

Atlantic Mayors Congress, May 19, 2017

Spruce Bud Worm Spraying in Maritime Provinces 2017

Whereas a recent outbreak of spruce budworm in Quebec has already consumed a forest the size of New Brunswick;

and Whereas the Spruce budworm infestation is now moving east at the New Brunswick border;

and Whereas the potential losses if this outbreak goes unchecked could result in \$15 billion dollars and 1500 jobs in Atlantic Canada over the next 30 years;

and Whereas communities that depend on the forestry economy will experience extreme hardship if this outbreak goes unchecked;

and Whereas the Early Intervention Program initiated in 2014 by industry, the provinces and federal government has shown great promise;

Be it resolved that the Atlantic Mayors Congress urgently request that the Government of Canada support the continuation and expansion of this Early Intervention Program by providing an additional \$300 million dollars in funding

E-passed by majority vote

2 abstentions