



**Humber Valley Regional Planning
Advisory Authority: Leadership Committee**

Annual Report 2014-15

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Ms. Sandra Barnes
Clerk of the House of Assembly
East Block, Confederation Building

Dear Ms. Barnes:

On behalf of Minister Hutchings, I am pleased to submit the 2014-15 Annual Report for the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority: Leadership Committee in accordance with section 9 of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. Ten copies of the report are enclosed.

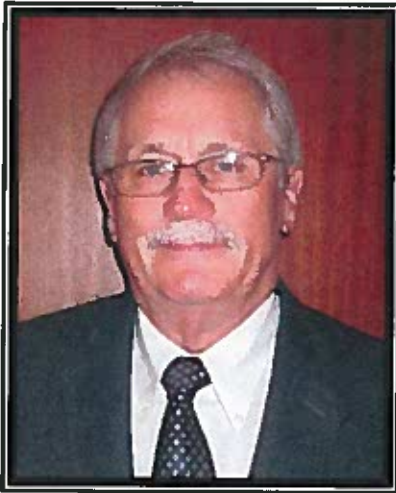
Please feel free to contact me a 729-3052 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


COLLEEN JANES
Deputy Minister for Municipal Affairs

Enclosures

Message from the Chairperson



I am delighted to present the 2014-15 Annual Report for the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee as per the requirements of the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. The Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee is a Category 3 Provincial Government entity appointed by the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs, in accordance with Section 9 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*. The Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee does not participate in revenue generating activities and is not required to submit financial statements.

Members of the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee consist of one elected and one employee representative from each of the seven municipalities (Corner Brook, Deer Lake, Pasadena, Cormack, Reidville, Steady Brook and Massey Drive) as well as representatives from five Government departments.

The Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee is divided into a Leadership Committee, consisting of elected community representatives; and a Technical Committee, consisting of provincial and municipal government employees.

I am pleased to report that Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee is nearing the completion of its mandate. In 2014, the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee engaged a consultant to review Government's latest feedback and to direct changes to the draft plan. The consultant will be submitting the final Land Use Plan for the Humber Valley Region in the upcoming fiscal year at which time the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee will be dissolved.

My signature below indicates that the entire Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee accepts accountability for the actual results reported herein.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donovan F. Downer'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Donovan F. Downer, PhD
Independent Chair, Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority

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1.0 Overview

Pursuant to Section 9 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs appointed members to the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee (the Advisory Authority). The principal function of the Advisory Authority is to facilitate the development of the Humber Valley Region regional land use plan for recommendation to Government. As such, the Advisory Authority oversees the work and preparation associated with development of a plan that will help lead future growth and development in the region.

The Advisory Authority is composed of seven mayors or designates; senior representatives of each of the seven participating municipalities; and seven senior directors or designates from five Government departments with a mandate in land use. The Advisory Authority is divided into two committees (teams): the Leadership and Technical Teams. An independent chair, leading both teams, was appointed in March 2009. A Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs representative sits on both teams.

1.1 Membership

Leadership Team

A Leadership Team facilitates the development of the regional plan for the Humber Valley Region for recommendation to Government and is comprised of the mayor or a councilor from each of the seven municipalities within the region:

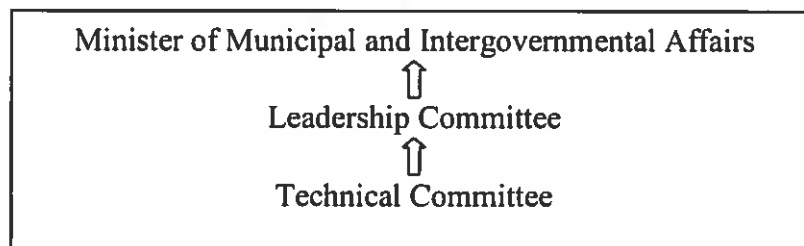
Mayor Peter Rowsell	Town of Steady Brook
Mayor Otto Goulding	Town of Pasadena
Councilor Elmo Bingle	Town of Deer Lake
Mayor Melvin Rideout	Town of Cormack
Mayor Roger Barrett	Town of Reidville
Councilor Mary Ann Murphy.....	City of Corner Brook
Mayor Gordon Davis	Town of Massey Drive
Corrie Davis	MIGA Representative

Technical Team

A Technical Team composed of a town office representative or designate from each of the seven municipalities and a senior representative or designate from each of the five Government departments:

Technical Team	
Municipality Represented	Name of Representative
Corner Brook	Paul Barnable
Cormack	Tracey Hewitt
Deer Lake	Maxine Hayden
Massey Drive	Rodger Hunt
Reidville	Tracey Hewitt
Steady Brook	Candace Austin
Pasadena	Brian Hudson
Provincial Government Department	
Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development	Paul Taylor
Environment & Conservation: Water Resources	Christa Ramsay
Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs	
Land Use Planning	Corrie Davis
Crown Lands	Jonathan Grandy
Fisheries and Aquaculture:	
Forestry	Bert Frampton
Agrifoods	Jennifer Eustace
Service Newfoundland and Labrador	Butch Vardy

The following diagram provides information on the hierarchy of advising responsibility with respect to the operation of the two teams of the Advisory Authority and the path of recommendations with respect to the regional plan:



In accordance with Section 9 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, the Minister has the ultimate authority over the regional plan.

1.2 Budget and Expenditures

Prior to commencing the project, the Province and municipalities agreed to share the estimated \$400,000 total cost of developing the regional plan: 80% Provincial Government and 20% to be shared according to 2006 population statistics for the seven municipalities in the Humber Valley. The Town of Pasadena managed the finances on behalf of the project partners up until September 2013, at which time they were transferred to the Western Regional Service Board as both boards share a chair and are co-located.

The Advisory Authority does not participate in revenue generating activities and does not submit audited financial statements. The Board began the fiscal year (2014-15) with a balance of \$12,062.23 and ended the year with a balance of \$8,967.99. Expenses incurred include meeting expenses and chair compensation expenses in accordance with Provincial Government policies.

1.3 Contact Information

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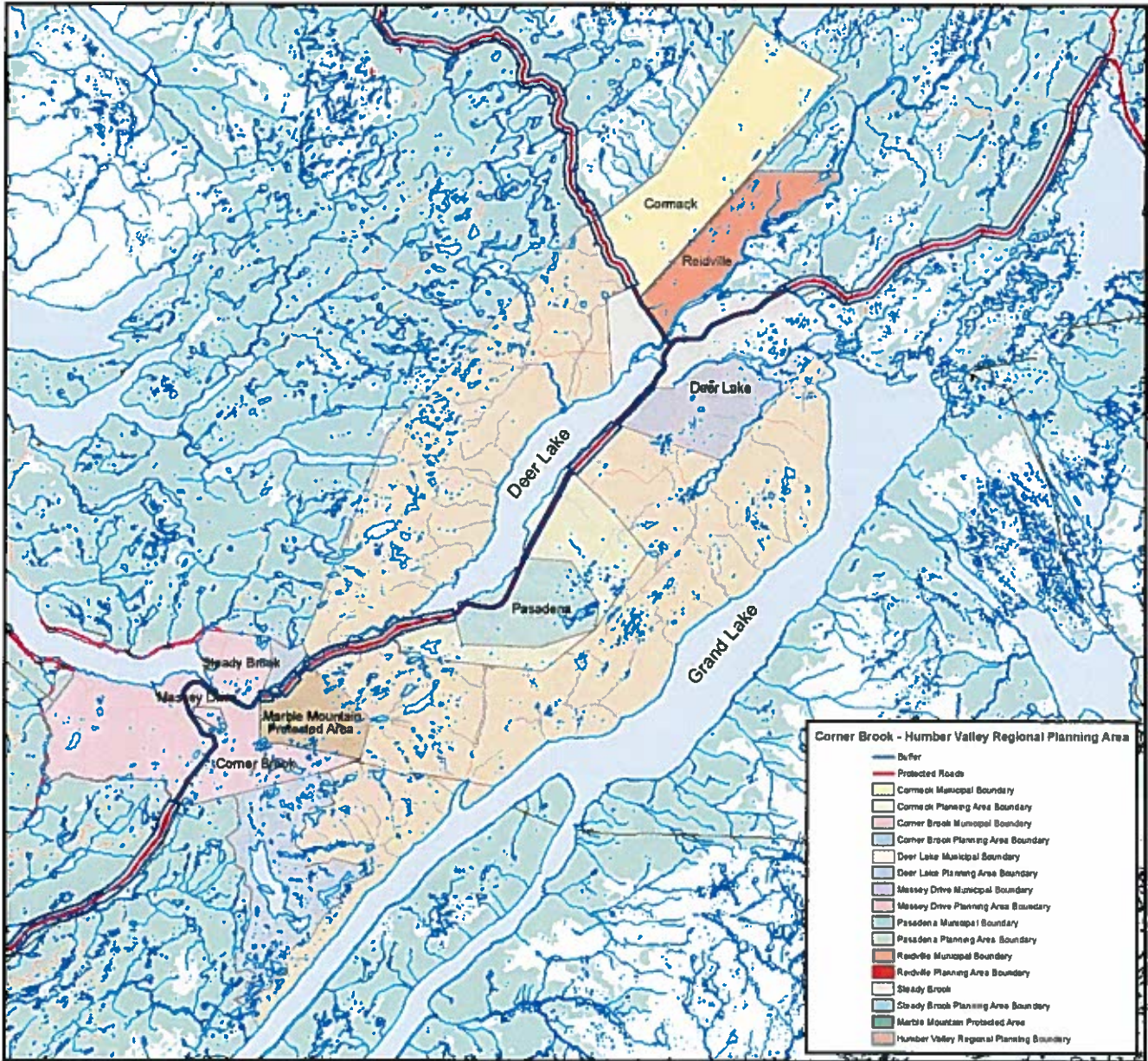
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Map of the Humber Valley Regional Planning Area



1.4 Mandate

The mandate for the Advisory Authority is as follows:

- to oversee the preparation of a regional plan for the Humber Valley Regional Planning Area for Government's consideration.

The Advisory Authority derives its mandate from Section 9 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*:

9. (1) *Where a regional authority for a regional planning area is the minister,*
- (a) the preparation of a regional plan for that area shall include a procedure for consultation with the municipalities and other appropriate persons and organizations in the regional planning area; and,*
 - (b) he or she may appoint persons to oversee the consultation procedure and development of the regional plan.*
- (2) *Persons appointed under paragraph (1)(b) shall include representatives from each municipality and other persons and organizations that the minister considers appropriate from the regional planning area.*

To view the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000* in its entirety, please visit

<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/sr/statutes/u08.htm>

1.5 Vision

The vision of the Advisory Authority is that communities in the Humber Valley region maintain viable, sustainable municipal services led by strong local governments.

2.0 Report on Performance

Issue: Regional Land Use Plan

The development of a regional land use plan for the Humber Valley region supports the Department's strategic direction to "strengthened municipal capacity." The Advisory Authority's efforts in developing a regional land use plan for recommendation to the Minister will contribute to the "community partnership" and "regional cooperation" components of this strategic direction.

The Advisory Authority drafted and submitted to Government (June 2014) a regional land use plan for the Humber Valley region. Government reviewed this draft and, in November 2014, provided feedback to the Advisory Authority. The Advisory Authority engaged a Consultant, CBCL Limited, to review Government's feedback and to direct changes to the draft plan.

The Consultant will be submitting the final Land Use Plan for the Humber Valley Region in the 2015-16 fiscal year at which time the Humber Valley Regional Planning Advisory Authority Leadership Committee will be dissolved. The Leadership Committee will complete and Annual Report in 2015/16.

The Advisory Authority is reporting on the 2014-15 fiscal year Objective, Measure and Indicators as stated in the Activity Plan 2014-17.

Objective: By March 31, 2015, the Advisory Authority will have submitted a revised draft Regional Land Use Plan for the Humber Valley region to the Minister.

Measure: Submitted a revised draft Regional Land Use Plan.

Indicators:

- **Reviewed Government's recommendations regarding the draft plan.**

This commitment was met: Prior to fiscal 2014/15 the Advisory Authority drafted a Humber Valley Regional Plan. This Plan was reviewed by Government and recommendations were provided to the Advisory Authority. In 2014, the Advisory Authority reviewed Government's recommendations, adjusted the Plan and resubmitted to Government in June 2014.

- **Engaged consultant regarding recommended changes to the draft plan.**

This commitment was met: In November 2014, Government provided feedback on the Advisory Authority's June 2014 draft plan. The Advisory Authority engaged their Consultant, CBCL Limited, to review Government's feedback and to direct changes to the draft plan.

- **Submitted revised draft plan to the Minister for consideration.**

This commitment was not met as the time estimated to engage the consultant and for the consultant to complete revisions were underestimated.

The Advisory Authority engaged their Consultant, CBCL Limited, to review Government's feedback and to direct changes to the draft plan. The Consultants revisions were nearing completion by the end of fiscal 2014/15. The Plan will be submitted in early 2015/16.

Objective: By March 31, 2016, the Advisory Authority will have submitted a revised Regional Land Use Plan for the Humber Valley region to the Minister.

Measure: Submitted a revised Regional Land Use Plan.

Indicators: Regional Land Use Plan submitted to the Minister

3.0 Opportunities and Challenges

3.1 Opportunities

The Humber Valley is the regional centre for commercial, industrial and government services for the western part of the Island of Newfoundland. It is an area that has experienced significant growth in the past decade and this growth is expected to continue. Much of the growth has occurred outside areas of municipal jurisdiction within the region and consistency in land use and development policies will enhance the region's ability to transition during times of population change.

Economic opportunities in other areas of the province such as mining, oil development, and tourism, both rely on and benefit the Humber Valley Region. Consistency in land use and development policies will reduce regulatory requirements for businesses wishing to set up or expand across municipal borders, thereby encouraging continued economic development for all community partners.

3.2 Challenges

While the Humber Valley has a history of cooperative service sharing arrangements, the Advisory Authority remains cognizant of each resident's attachment to place and community. To ensure that the Plan, where possible, reflects residents' future vision the Advisory Authority consulted with many stakeholders in the development of the regional plan.