

- The second resolution calls for the PUB to rescind Order #127/08, which sets out a Conditions Precedent for disconnections on unpaid accounts.
- Although the PUB consulted with the AMM and MMAA as this Order was prepared, neither organization provided support for the order that was ultimately passed.
- The AMM and the MMAA expressed concerns with the potential increases in administrative requirements; the inappropriateness of municipalities making referrals to social assistance; and the lack of detail regarding a municipality's ability to add unpaid or uncollected water bills to landlords' taxes.
- However, the PUB maintains that this order is in the best interests of the public and is largely consistent with practices that were already in place.
- Therefore, the PUB has indicated that it is not inclined to make any changes to this Order at this time.
- This issue was also discussed with the Premier, as well as Minister Ashton, who committed to raise these concerns with the PUB.

Aggregate Transportation Levy

- In response to a request from the AMM, the Provincial Government recently amended the *Aggregate Mining and Transportation Fees and Agreements Regulation (48/97)* under *The Municipal Act*.
- This legislation authorizes municipalities to levy fees on the mining of aggregate to correct the damage on municipal infrastructure caused by the industry's heavy truck traffic.
- It sets maximum amounts for the levies that municipalities can charge based on the quantity of aggregate mined and transported.
- As of March 1, 2009, the Regulation contains a new schedule for increasing the maximum fee for transporting aggregate.
- Under the amended regulation, the maximum fee increases by 4% per year from 2009 to 2013.
- This is a new change beyond the schedule of increases for the maximum aggregate mining fee that was implemented in January 2008.
- Before applying the new fee schedule as outlined in the regulation, a municipality will have to amend its by-laws to reflect the increased fees.