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Budget
2022

Budget Highlights

Families can take comfort in Budget 2022 and the actions that our government is taking to ease some of the pressures attached to the cost of living. **Change is in the air** builds on the foundation of bold, innovative actions that our government has created. We are investing in the priorities of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians – child care, education, health – as well as supporting businesses and communities to thrive.

Financial Landscape

- ▶ Budget 2022 positions Newfoundland and Labrador to achieve surplus in 2026-27.
- ▶ The projected deficit for 2021-22 is \$400 million, an improvement of \$426 million from Budget 2021.
- ▶ The projected deficit for 2022-23 is \$351 million.
- ▶ Revenue forecasts for 2022-23 are \$9.1 billion, an increase of \$407 million over last year. This increase is mostly attributed to improved economic output.
- ▶ Oil production is lower in 2022-23 due to lower well performance and planned maintenance shut-downs on some fields. Oil revenues in 2022-23 are expected to represent 10 per cent of overall revenues compared to 32 per cent in 2011-12.

- ▶ New expenditures are largely attributed to fully-funded federal programs totaling \$774 million for such things as workforce development, the offshore oil and gas industry, and child care.
- ▶ Oil price is forecasted at US\$86 per barrel, while the Canada to United States exchange rate is 79.3 cents. This is based on independent forecasters.
- ▶ The projected borrowing requirement for 2022-23 is \$2.7 billion.

Cost of Living

- ▶ Elimination of the retail sales tax on home insurance for one year.
- ▶ 50 per cent off the cost of registering passenger vehicles, light trucks and taxis for one year.
- ▶ No provincial tax or fee increases.
- ▶ Almost \$46 million to lower child care to \$10 per day.
- ▶ Estimated \$7 million for the Physical Activity Tax Credit, which provides families with a refundable tax credit of up to \$2,000.

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- ✔ 50% off the cost of registering passenger vehicles, light trucks and taxis for one year
- ✔ No provincial tax or fee increases
- ✔ On-track to balance budget by 2026-27

- ▶ Boosting the Pre-natal Infant Nutrition Supplement, formerly the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement, to \$150 per month for low income pregnant people and families with children under age one – up from \$100 per month. The one-time payment provided during the month of the baby's birth will also increase from \$100 to \$150.
- ▶ \$73 million for the Income Supplement, which is a 10 per cent increase.
- ▶ \$61 million for the Seniors' Benefit, which includes a 10 per cent increase and will provide eligible individuals with up to \$1,444 annually. This will benefit over 50,000 seniors and their families.
- ▶ An additional \$1.9 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as a \$2,500 rebate for consumers who purchase or lease all-electric vehicles and \$1,500 rebate for the purchase or lease of plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- ▶ An additional \$2 million to help transition homes whose sole source of heat is oil to electricity. The program will now provide a rebate of up to \$5,000 – double the existing rebate of up to \$2,500.
- ▶ Metrobus or Go Bus passes, currently available to income support clients in St. John's, Mount Pearl and Paradise, are being expanded to include seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, as well as youth-in-care and those receiving youth programming.
- ▶ A new 10 per cent Manufacturing and Processing Investment Tax Credit will support the manufacturing, fishery, farming, and forestry sectors to invest in capital equipment.
- ▶ A new All Spend Film and Video Production Tax Credit. The 30 per cent tax credit will apply to total qualified production costs with a maximum tax credit of \$10 million annually per project.
- ▶ \$2.6 million for a new film and production program for College of the North Atlantic.
- ▶ \$20 million in new funding to support our tourism, hospitality, arts and cultural industries.

Supporting Health and Education

- ▶ Approximately \$14 million to improve access to primary health care.
- ▶ \$3 million to increase the number of seats in Memorial University's Nursing Program by 25 per cent; and \$2.5 million to increase the number of seats in the personal care attendant, practical nursing, paramedicine and other health programs at the College of the North Atlantic.
- ▶ \$1.8 million to continue Health Hubs in Grand Falls-Windsor and Gander and another \$3 million for a virtual emergency room in the central region.
- ▶ An additional \$3.3 million for the air ambulance program.
- ▶ Over time, an additional 39 positions with an almost \$10 million investment for cancer care at the new regional hospital in Corner Brook.
- ▶ \$2.5 million for a new Alcohol Action Plan.
- ▶ \$2.5 million for a new Life Promotion Suicide Prevention Action Plan.
- ▶ \$3.1 million in additional funding for teaching services to meet the rising student population.
- ▶ \$4 million to maintain guidance counsellor and administrator positions added during the pandemic.

Supporting Industry and Business

- ▶ \$567 million for infrastructure projects, which will help create 3,200 jobs and \$390 million in economic activity.
- ▶ A new green technology tax credit of 20 per cent to help businesses with specific capital costs for green activities such as equipment for energy conservation and clean energy generation and efficient use of fossil fuels.



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Transformations and Modernization

As announced in Budget 2021, our government is undertaking a number of measures to address the deficit and debt, and to transform and modernize government. Through this work, we look to improve and enhance the quality of service delivery to citizens while at the same time doing it in a cost effective manner, removing duplication, and striving for clear and measurable outcomes.

New Transformations and Modernization

Government will use the Health Accord NL's work to reimagine the health system.

One Provincial Health Authority

One provincial health authority will ensure consistency and collaboration across the province. Improved decision making with streamlined processes, effective reporting structures, data management and accountability mechanisms will work to ensure better health structures and improved outcomes. This will be supported by regional and community involvement.

Air and Road Ambulance

Work will begin to modernize and integrate the air and road ambulance system with centralized medical dispatch for the province.

One Health Faculty

To ensure the efficient and effective education and training of health care professionals, one health faculty will be developed. The faculty will integrate medicine, nursing, pharmacy and others to provide cross functional knowledge and support. Funding will be specific to the outcome of this faculty to ensure the right skills and people are available in our health care system.

Community Sector

Community groups provide incredible service and supports across the province. From violence prevention, mental health, youth services, literacy, advocacy and housing organizations provide value to their communities. Government invests more than \$100 million to support the community sector. This year, a new application and assessment process will be implemented for core funding. An additional \$5 million is also added to the funds available.

Ongoing Transformation

Newfoundland and Labrador's connectivity strategy has three pillars – invest, partner, optimize – with associated actions to advance connectivity to households, businesses and communities in the province by continued leveraging with industry and community partners.

Regionalization

A report by a joint working group on regionalization has been released. A thorough review and analysis of the recommendations is being undertaken with the goal of finalizing a comprehensive plan for regionalization.

Market Sounding for Joint Solutions for Ferry Services

Through outreach and collaboration with communities, businesses, unions, and social enterprises, we are exploring ideas and opportunities to improve the ferry services.

Review of Provincial Assets

We have engaged Rothschild & Co. to provide the province with an independent, strategic review of assets and consideration of potential opportunities. This is the first comprehensive review of assets in the province's history and will inform how government might optimize assets for the benefit of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This is a broad review and no decisions have been made at this point.

Changes to the Education System

Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is being integrated into the Department of Education. Our approach prioritizes investments in the classroom over administration. We have already changed the district's governance structure, appointing a new board and a transition team that report to the Minister of Education. These groups are tasked with overseeing a transition that prioritizes the needs of students and will put our K-12 system in the best position to succeed.

Nalcor Energy Operations Moved Under Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

NL Hydro will evolve to a steady-state utility operation focused on cost reduction while providing safe, reliable electricity, and will focus on maximizing the economic potential of its energy portfolio.

Review of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (NLCHI)

The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information, which delivers digital health solutions and provides quality health information and data analytics, is being reviewed to ensure it is well-positioned to meet the needs of the provincial health system and pursue the tremendous opportunities of digital technology in health care.

NL 911 to Become Part of Core Government

The goal is to streamline and improve service while we modernize the system.

Accountability Framework

Focused on departments, agencies, boards, commissions, as well as the not-for-profit sector and those that receive public monies.

Balanced Budget Legislation

We are advancing balanced budget legislation to ensure this and future governments spend within their means.

Future Fund Legislation

We are advancing future fund legislation that will help ensure prosperity for future generations, help with the debt and make strategic investments to capitalize on the future economy.



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Health, Wellness, and Active Living

Budget 2022 continues a course of action to reimagine the system to best deliver health services focused on improving health outcomes and addressing the factors that influence people's health.

Primary Health Care

Important steps were introduced in fall 2021 to improve access to primary health care – steps that serve as the early foundation from which the Health Accord NL's recommendations will be built. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ An additional \$4 million to support two new collaborative team clinics in St. John's.
- ▶ An additional \$6 million to expand collaborative team clinics across the province. These will supplement existing team-based care in those areas.
- ▶ \$1.8 million for the continued operation of Health Hubs in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor.
- ▶ \$1 million for two pilot projects to attract more new medical graduates to family practice.
- ▶ \$500,000 to create a Provincial Health Professional Recruitment and Retention Office.
- ▶ \$350,000 for a Health Human Resource Plan.

Post-Secondary Nursing Programs

To increase the number of qualified graduates, which in turn leads to an improved work environment and better patient care, Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$3 million to increase the number of seats in Memorial University's Nursing Program by 25 per cent.



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\$3.6 billion
for health care, representing
38 per cent of the provincial
budget

- ▶ \$2.5 million to increase the number of seats in the personal care attendant, practical nursing, paramedicine and other health programs available at College of the North Atlantic.

Emergency Services

Stabilizing and transporting a patient is challenging. When you factor in our province's weather, demographics and geography, those challenges are heightened. To help alleviate pressures experienced by emergency services staff, Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$10 million for the re-design and expansion of the emergency room at the Health Sciences Centre.

- ▶ \$5.4 million for air ambulance services.
- ▶ \$3 million for two virtual ER services in the central region to assist with the provision of urgent care.
- ▶ \$2 million for a 24/7 ambulance and more than 20 new, permanent positions in the Eastern Health region. These extra resources, which our government committed to last fall, will address the current peak in activity levels.

Social Determinants of Health

As outlined by Health Accord NL, addressing the social determinants is critical in rebalancing the health care system. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ Approximately \$140 million to improve housing stability and prevent homelessness, through cost-shared agreements.
- ▶ \$2.5 million for a new Alcohol Action Plan that will target prevention and promotion activities, as well as include a range of treatment initiatives.
- ▶ \$2.5 million to implement a Life Promotion Suicide Prevention Action Plan, with a commitment of approximately \$4.5 million annually for the next four years.
- ▶ \$1.8 million to prevent and reduce tobacco and vaping use.

Better Services; Better Outcomes

- ▶ An additional \$15.7 million for the provincial oncology program.
- ▶ \$9.8 million for the Medical Transportation Assistance Program.
- ▶ An additional \$5.9 million for new drug therapies.
- ▶ \$3.3 million for the Insulin Pump Program.
- ▶ \$100,000 to provide sanitary products free-of-charge in the K-12 schools.
- ▶ Over time, an additional 39 positions with an almost \$10 million investment for cancer care at the new regional hospital in Corner Brook.

Mental Health

Improved access to mental health and addictions counselling services continues to be a priority.

Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$16.3 million for the ongoing construction of an adult mental health and addictions facility in St. John's and a six-bed unit in Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- ▶ \$8.9 million for flexible assertive community treatment teams.
- ▶ \$2.6 million in further deployment of e-mental health options.
- ▶ Over \$2 million for mobile crisis response teams.
- ▶ \$800,000 for access to early interventions and supports for children, youth and families.

Promoting Physical Activity

Our government has set the ambitious goal of making Newfoundland and Labrador one of the healthiest provinces in Canada by 2031. Physical activity is central in achieving that goal and Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ The Physical Activity Credit is a refundable tax credit of up to \$2,000 per family. This credit, estimated at \$7 million, is helping families access sport and recreational activities.
- ▶ More than \$6 million to support recreation, physical activity, athlete and sport development, as well as encourage healthy lifestyles.
- ▶ \$4.3 million to support the City of St. John's hosting the 2025 Canada Games.

COVID-19

While considerable progress has been made, COVID-19 continues to be a part of our reality. Budget 2022 will continue to support the ongoing need for testing, vaccine administration, and personal protective equipment for health care workers.



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Child Care, Education and Growing Communities

Our government has invested considerable time and financial resources in strengthening regulated child care and educating students. We know the work is not complete and Budget 2022 reflects our continued efforts to enhance opportunities for children and youth. A stronger population means stronger communities and we continue to work with municipalities to ensure they can provide the everyday programs and access quality infrastructure.

Early Learning

Readily accessible and affordable early learning and child care gives children a strong foundation, allows parents to participate in the workforce and leads to stronger families. Building on hundreds of millions of dollars in investment to date, Budget 2022 includes \$94.7 million through the Provincial-Federal Action Plan, including:

- ▶ Almost \$46 million to continue the reduction in daily fees to \$10 per day by 2023.
- ▶ \$16 million for the creation of new regulated early learning spaces, including the launch of a pre-kindergarten pilot program. Supports plans to create nearly 6,000 new regulated early learning spaces by 2026.
- ▶ \$3 million to increase seats in post-secondary Early Childhood Education programs.
- ▶ \$400,000 to support a wage grid analysis and implementation that will ensure early childhood educators are paid a wage that reflects their important work.



\$11.6 million
increase for teaching
services and to help meet
rising student enrollment



**\$10 a day
child care**
by 2023



Over **\$208 million**
to support labour demand

K-12 Education

Projected K-12 enrollment for the 2022-23 school year shows an increase of almost 1,000 students, reversing a trend that is almost 50 years old. With more students come additional investments and supports, supported by savings from the ongoing Newfoundland and Labrador English School District transition. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$11.6 million increase in the teaching services budget, including \$3.1 million to meet demands associated with the increase in projected enrollment, as well as funding for substitute teachers and guidance counsellors.

- ▶ \$25 million to maintain school-based reading specialists, teaching and learning assistants, teacher librarians and English-as-a-second-language teachers added through the Education Action Plan.
- ▶ \$6.6 million for a new K-12 Francophone school on the Avalon Peninsula at the site of the former School for the Deaf.
- ▶ \$750,000 to support recruitment efforts for French language schools.
- ▶ Support for the ongoing review of class sizes and the teacher allocation model.
- ▶ The annual tuition offset, which is being phased out, is more than \$60 million. There is a one-time additional investment of \$6 million to assist the university with the transition.
- ▶ To ease the financial burden on students who rely on loans and grants, an investment of \$18.6 million supports the country's most generous student aid program, including the new Tuition Relief Grant.

School Infrastructure

Budget 2022 includes investments to begin planning for new schools in:

- ▶ Cartwright.
- ▶ Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.
- ▶ Kenmount Terrace in St. John's.
- ▶ Redevelopment of Dorset Collegiate in Pilly's Island.

Post-Secondary Education

Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic receive national and international recognition for the work they do in preparing post-secondary students for the economy. With leading-edge programs and facilities, students from home and abroad can be confident that they are getting the education and training they need with help from Budget 2022:

- ▶ Memorial University's core operating grant is maintained at \$305.1 million plus an additional \$54.3 million for the Faculty of Medicine.
- ▶ College of the North Atlantic will continue to innovate and meet labour market needs through the \$66.5 million operating grant.

Growing Communities

Increasing diversity and inclusion make us stronger. 2021 was an important year for population growth in Newfoundland and Labrador as Government endorsed more newcomers for permanent residency in one week than in all of 2007. Budget 2022 sees us continue work to create opportunities for all residents of the province and build on what makes Newfoundland and Labrador an attractive place to live, work and raise a family. This includes:

- ▶ \$5.8 million to foster inclusion and diversity, attract and support newcomers, match employers with qualified workers, and support continuing actions of the Ministerial Committee on Anti-Racism.
- ▶ \$1 million in immediate supports for Ukrainians who take refuge in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Workforce Development

- ▶ Over \$208 million to support workers, employers and community organizations to capitalize on labour demand opportunities.



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Pride of Place

Our sense of community defines who we are as a province. It is what is attracting Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to return home for work or a visit; it is what helps attract newcomers to our province. That sense of pride of place is front and centre in Budget 2022 initiatives, whether it is celebrating history and culture, bringing families together or strengthening our communities.

Indigenous Peoples

Our path towards Reconciliation is rooted in listening, understanding and mutual respect. It is an inclusive and collaborative effort and a recognition of needing to do a better job reflecting the cultures, diversity and history of Indigenous people. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$4 million for the Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences, and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System.
- ▶ \$250,000 to begin planning for a new heritage centre near Beothuk Lake to commemorate the Beothuk people.
- ▶ \$241,500 for grants aimed at preventing violence against Indigenous women and girls.
- ▶ \$125,000 for the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network.
- ▶ \$90,000 for friendship centres.
- ▶ \$25,000 for the Provincial Indigenous Women's Gathering.



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to commemorate the
Beothuk people



\$20 million
to support tourism,
hospitality, arts and
cultural industries



\$21 million
for province-wide
radio system for
emergency responders

Come Home Year and Tourism Marketing Campaign

Come Home Year 2022 will re-unite families and re-engage the community spirit after two years of COVID-19. We appreciate the challenges that tourism operators, businesses, musicians and artists have experienced, as well as the expected competition for tourists. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$20 million in new funding to support our tourism, hospitality, arts and cultural industries.

Air Access

In our region, air transportation is vital to travel and tourism, and business, trade and economic recovery. As COVID-19 restrictions are lifting, we are seeing that confidence in travel is rising. We hope that this confidence will continue to drive dramatic growth in demand over the coming months and years. We are committed to continue working with our partners to align priorities for air access and to identify strategies to navigate the current environment.

Communities

Communities are where we live, work and play; where we raise our families. It is often said that local governance is the closest level of decision-making to our homes and businesses. Budget 2022 maintains investments in key programs needed to deliver the services residents rely on, including:

- ▶ More than \$141 million through such programs as Municipal Operating Grants, Special Assistance Grants, Community Enhancement Employment Program and the Canada Community Building Fund.

Safer Communities

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have an unrivaled sense of pride in their safe communities. This sense of pride is a selling point as we attract newcomers to our province. Appreciating this importance, Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ Almost \$21 million for a new province-wide radio system that will enable emergency responders to communicate in a timely manner with one another.
- ▶ Almost \$17 million in additional annual funding to support the work of the RCMP in protecting communities in Newfoundland and Labrador.

- ▶ Close to \$3.2 million in core operational funding to equity-seeking organizations including violence prevention organizations and women's centres.
- ▶ More than \$1.8 million for fire protection vehicle and firefighting equipment.
- ▶ \$1 million in additional funding for the NL Search and Rescue Association, which stems from recommendations from the Search and Rescue Inquiry. This is in addition to \$775,000 provided since the conclusion of the Inquiry.
- ▶ \$425,000 for projects such as the expansion of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program and the Premier's Roundtable on Gender Equity.
- ▶ More than \$392,000 to expand the Family Violence Intervention Court.
- ▶ \$326,000 for the Drug Treatment Court.
- ▶ \$138,000 to establish one judicial position that will travel and be deployed as necessary to other courts as needed.

Community Sector

Community groups provide incredible service and supports across the province. From violence prevention, mental health, youth services, literacy, advocacy and housing organizations provide value to their communities. Government invests more than \$100 million to support the community sector. This year, a new application and assessment process will be implemented for core funding. An additional \$5 million is also added to the funds available.



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Seniors, Accessibility and Poverty Reduction

A strong province is one that provides effective programs and services to support individuals, seniors, persons with disabilities and vulnerable populations. Budget 2022 builds on our foundation of support services to make Newfoundland and Labrador a better place for all, regardless of age, ability or economic standing.

- ▶ \$95,000 for the Age-Friendly Newfoundland and Labrador Communities Program, which helps community partners plan and implement activities to reflect changing demographics and inclusivity.

Seniors and Inclusive Communities

We are proud of the work we have done to support seniors in their efforts to contribute to their communities. Budget 2022 includes continued support for initiatives that seniors have come to depend on, as well as new initiatives to make communities even more inclusive. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$61 million for the Seniors' Benefit. Eligible individuals will receive up to \$1,444 annually. The Seniors' Benefit supports over 50,000 seniors and their families.
- ▶ \$300,000 for the Newfoundland and Labrador Community Transportation Program, which supports the development and operation of alternate transportation programs for individuals who identify barriers to transportation.
- ▶ \$200,000 for the Seniors' Social Inclusion Initiative to provide 50+ clubs and organizations that support seniors with funding to organize activities that support social inclusion, healthy aging, mental wellness, overall well-being and interaction across generations.



Seniors' Benefit

Eligible seniors will receive up to \$1,444 annually



Income Supplement

Eligible families receive up to \$1,000 per year



Approx.

\$140 million
for housing programs

Accessibility

We all have a responsibility to make sure our neighbours can freely and safely move around their communities. The recent proclamation of the Accessibility Act supports our commitment to remove barriers so everyone can fully participate in society. Budget 2022 continues popular programs that increase accessibility options.

- ▶ \$350,000 for the Accessible Vehicle Grant which provides up to \$25,000 to support individuals or families to acquire or adapt personal vehicles for accessibility.
- ▶ \$250,000 for the Capacity Building Grant to help non-profit community-based organizations, incorporated municipalities, Indigenous governments and organizations advance accessibility and inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- ▶ \$75,000 for the Inclusion Grant to provide funding to community-based and non-profit organizations for small renovation projects that will create or improve accessibility or provide disability-related accommodations for events and meetings.
- ▶ \$50,000 for the Accessible Taxi Grant which provides up to \$25,000 to taxi companies to include an accessible taxi within its fleet.

Housing Supports

Safe and affordable housing is a key determinant of health. Families and individuals are drawn to provinces and communities that offer acceptable housing options. Through partnerships with the Federal Government, Budget 2022 provides:

- ▶ Approximately \$140 million to improve housing stability and prevent homelessness, through cost-shared agreements including \$54.8 million to maintain the province's public rental housing portfolio, provide rental assistance for those on lower incomes and for supportive living arrangements.

Poverty Reduction

Our government is focused on preventing, reducing and alleviating poverty through initiatives that empower Newfoundlanders and Labradorians across their lifespans. As government develops a new poverty reduction plan, Budget 2022 contains:

- ▶ \$73 million for the Income Supplement, which is a 10 per cent increase.
- ▶ \$1.9 million to provide Metrobus or GoBus passes in the St. John's metro region to individuals receiving income support, youth receiving services from the Youth Services Program and to expand the program to seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement.
- ▶ \$500,000 for the Pre-natal Infant Nutrition Supplement (formerly known as the Mother Baby Nutrition Supplement), which is being increased from \$100 to \$150 per month. The one-time payment provided during the month of the baby's birth will also increase from \$100 to \$150.



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Economic Growth, Green Economy and Climate Change

Industries in Newfoundland and Labrador are thriving. In the last year alone, the provincial fishery reached unprecedented levels, production value in the film and television industry set new highs, the mineral exploration sector had its busiest year in 25 years, and the technology sector is facilitating new activity across all sectors and expanding globally. Budget 2022 takes aim at building on this momentum and leveraging our rich natural resources to be leaders in the green economy.

Film and Television, Arts and Cultural Sectors

The lights are shining bright on the film and television industry with production values in 2021 reaching upwards of \$100 million and more studios opting to select this province as a location to film their productions. To build on this activity, Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$2.6 million for a new film and production program for College of the North Atlantic.
- ▶ \$10 million for the Film and Television Equity Investment Program.
- ▶ A new All Spend Film and Video Production Tax Credit. The 30 per cent tax credit will apply to total qualified production costs with a maximum tax credit of \$10 million annually per project.
- ▶ \$5 million for ArtsNL.
- ▶ \$3.3 million for the Cultural Economic Development Program.



\$2.6 million

for a new film production program for College of the North Atlantic



New 20% Green Technology

Tax Credit



New 10%

Manufacturing and Processing Investment

Tax Credit

Environment and Climate Change

There is a shared responsibility to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 by making greener choices every day. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ A new green technology tax credit of 20 per cent to help businesses with specific capital costs for green activities such as equipment for energy conservation and clean energy generation and efficient use of fossil fuels.
- ▶ \$17.3 million for the continuation of the Low Carbon Economy Fund.
- ▶ \$2 million for rebates for homeowners to transition their homes from oil heat to electric heat.

- ▶ An additional \$1.9 million for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, as well as a \$2,500 rebate for consumers who purchase or lease all-electric vehicles and \$1,500 rebate for the purchase of plug-in hybrid vehicles.
- ▶ \$1.2 million annually, in partnership with the Federal Government, over the next three years for flood risk mapping.
- ▶ \$275,000 annually over the next four years, in partnership with the Federal Government and stakeholders, to support the establishment of natural areas.

Economic Development Supports

To help support new opportunities, in collaboration with the private, public and community sectors, Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ A new 10 per cent Manufacturing and Processing Investment Tax Credit will support the manufacturing and production, fishery, farming, and forestry sectors to invest in capital equipment.
- ▶ Approximately \$35 million to support economic development initiatives including research and development, commercialization, investment attraction, regional development and business growth activities.
- ▶ \$25 million over the next four years for connectivity initiatives including broadband and cellular.

Renewable Resources

Traditional, renewable industries, are essential to the success of our province. They are key to food security, as well as contributing to new business opportunities and new jobs in rural areas. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$10.9 million for agriculture development, which will help meet the commitment to increase self-sufficiency in fruit and vegetable production of 20 per cent this year.
- ▶ \$4.8 million allocated for innovation, product development, and research through the Atlantic Fisheries Fund.

- ▶ \$3.5 million in provincial funding to protect forests from spruce budworm.
- ▶ \$3.2 million for silviculture, with \$1.7 million of that associated with annual reforestation activities in 2022.
- ▶ \$200,000 for the Seafood Development and Fisheries Research Grant Programs.

Oil and Gas

In our innovative offshore, per barrel Greenhouse Gas Emissions are among the lowest in the world and our oil plays a key role in assisting with the global energy crisis. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$6 million for the Innovation and Business Development Fund, which supports supply and service companies.

The Bay du Nord Project is set to play a key role in helping meet global demand for responsible oil. The project will be the most carbon efficient development of its scale in Canada and will apply industry-leading emission reduction technologies.

Mining

In 2021, the mining and mineral exploration industry reached new heights with the busiest claim staking in 25 years. Many of the minerals being explored are essential for renewable energy and clean technology applications such as batteries, permanent magnets, solar panels and wind turbines. They will invite new jobs, as well as new economic activity. Budget 2022 includes:

- ▶ \$1.3 million to assist junior exploration companies undertake grassroots and advanced geosciences activity.
- ▶ \$400,000 to assist prospectors undertake prospecting activity, promote their findings to the exploration industry and receive technical and geological support.



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Infrastructure

Investments in infrastructure benefit the economy and improve services for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. For example, new long-term care homes in Central Newfoundland resulted in hundreds of jobs for tradespeople during construction, new full-time health care jobs, and residents receiving care close to home. In 2022-23, government's \$567 million investment in infrastructure will continue creating jobs and improving services.



\$567 million Investment

for construction of schools, hospitals and roads. Generating 3,200 jobs and \$390 million in economic activity

Health care

Investments in health care infrastructure lead to better health care services. Budget 2022 commits \$154 million for health care infrastructure, including:

- ▶ \$43.7 million to continue construction of the new 164-bed west coast hospital in Corner Brook and the 102 new adult mental health and addictions hospital in St. John's. The two projects combined are anticipated to create approximately 1,400 jobs for tradespeople during construction.
- ▶ \$27 million to replace equipment at health care facilities in the province.
- ▶ \$1.9 million to complete the new six-bed mental health unit at the Labrador Health Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, which will open this year.

Education

Education investments create better and safer learning environments for students and enhanced working environments for teachers. This year, government is investing \$35.9 million in education infrastructure, which includes:

- ▶ \$16.7 million for alterations and improvements to schools throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.
- ▶ \$10.2 million over two years to convert the former School for the Deaf into a K-12 Francophone school. Grades 7-12 will begin at the school in September, and work will continue for the remaining grades to attend the school the following year.

Justice

Budget 2022 allocates funding for a courthouse and correctional facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador, including:

- ▶ \$6 million to begin construction of 18 cells to accommodate 36 incarcerated individuals at the Labrador Correctional Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, reducing the need for transports to other facilities.
- ▶ \$3.7 million to continue procurement of a new correctional facility to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's.
- ▶ \$1 million to convert the former College of the North Atlantic campus into a public building and courthouse for the Bay St. George area.

Tourism and Recreation

Budget 2022 includes \$1.9 million for infrastructure for tourism and recreational facilities, including:

- ▶ \$1.3 million for equipment maintenance at Marble Mountain.
- ▶ \$500,000 for upgrades for the existing boardwalk nature trail, adjacent wildlife viewing stations and, animal holding enclosures at Salmonier Nature Park.

Transportation

Budget 2022 allocates \$169.5 million for the improvement and maintenance of the province's transportation network:

- ▶ Approximately \$151.4 million in highway paving, bridges and culverts which reflects an approximate \$10 million increase.
- ▶ \$10 million for vessel refits.
- ▶ Approximately \$7.6 million in marine transportation and infrastructure improvements.

Municipal Infrastructure

Investments in municipal infrastructure help municipalities provide better services for their residents. Budget 2022 is investing \$259.5 million in municipalities, including:

- ▶ More than \$141 million available through such programs as Municipal Operating Grants, Special Assistance Grants, Community Enhancement Employment Program and the Canada Community Building Fund.
- ▶ More than \$73 million for community infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.
- ▶ \$10 million for projects under the Municipal Capital Works Program.

Infrastructure Planning

Budget 2022 includes \$1.25 million for planning of future infrastructure projects, such as:

- ▶ New schools in Cartwright, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's and Kenmount Terrace, St. John's.
- ▶ The redevelopment of Dorset Collegiate in Pilley's Island.
- ▶ Improvements to the National War Memorial in St. John's.