

Resolution 2013

**Strathcona County
Building Canada's Energy Value Chain Economy**

WHEREAS Canada is blessed with an abundance of energy resources, and

WHEREAS development of these resources have a major impact and growing impact on the national economy, and

WHEREAS adding value to our energy resources in the form of upgrading, refining, petrochemical and bio-economy developments will leverage our national resource, providing even greater benefits for all Canadians, and

WHEREAS a report by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce recognizes these potential benefits and recommends that the entire energy-sector value chain must be considered when developing policies, including the development of an overall national strategy, and

WHEREAS these benefits are a major factor in the sustainability of communities in Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urge the Government of Canada to affirm a commitment to developing national energy policies that support and expand the energy value chain industry, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada work with industry to address the potential constraints of skilled labour shortages and cost competitiveness that might inhibit major value added projects and economic prosperity for its citizens, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of Canada work with all Provincial and Territorial governments to enshrine the value added agenda into any Canadian Energy Strategy that is developed.