



Fire Protection Services Shared Service Delivery Success Stories

Three Islands Fire Department

In December 2015, the communities of Triton, Brighton, and Pilley's Island agreed to share fire protection services and merge their three separate fire departments into a single one.

With technical support and operational advice from Fire and Emergency Services- Newfoundland and Labrador (FES-NL), the new Three Islands Fire Department was created to ease the financial burden on participating municipalities of providing fire protection services.

Although the three communities had mutual aid agreements, each was paying the full cost of operating its own independent fire department. Today, the overall cost of fire protection services is shared among the three communities on a more affordable cost per-capita basis.

The Three Islands Fire Department maintains three separate stations, with appropriate firefighting vehicles and equipment strategically housed in each community. It has even secured funding for new equipment that will serve all three communities, eliminating the cost of duplicating resources in each. Firefighter training standards have been improved and all members have demonstrated their ability to respond to a variety of fire and emergency calls in an efficient manner.

The department is led by a Fire Chief and two Deputy Chiefs, ensuring the interests of all three communities are represented. For Triton, Brighton, and Pilley's Island, sharing of fire protection services has proven to be a valuable decision by the municipalities.

Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board

In 2009, the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board assumed responsibility for the provision of fire protection services for the region, covering all communities from Anchor Point to Eddie's Cove.

The example set by the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board demonstrates the importance of working together to share services in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

Doug Mills, then Chair of the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board, said his organization is pleased to be a leader in regionalization and puts the region in a better position to serve residents.

Fire Chief Hank Diamond said, under the umbrella of the Northern Peninsula Regional Service Board, the fire department continues to make many accomplishments for the residents of the Straits and surrounding areas, and will be as effective and efficient as any other in the province.

Port au Port Regional Fire Department

In 2014, the municipalities of Port au Port West-Aguathuna-Felix Cove and Port au Port East formalized an agreement to share fire protection services in their region, including the neighbouring communities of Fox Island River-Point au Mal, Boswarlos and Campbell's Creek.

The Port au Port Regional Fire Department has one Fire Chief and one Deputy Chief. The department is governed by both councils, each of which appoint a Regional Fire Department Liaison as a point of contact for their respective council.

Both councils contribute equally to the fire department's budget while neighbouring communities are charged a fee for service. All funds collected contribute to the annual operation and long-term stability of the department.

Eileen Hann, Mayor of Port au Port East, said she was delighted when the regional fire department was established and considers it essential that communities in the region continue working together to ensure the safety and security of residents.