

2025-2026

Annual Report

Order of
Newfoundland
and Labrador



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As Chair of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council, I am pleased to present the 2025-26 Annual Report. The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is established under the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act** and is a category 3 entity for planning and reporting purposes under the **Transparency and Accountability Act**.

This report details the activities of the Advisory Council from April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. My signature is on behalf of the Advisory Council and is indicative of our accountability for the results reported herein.

Sincerely,



Karen Stone, KC
Clerk of the Executive Council
and Chair of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council

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Overview

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador represents the most prestigious recognition awarded by the Province. The purpose of the Order is to acknowledge individuals who have exhibited excellence and accomplishment in any area contributing significantly to the benefit of Newfoundland and Labrador and its citizens. The inaugural investiture was held in 2004.

Any Canadian citizen who is a current or former long-term resident of Newfoundland and Labrador is eligible for nomination to the Order. The following individuals are not eligible to receive the Order: a member of the Legislative Assembly of a province, including the House of Assembly; a member of the Senate or House of Commons; a member of a municipal council or local service district committee; a member of an assembly or a local government established under a land claims agreement; a member of a band council established in accordance with the **Indian Act (Canada)**; and a judge of a court. Only individuals are eligible for nomination; organizations, groups, and couples are excluded. The Order is not normally bestowed posthumously.

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 established in accordance with section 12 of the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act** and its membership includes the following:

- By virtue of position:
 - The Clerk of the Executive Council (Chair);
 - The Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador;

- or, where unable to serve on the council for any reason, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- The Speaker of the House of Assembly;
- The Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland; and
- By appointment by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:
 - Two individuals who are members of the Order for a three-year term; and
 - Not more than two other individuals for a three-year term.

As of March 31, 2026, the members of the Advisory Council were as follows:

- Karen Stone KC (Clerk of the Executive Council)
- The Honourable Raymond P. Whelan (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court)
- The Honourable Paul Lane (Speaker of the House of Assembly)
- Earl Ludlow, O.N.L. (Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland)
- Jim Burton, O.N.L.
- Sterling Peyton, O.N.L.
- Lori Anne Companion
- William Mahoney, O.N.L.

The Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council acts as the 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.

Report on Performance

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 is reporting on progress toward achievement of the objective below.

Objective

By March 31, 2026, 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.

Indicator	Result
Meetings held as required	A meeting of the Advisory Council was held on June 24, 2025.
Considered nominations made for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador	The Advisory Council considered 73 nominations.
Provided appropriate recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador	A ceremony was held at Government House on January 27, 2026, to invest eight individuals: • Elaine Kirkland Huxter (Steady Brook) – Volunteerism • Dr. John Mannion (St. John's) – Cultural • Maura Mannion (St. John's) – Cultural • Major (Retired) Michael James Pretty, CD (Portugal Cove- St. Philip's) – History Preservation • Philip Pratt (St. John's) – Cultural • Mary M. Reid (Portugal Cove- St. Philip's) – Humanitarian Activities • Margaret Tibbo (St. John's) – Sports/Recreation/Fitness • Mary Winters (Happy Valley- Goose Bay) – Sports/Recreation/Fitness

Financial Information

Travel	\$4,796.13
Framing	\$1,274.70
Audio-Visual	\$685.96
Music	\$1,200.00
Purchase of Insignia	-
Interpreters	\$280.00
Mini Medals and Pins	\$3,690.53
Total	\$11,297.31

