



**Minister's Advisory Committee
on Labrador Transportation**

**2011-2014
ACTIVITY PLAN**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



In accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, it is my pleasure to present the 2011-2014 Activity Plan for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This Plan was prepared under my direction and I, along with my fellow committee members, am accountable for achieving the objective contained herein.

The Minister's Advisory Committee consists of volunteers representing key stakeholders from all across Labrador. Formed in 2006, the Committee provides a forum for Labradorians to share their views on transportation policies, programs and services.

Over the past four years, the committee has had the opportunity to provide invaluable input on numerous endeavours, including the completion of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway and winter ferry service pilot project across the Strait of Belle Isle. Input from the Committee on these initiatives provided Labradorians with a strong voice in shaping Labrador's future.

The Committee's 2011-2014 Activity Plan was developed in keeping with the strategic directions of government, specifically those relevant to the Department of Transportation of Works. While the Committee is not directly accountable to fulfill these commitments, it does play a supportive role in guiding transportation policy from the point of view of Labradorians.

Over the next three years, the Minister's Advisory Committee will continue to serve as a sounding board for strategic issues pertaining to transportation in Labrador. Given the Committee's mandate, the Committee has adopted the Values and Vision of the Department of Transportation and Works, as well as its Mission where it relates to Labrador.

As Chair of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank members, both past and present, for their support 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hedderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Tom 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 committee consists of key stakeholders representing the needs of people and businesses across Labrador. The committee provides a two-way forum to share views on policy, programs and services, as well as, represents a common understanding of the transportation needs of people and businesses throughout Labrador.

Chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Advisory Committee consists of up to ten members and must ensure 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 2011-12 Committee members are as follows:

- Carol Burden, Port Hope Simpson
- Jim Farrell, Wabush
- Sylvia Shea, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- First Minister Darryl Shiwak, Nain
- Carol Gear, Makkovik
- Myles O'Brien, L'Anse Au Loup
- Keith Watts, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

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.

VALUES

The Minister's Advisory Committee is instrumental in advising the Provincial Government as it moves forward to address the challenges and demands related to transportation in Labrador. This Committee is chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, and as such, has adopted the values of the Department, where applicable.

The values of the Department of Transportation and Works are as follows:

Accountability

Each person accepts responsibility for their own actions as well as those of the team and follows through on requests and commitments.

Communication

Each person takes initiative to share information with co-workers in support of the Department's mandate in a timely manner, ensures that appropriate information is recorded using the Department's information management tools and supports the sharing of timely and relevant information with public audiences.

Dedication

Each person completes all tasks efficiently and effectively, willingly supports others to fulfil their role, honours their hours of work and avails of learning opportunities.

Leadership

Each person shows initiative and is a positive influence for others, motivating others to perform to their maximum potential.

Respect

Each person promotes a respectful work environment that values mutual respect, fairness and equality.

Safety

Each person has the right to safety and shares responsibility for maintaining a safe, healthy and risk free environment for themselves, other employees and the general public.

Teamwork

Each person interacts with their peers to share information freely with co-workers and works with others to fulfil the responsibilities of the organization.

PRIMARY CLIENT

The primary client of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is the Minister of Transportation and Works.

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 adopted them where they relate to transportation in Labrador.

VISION

The vision of the Department of Transportation and Works is of a safe, reliable and sustainable transportation and public works infrastructure that supports the social and economic needs of the Province.

MISSION

The Department of Transportation and Works will have provided, managed and maintained a safe, reliable and environmentally sound transportation and public works infrastructure by 2017.

The mission statement identifies the priority focus of the Minister of the Department of Transportation and Works and covers two planning cycles. By conveying the transportation needs of Labradorians, the Committee assists Government in improving and aligning transportation services to meet the future economic and social needs of the Province. Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works' 2011-2014 Strategic Plan.

ACTIVITIES

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 2011-14 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 represents a common understanding of transportation needs and serves as a tool for greater informed decision-making regarding transportation in Labrador.

OBJECTIVE

By March 31, 2014, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Measure: Advice to Minister

Indicators: Number of meetings held
Provision of advice when requested

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Over the past three years, Labrador has witnessed significant achievements that have altered transportation in Labrador for future generations. The opening of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway signifies a seamless route from Labrador West to Southern Labrador. Moreover, the winter pilot project has provided year-round ferry services across the Straits of Belle Isle, extending this road network on to the island portion of the province. The input from committee members on these and other transportation initiatives play a key role in the success of the Minister's Advisory Committee in achieving its mandate.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to fulfilling our mandate for the betterment of transportation polices and infrastructure in Labrador.