



# Message from the CHAIR



In accordance with the Transparency and Accountability Act, I am pleased to present the 2009-10 Annual Report for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. The Annual Report provides an overview of the Committee's structure, activities and accomplishments during this past fiscal year. The report was prepared under my direction and I, along with my fellow committee members, am accountable for the results contained herein.

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is a volunteer committee of key stakeholders representing businesses and consumers in all regions of Labrador. As part of its mandate, the Committee provides a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policy, programs and services for all matters relating to transportation in Labrador. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to this mandate and express our enthusiasm in working together to strengthen transportation in Labrador.

This past year has witnessed monumental change for transportation to, from and within Labrador. With the opening of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway and the year-round ferry service pilot project on the Straits of Belle Isle, residents can now travel seamlessly from Labrador West through Southern Labrador and on to the island portion of the province. These accomplishments will change the face of transportation in Labrador for future generations. It has been a privilege to have the Committee's advice and support throughout the life of the projects.

As Chair of the Committee, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank members, both past and present, for their invaluable input and commitment to the success of the Committee. I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee as we move forward with new endeavors to further improve transportation in the coming years.

Sincerely,

THOMAS J. HEDDERSON, MHA Minister of Transportation and Works Chair, Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation

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## **Overview**

On February 27, 2006, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the formation of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This voluntary committee consists of key stakeholders representing economic zones, businesses and consumers across Labrador.

#### **MANDATE**

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is a volunteer committee of key stakeholders whose mandate is:

- 1. To provide a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policy, programs and services, both existing and proposed, for transportation matters in Labrador.
- 2. To develop a common understanding of the transportation needs of people and businesses throughout Labrador.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Advisory Committee consists of up to ten members and must insure representation from across Labrador. Committee members are appointed for a two-year term, renewable at the Minister's discretion, and usually meet twice per year or when deemed necessary by the Minister.

The 2009-10 Committee members were as follows:

- Tony Anderson, Nain
- Carol Burden, Port Hope Simpson
- Wade Dyson, Cartwright
- Jim Farrell, Wabush
- Rick Lewis, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Enid McNeil, Makkovik
- Myles O'Brien, L'Anse Au Loup
- Keith Watts, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

The Committee would like to thank outgoing Committee member Enid McNeil for all her hard work and dedication over the past few years.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Through its annual budget, the Department of Transportation and Works covers all costs associated with committee meetings as well as the travel costs incurred by members in attendance.



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#### **VISION AND MISSION**

Given the mandate of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, the Committee has reviewed the Vision and Mission of the Department of Transportation and Works and has adopted them where they relate to transportation in Labrador.

#### **VISION**

The vision of the Department of Transportation and Works is of a sustainable public works and transportation infrastructure that meets the economic and social needs of the province.

#### **MISSION**

Transportation and Works will have improved the transportation and public works infrastructure and services to meet the economic and social requirements of Newfoundland and Labrador by 2011.

By conveying the transportation needs of Labradorians, the Committee serves as a sounding board to assist Government in improving transportation services to meet the future economic and social requirements of the Province. Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works 2008-2011 Strategic Plan.



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## **Performance**

The Minister's Advisory Committee exists exclusively as an advisory body to Government and therefore has not developed goals but rather a single objective that will be reported on annually throughout the duration of its 2008-11 Activity Plan.

The Committee serves as a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policies, programs and services. Through open and candid discussions, the Committee serves as a tool for greater informed decision-making regarding transportation in Labrador.

### **OBJECTIVE**

By March 31, 2011, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister, as requested, pertaining to transportation in Labrador. Measure:
Advice to the Minister

Indicators:
Number of meetings held
Provision of advice when requested

#### **2009-10 RESULTS**

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation met on February 22, 2010 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Committee discussed a wide range of key transportation issues including the progression of the Trans Labrador Highway and the construction of highway depots. The committee also discussed several marine related issues including scheduling, freight and the new pilot project on the Straits that will provide Labrador with year-round ferry service. Through the provision of advice to the Minister of Transportation and Works, committee members represented the businesses and residents of their respective regions and helped increase the Provincial Government's ability to align polices, programs and services with the transportation needs of Labradorians.

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