



Marystown - Burin Area Chamber of Commerce

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Mr. Keith Roberts
Chair
Grande Meadows Golf Course Association Inc.
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Dear Keith:

Marystown-Burin Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports and endorses your efforts to extend the Frenchman's Cove Grande Meadows Golf Course from nine (9) holes to (18) holes.

The Marystown-Burin Area Chamber of Commerce, specifically representing business, is a member of a structure that involves local, provincial, Atlantic and Canadian chambers. The fifteen (15) member board of directors represents the businesses of this area but because the Burin Peninsula identity lies within the whole peninsula and not within one specific community there is a natural tendency for the chamber to be cognizant of the Burin Peninsula business community. The chamber mission statement is to promote and encourage a level of awareness climate that has the effect of maximizing the economic benefits for the area.

When Grande Meadows Golf Course opened in 1995 there were eight (8) golf courses in the province. There are now twenty (20) golf courses, most of which are 18-hole courses, therefore there is an obvious requirement to develop the Grande Meadows 9-hole course into an 18-hole course.

The expanded 18-hole golf course will complement the existing Frenchman's Cove Provincial Park to maximize the Burin Peninsula's tourism potential, and consequently, the Burin Peninsula economy. The attraction to business both on and off the Burin Peninsula will be significant. In today's working environment, everyone strives to ensure that there are recreational, relaxation and social activities. The quality of life on the Burin Peninsula is excellent, and this initiative will enhance and reinforce that quality.

We acknowledge and envisage the initiative as a vehicle to promote and strengthen the concept of the Burin Peninsula as a regional package.

The business community recognizes the importance of an expanded Grande Meadows as an anchor attraction in the promotion of diversification and growth in the economy of the Burin Peninsula.

Sincerely,



Glenn Tobin
President

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Honourable Danny Williams- Premier, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and Minister Responsible for Business

Honourable Tom Osborne- Minister of Environment and Conservation

Honourable Kathy Dunderdale- Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development

Clyde Jackman- MHA, Burin-Placentia West

Judy Foote- MHA, Grand Bank

Percy Barrett- MHA, Bellevue

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Frenchman's Cove Community Council

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