



**Minister's Advisory Committee
on Labrador Transportation**

**2014-2017
ACTIVITY PLAN**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, I am pleased to present the 2014-2017 Activity Plan for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This plan was prepared under my direction and I, along with my fellow committee members, am accountable for achieving the objective contained herein.

The Minister's Advisory Committee consists of volunteers representing key stakeholders from throughout Labrador. Formed in 2006, the Committee provides a forum for Labradorians to share their views on transportation policies, programs and services.

Since its formation, the committee has had the opportunity to provide input on numerous endeavours, including the Trans Labrador Highway and Labrador Ferry Services. Input from the Committee on these initiatives provided Labradorians with a strong voice in shaping Labrador's future.

The Committee's 2014-2017 Activity Plan was developed in keeping with the strategic directions of government, specifically those relevant to the Department of Transportation of Works. While the Committee is not directly accountable to fulfill these commitments, it does play a supportive role in guiding transportation policy from the point of view of Labradorians.

Over the next three years, the Minister's Advisory Committee will continue to serve as a sounding board for strategic issues pertaining to transportation in Labrador. Given the Committee's mandate, the Committee has adopted the Values and Vision of the Department of Transportation and Works, as well as its Mission where it relates to Labrador.

As Chair of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank members, both past and present, for their support and commitment to the success of the Committee. I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee as we move forward with new endeavors to further improve transportation in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Nick McGrath, MHA
Minister of Transportation and Works
Chair, Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation

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OVERVIEW

On February 27, 2006, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the formation of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This committee consists of key stakeholders representing the needs of people and businesses across Labrador. The committee provides a two-way forum to share views on policy, programs and services, as well as, represents a common understanding of the transportation needs of people and businesses throughout Labrador.

Chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Advisory Committee consists of up to ten members and must ensure representation from across Labrador. Committee members are appointed for a two-year term, renewable at the Minister's discretion, and meetings take place when deemed necessary by the Minister.

The Committee membership as of April 1, 2014 is comprised of:

- Carol Burden, Port Hope Simpson
- Carol Gear, Makkovik
- First Minister Darryl Shiwak, Nain (Nunatsiavut Government)
- Myles O'Brien, L'Anse Au Loup
- Sylvia Shea, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Keith Watts, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

MANDATE

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is a volunteer committee of key stakeholders whose mandate, as outlined in their Terms of Reference, is:

1. To provide a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policy, programs and services, both existing and proposed, for transportation matters in Labrador.
2. To develop a common understanding of the transportation needs of people and businesses throughout Labrador.

VALUES

The Minister's Advisory Committee is instrumental in advising the Provincial Government as it moves forward to address the challenges and demands related to transportation in Labrador. This Committee is chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, and as such, has adopted the values of the Department, where applicable.

The values of the Department of Transportation and Works are as follows:

Safety

At Transportation and Works, safety is a key priority and a fundamental part of the services that we provide. We believe that all employees have the right to be safe at work and that all employees share responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for each other and the general public.

Communication

At Transportation and Works, we believe that sharing information is key to organizational success. Open and transparent communication with clients and staff is what keeps us accountable, helps us to overcome any challenges, and allows us to celebrate successes. Each person takes initiative to share information with co-workers in support of the department's mandate and supports the sharing of timely and relevant information with the public.

Respect

At Transportation and Works, we demonstrate respect for each other and for clients by being honest, ethical and transparent in our actions. Each person promotes a respectful work environment that values fairness and equality.

Dedication

At Transportation and Works, we are committed to providing a high quality service to our clients. We take pride in our work and complete all tasks efficiently and effectively. We support each other to fulfill their roles, and we support a culture of learning and development.

Teamwork

At Transportation and Works, each person collaborates with peers to problem solve and to fulfil the mandate of the department. We encourage information sharing across lines of business and supporting the needs of others.

Accountability

At Transportation and Works, each person takes their responsibilities seriously and contributes to a culture of openness and transparency in decision making and reporting. Each person accepts responsibility for their actions and follows through on their commitments.

Leadership

At Transportation and Works, we are committed to creating a positive work environment where initiative is shown, which helps to achieve the department's maximum potential and recognizes the contributions of others.

PRIMARY CLIENT

The primary client of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is the Minister of Transportation and Works.

VISION AND MISSION

Given the mandate of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, the Committee has reviewed the Vision and Mission of the Department of Transportation and Works and adopted them where they relate to transportation in Labrador.

VISION

The vision of the Department of Transportation and Works is of safe, reliable and sustainable transportation and public works infrastructure and services, demonstrating the department's commitment to service excellence in supporting the social and economic needs of Newfoundland and Labrador.

MISSION

The Department of Transportation and Works will have improved transportation and building infrastructure and service delivery that support the social and economic needs of Newfoundland and Labrador by 2017.

The mission statement identifies the priority focus of the Minister of the Department of Transportation and Works. By conveying the transportation needs of Labradorians, the Committee assists Government in improving and aligning transportation services to meet the future economic and social needs of the Province. Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works' 2014-2017 Strategic Plan.

ACTIVITIES

The Minister's Advisory Committee exists exclusively as an advisory body to Government and therefore has not developed goals but rather a single objective that will be reported on annually throughout the duration of its 2014-17 Activity Plan.

The Committee serves as a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policies, programs and services. Through open and candid discussions, the Committee represents a common understanding of transportation needs and serves as a tool for greater informed decision-making regarding transportation in Labrador.

OBJECTIVE

By March 31, 2017, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Measure: Provided advice to Minister

Indicators: Provision of advice when requested

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Labrador is experiencing exciting commercial growth. To support these new opportunities the Provincial Government is supporting significant infrastructure development in the region. Great progress continues to be made in paving the Trans Labrador Highway, with investments totaling more than \$500 million over multiple years, we have developed and paved 463 kilometres of highway connecting communities and creating new opportunities for residents and businesses. Budget 2014 allocated another \$83.6 million for work to continue. The Provincial Government continues to work towards securing a more efficient and long-term solution for ferry-dependent communities in Labrador. A Request for Proposals was issued in December 2013 to secure a single contractor to provide a comprehensive passenger, vehicle, and freight service to Labrador, over a 15-year term, commencing in 2016. The input from Committee members on these and other transportation initiatives plays a key role in the success of the Minister's Advisory Committee in achieving its mandate.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling our mandate for the betterment of transportation polices and infrastructure in Labrador.