fund, on behalf of Inverness County to develop a world class Aquatic Centre and Gymnasium Facility. This development will be promoted through an international design competition, and be a turn key fixed price development with a construction budget of 18 million dollars. The location of the facility will be chosen as part of the submissions in the design competition, and will be located in the Inverness or Margaree Areas. Specifications will include maximum energy efficiency and minimum maintenance and operating costs.

3) Inverness County will commit 3 million dollars to the recreational wellness, and transit infrastructure in the following manner:

a) 1 million dollars in the next year to be used as follows:

- 30% will go to assist Cheticamp boardwalk, and Strait Area Transit to Cheticamp.

-70% will go to developing the Aquatic Centre's call for proposals, decision making, and planning, for coordinating the development of the facility, and securing its location. The county will strike a committee of Council members and/or the CEO, and interested members of the public who have qualifications to assist in moving this development forward.

b) An additional 2 million dollars to be set aside in a reserve fund once construction commences for use over the first ten years of operations as/if needed to pay for the operation of the facility.

The purpose of developing this recreational wellness and transit infrastructure is both for the year-round benefit of the residents of Inverness County, and visitors to our area. The Aquatic facility will entice visitors to stay longer in our county.