

Membership supports rotating convention

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CORNER BROOK The membership has spoken.

A resolution to have the board's decision to host Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador conventions and annual general meetings only in St. John's rescinded was passed by an "overwhelming" margin, according to Charles Pender.

The mayor of Corner Brook is one of many who have expressed their discontent over the decision the board made earlier this year. He brought forward the motion asking the executive to go back on that previous decision and continue to rotate the annual event between St. John's, Gander and

Corner Brook.

"This is merely a resolution to give the board direction to act, it doesn't require them to do so," Pender told **The Western Star** Friday. "I believe they have a moral responsibility because the large number of delegates that supported our motion are telling the board they want the decision changed and want it rotated between the three municipalities."

"We all acknowledged there are inconveniences, but there are inconveniences of going to St. John's as well."

The annual general meeting takes place today from 8:30-10:30 a.m., where the city has another resolution put forth that would change the constitution and inhibit the board from making this decision in the future.

The resolution would ensure it is always rotated between the three municipalities — unless the constitution is changed again down the road. The change requires two-thirds of those who vote in favour.

Pender believes Friday's resolution received that level of support and that it bodes well for today's vote.

"The only concern I would have is that people might think this is now OK," he said. "But, a future board can still make this decision and change it based on the constitution. We still need the voting delegates in favour of this to come out and ensure it is passed. ...We are quite confident that, if the people are there, it will pass."

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