

2025-2026

Annual Report

Newfoundland
and Labrador
Bravery Award

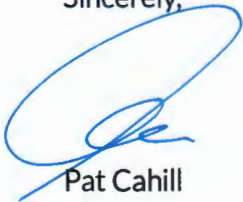


MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award Review Panel is established under the **Bravery Award Act** and its membership is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. This report covers the activity of the Review Panel from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award Panel is a Category 3 entity for planning and reporting purposes under the **Transparency and Accountability Act**.

My signature is on behalf of the Review Panel and is indicative of our accountability for actual results reported herein.

Sincerely,



Pat Cahill

RCMP Commanding Officer and Chair of the Bravery Award Review Panel

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Overview

The Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award is an important component of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's honours system. It was formed through the **Bravery Award Act** for the purpose of recognizing citizens of the province whose life and safety have been risked while giving assistance to another person.

Any resident of Newfoundland and Labrador is eligible to be nominated for a Bravery Award. Incidents for which individuals have been nominated for the Bravery Award include, as examples, rendering assistance to an individual in danger of drowning or perishing in a fire.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award Review Panel is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council as per subsection 4(1) of the **Bravery Award Act**. The current membership comprises:

- the Chief of Police, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
- the Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and
- the Fire Commissioner.

The Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council serves as Secretary to the Review Panel. The Review Panel convenes as necessary to fulfill its mandate.

Report on Performance

As the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award Review Panel has a narrow and consistent mandate year over year, it reports on the same objective and indicators for each year of the planning period.

Section 3 of the **Bravery Award Act** states:

“The government of the province may present an award to a citizen of the province whose life and safety have been risked while giving assistance to another person.”

Pursuant to the **Bravery Award Act**, the presentation of the Bravery Award is determined by the documented acts of bravery and the nominations submitted for consideration.

Objective

By March 31, 2026, the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award Review Panel, where appropriate, will have made recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council regarding recipients of the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award.

Indicator	Result
Meetings held as required	Required meeting took place on December 15, 2026.
Considered nominations made for the Newfoundland and Labrador Bravery Award	Eight nominations were reviewed, including two nominations which were deferred to a later date.
Provided, where appropriate, recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council	Six recommendations were made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Financial Information

No expenses were incurred during 2025-26. Expenses associated with awards and certificates (including framing of certificates) for recipients will be incurred 2026-27.

