



Budget 2020

**Today.
Tomorrow.
Together.**

Infrastructure

Construction of new health care facilities and schools, as well as improvements to the province's transportation network, highlight how government can achieve better value for its investments while stimulating economic activity. Presently, approximately 95 per cent of those working on provincial infrastructure projects are Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Through Budget 2020, \$609 million is allocated for infrastructure improvements in a wide-variety of sectors including health, education, justice, municipal, and transportation. In addition to improving access to services, this investment will help create more than the 3,900 person years of employment.

Health Care

Budget 2020 includes approximately \$80 million for health care infrastructure including:

- ▶ \$23 million for upgrades to existing health care facilities, as well as \$22 million to support the replacement of capital equipment.
- ▶ \$20.4 million towards the construction of the adult mental health and addictions facility in St. John's.
- ▶ \$5.6 million towards the construction of the new acute care hospital in Corner Brook.
- ▶ \$6.1 million to complete construction of the new Green Bay Health Centre in Springdale.
- ▶ \$4.4 million to complete construction of the 20-bed expansion of the protective care unit at the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre in Botwood.
- ▶ \$6.5 million for the construction of long-term care homes in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor, which will be completed next year.
- ▶ \$4.4 million for the redevelopment of laboratory spaces at the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor.
- ▶ \$3.4 million to start construction of a six-bed mental health unit at the Labrador Health Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

- ▶ \$3 million to commence redevelopment of the emergency department at the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's.

2025 Canada Summer Games

The Provincial Government is supporting a bid by the City of St. John's to host the 2025 Canada Summer Games, which is expected to bring 20,000 visitors from outside the province, help create approximately 550 new jobs and encourage upwards of \$110 million in economic activity. The bid is supported by a minimum investment of more than \$12 million over five years, including \$5.1 million for infrastructure and \$7.3 million to assist with operational expenses.

Education

Budget 2020 allocates \$65.2 million for the construction of new schools and renovations to existing buildings, including:

- ▶ \$46 million to continue construction of new schools in Gander, Paradise, St. Alban's and Bay Roberts.
- ▶ \$14.5 million for repairs and maintenance of existing schools.
- ▶ \$2.7 million to continue planning for a Francophone school in St. John's.

Justice

Budget 2020 allocates \$5.5 million to improve correctional facilities, including:

- ▶ \$3 million to continue procurement for the new corrections facility to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary, leading to construction beginning in 2022.
- ▶ \$2.5 million for the construction of an extension to the Labrador Correctional Centre, which begins this year.

Transportation

Budget 2020 allocates more than \$190 million in investments to improve the transportation network in Newfoundland and Labrador:

- ▶ More than \$165 million for provincial highways and bridges, including \$39.8 million for the Trans-Labrador Highway.
- ▶ \$15 million for marine infrastructure.
- ▶ \$4.6 million to replace heavy equipment for winter highway maintenance.
- ▶ \$2 million for brush clearing along provincial highways.
- ▶ \$400,000 to complete an engineering study on the scope and replacement costs of the wharf in Lewisporte to help inform future infrastructure investments.
- ▶ \$200,000 for a pre-feasibility study for a road to the north, which could potentially link northern communities to the rest of Labrador.

Recreation

Budget 2020 includes \$2.5 million for the construction of the Placentia Wellness Centre.



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95% local employment
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