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Honourable Ministers Clyde Jackson and
Darin King - Ladies and Gentlemen.
My name is Everett Farwell a
Municipal Councillor with the Town of
Bain - elected in 2023.

I am pleased to appear before you
today during this pre-budget Consultation
and thank you for the opportunity.

I am currently chairperson of the
Bain Peninsula Joint Council.

The Executive of our Joint Council
are as follows:

- 1/ Jill Mulrooney Mayor of Rushoon
- 2/ Harold Kenway Mayor of Bain Harbour
- 3/ Harold Murphy Mayor of Parkers Cove
- 4/ Mr. Clyde Hooper chairperson of the
Rock Harbour Local Service District.
- 5/ Sam Synard Mayor of Marystown
- 6/ Everett Farwell Councillor Town of Bain.
- 7/ Elroy Grandy Deputy Mayor^{Town} of Gerdaish
- 8/ Richard Gitis Councillor Town of
Grand Bank.
- 9/ Charles Penwell Mayor^{Town} of Tortane
- 10/ John Strong Mayor^{Town} of Larna
- 11/ Paul Pike Mayor^{Town} of St-Lawrence

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It was in 2009 when a number of those forward thinking, dedicated Bwin Peninsula Municipal Leaders recognized the need for increased Regional Co-operation and dialogue.

I'm very pleased and honoured to say that in November of 2014 we held our 3rd annual General Meeting also known as AGM.

"We are a Region onto our own. a very important and necessary reason why we should all work together and support each other whenever, wherever possible with as Collective a voice as possible."

"The BPTC is a ^{Regional} ~~Region~~ Organization whose main aim and objective is to seek solutions to Regional Concerns"

At the present time the Bwin Peninsula Joint Council is working on a number of Regional Concerns; including

✓ The potential for improved Public Services at the Government Services Center in Marystown including the ability for the Center to produce Drivers Licences, vehicle Registration, stickers and licence Plates, Birth Certificates and →

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- Full time Provincial Inspectors at the Center due to the large number of Electrical/Mechanical Contractors serving the Buri Peninsula.
- 2/ Emergency Preparedness; in particular:
 - 1/ The need for more fuel to be stockpiled on the Buri Peninsula
 - 2/ A back-up electrical Power Supply at our Gas Stations
 - 3/ 24/7 Snow Removal Operations on Route 210 (The Buri Peninsula Highway) and other locations when necessary to do so.
 - 4/ Appropriate Snow Fencing in problem areas in our Region including along Route 210 - The Buri Peninsula Highway.
 - 5/ upgrades to Cell phone Coverage in our Region.

We are also:

Supporting efforts by the Buri Peninsula Stand Against Drugs Committee to see detox and treatment facilities introduced on the Buri Peninsula and a province wide Prescription Monitoring Policy.

" I'm cautiously optimistic that the Bunn Peninsula Joint Council is being recognized for its Regional structure and collective approach to issues affecting our Region.

" We support our Parent Organization ~~Municipalities~~ Newfoundland and Labrador's Lobby Efforts to see a new and Improved Fiscal Framework for Municipalities.

An ongoing Municipal concern is the present and future costs to provide reasonable, necessary services for our citizens, repair older Infrastructure and equipment and pay for new without having to drastically increase Municipal Taxes.

" We are very concerned that our current sources of funding will not sustain our Municipalities in the future "

Examples of those concerns include:

(A) Extreme shifts in Weather patterns. be it longer periods of drought, floods, more ice and snow for longer periods of time.

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- (B) The increased costs to provide safe drinking water due to aging infrastructure, new parts, repairs and new regulations.
- (C) We have residents who are not yet connected to a Municipal Sewer, Water system.
- (D) We have Municipalities who are responsible for far too many kms of Roads and associated infrastructure which for the most part are in various states of disrepair.
- (E) The Federal Government have recently introduced "New Federal Wasterwater Regulations" which has the potential to be very costly to Municipalities.

"I'll suggest today that our Municipality has the potential to be like a home-owner who can barely afford to pay the normal monthly expenses and can't afford to repair the home. Slowly over time that home's disrepair will become more and more obvious and more and more serious until the home crumbles."

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I'm concerned that there ~~could~~ ^{could} be ~~Municipalities~~ in the future who would simply "throw their hands in the air" — "throw in the towel" and say "enough is enough" "Let our Provincial Government take care of concerns that we can no longer take care of ourselves."

Thank You.