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The 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 entity's 2023-24 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, the first for the 2023-2026 planning period, covers the period starting April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024. My signature on behalf of the Advisory Council is indicative of our accountability for the results reported herein.



Krista Quinlan  
Clerk of the Executive Council

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## Overview

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador is the highest honour in the province. The Order is bestowed 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.

Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of Newfoundland and Labrador are eligible to be nominated for the Order. However, the following are ineligible 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, town or regional 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. 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 benefited the province and its residents in an outstanding manner, may be nominated as an honorary member.

The insignia of the Order is in the shape of a stylized pitcher plant (*sarracenia purpurea* Linnaeus), which was declared Newfoundland and Labrador's floral emblem in 1954. The petals are crafted with the provincial mineral, Labradorite. The pitcher plant is found primarily in bogs and marshland throughout the province. It has a large wine-red flower with a red and gold centre, and hollow pitcher-shaped leaves are attached to the base of the stem.

The insignia of the Order has at its centre the Arms of the Province, granted by King Charles I, in January 1638. The Arms incorporate some of the most ancient heraldic symbols, the unicorn representing Scotland and the lion representing England.

The gold elements of the medal represent the excellence of achievement that the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes. The Crown is taken from the official standard of the Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Chancellor of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. It symbolizes honour and merit and recalls Newfoundland and Labrador's place as a province of Canada, a constitutional monarchy, and as part of the Commonwealth.

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 is as follows:

- By virtue of position:
  - The Clerk of the Executive Council (Chair),
  - The Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador,
  - The Speaker of the House of Assembly, and
  - 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, 2024, the members of the Advisory Council were as follows:

- Krista Quinlan (Clerk of the Executive Council)
- The Honourable Deborah Fry (Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador)
- The Honourable Derek Bennett (Speaker of the House of Assembly)
- Earl Ludlow, O.N.L. (Chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland)
- Jim Burton, O.N.L. (Member of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador)
- Sterling Peyton, O.N.L. (Member of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador)
- William Mahoney, O.N.L. (General Member)
- Lori Anne Companion (General Member)

Pursuant to section 5 of the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act**, the Honourable Joan Marie Aylward, as Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, is both a member of the Order and the Chancellor of the Order.

The Advisory Council meets at least once a year, in accordance with section 13 of the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act**, or more frequently as required. The Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council acts as the secretary to the Advisory Council.

## Report on Performance

The sole mandate of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is to accept and consider nominations of persons eligible for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, and to make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Order. The Advisory Council is reporting on progress toward achievement of the following objective:

### OBJECTIVE

By March 31, 2024, 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	Meeting held on June 20, 2023
Considered nominations made for the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador	Consideration of 47 nominations
Provided appropriate recommendations to the Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador	Ceremony held at Government House on October 4, 2023, to invest seven individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David A. Elms (Corner Brook): Volunteerism</li> <li>• Noreen Golfman (St. John's): Culture</li> <li>• Dr. Kevin Melvin (St. John's): Health Care</li> <li>• Rick Mercer, O.C. (St. John's): Communications</li> <li>• Dr. Patrick Parfrey, O.C. (St. John's): Health Care</li> <li>• Jean Claude Roy (Portugal Cove-St. Philips): Art/Literature</li> <li>• Andrus Voitk (Humber Village): Environment and Conservation</li> </ul>

## Financial Information

Travel	\$7,563.47
Framing	\$1,011.01
Audio-Visual	\$710.23
Music	\$1,200.00
Purchase of Insignia	\$18,900.00
Interpreters	\$270.00
Administrative	\$484.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,139.02</b>

