

**Order of Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Activity Report 2014 - 2015**

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As chair of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council, I am pleased to present the 2014-15 Activity Report. The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is established under the *Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act* and its membership is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council

This plan covers the activity of the Advisory Council from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. My signature is on behalf of the Advisory Council and is indicative of our accountability for actual results reported herein.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Mullaley".

**JULIA MULLALEY**  
Chair

## OVERVIEW

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador is the highest honour of the province. The object of the Order is to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour benefiting in an outstanding manner Newfoundland and Labrador and its residents. The first investiture took place in 2004.

Any Canadian citizen who is a present or former long-term resident of Newfoundland and Labrador is eligible for nomination to the Order. The only exceptions are public officials, such as judges, members of the Senate, House of Commons, House of Assembly or legislative assembly of a province, and members of municipal, town, regional councils or local service district committees. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. Organizations, groups, or couples may not be nominated; the Order is for individuals only.

An individual who is not a Canadian citizen or current or former long-term resident of the province, but who has demonstrated excellence in their field of endeavour, and who has benefited the province and its residents in an outstanding manner, may be nominated as an honorary member.

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council each for a term of 3 years as per section 12 of the *Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act*. The Council is to be composed of the Clerk of the Executive Council who is a member by virtue of his or her office; 2 individuals who are members of the Order; and not more than 4 individuals appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Current membership is comprised of:

The Clerk of the Executive Council (by virtue of his/her office)

- Ms. Katherine Baikie-Pottle
- Ms. Virginia Halley
- Captain Sidney Hynes
- Ms. Colleen Kennedy
- Mr. Jim Lynch
- Mr. Albert Evans

The Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council is appointed as secretary to the Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council meets at least once per year pursuant to section 13 of the *Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act* or more frequently as required.

## **MANDATE**

The Advisory Council receives its mandate from section 10 of the *Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act*. Specifically, it is mandated to consider nominations received, and shall recommend to the Chancellor the names of not more than 8 individuals in each year who in the opinion of the council are worthy of receiving the Order. Pursuant to section 8(2) of the Act, the Council may also recommend an honorary member to the Chancellor for induction into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **VISION**

The Advisory Council's vision is recognition of persons who have demonstrated excellence in his or her field of endeavour, and whose endeavours have benefited in an outstanding manner the province and its residents.

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council has a very specific mandate to accept and consider nominations of persons eligible for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador and make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Order, the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador. As such, the Advisory Council has not developed a mission or goals. The Advisory Council will report annually upon its activity toward the objective detailed below.

## **OBJECTIVE**

By March 31, 2015, the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council will have made recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador (as Chancellor) regarding the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **MEASURE**

Recommendations are made to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador

## **INDICATORS**

- Meetings held as required
- Considered nominations made for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Provided appropriate recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

## **ACTIVITIES**

- In January 2015 new selection committee members were appointed for a period of 3 years.
- The new selection committee met via conference call in March 2015.
- The March 2015 meeting provided opportunity for a review of the role of the committee; to plan for further meetings into 2015, and to begin the process of reviewing the nominations.