

# 2020-2021 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 2020-21 Activity Report. The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Advisory Council is established under the **Order of Newfoundland and Labrador Act**.

This plan covers the activity of the Advisory Council from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. My signature is on behalf of the Advisory Council and is indicative of our accountability for actual results reported herein.



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Clerk of the Executive Council



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## Departmental 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 endeavor, benefiting in an outstanding manner, Newfoundland and Labrador and its residents. The first investiture took place 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 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 endeavor, and who has benefited the Province and its residents in an outstanding manner, may be nominated as an honorary member.

On March 12, 2018, Royal Assent was given to legislative changes which state:

- 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 his/her position:

- The Clerk of the Executive Council (Chair)
- The Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador
- The Chancellor of Memorial University
- The Speaker of the House of Assembly

In addition,

- Two individuals who are members of the Order who are appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, each for a term of three years,

and,

- Not more than two individuals appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, chosen from a list of recommended candidates through the Public Service Commission, each for a term of three years.

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.

## 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 to recommend to the Chancellor, not more than eight 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.



## 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 has not developed goals. The Advisory Council is reporting on progress toward achievement of the objective detailed below.

### OBJECTIVE

By March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 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.

### 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.

In December 2020, the Advisory Council met to discuss the process of receiving and reviewing nominations received.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the date for the Advisory Council Members to meet to review, and discuss 88 nominations, and to make recommendations to the Lieutenant Governor for selected nominees to be inducted into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador was deferred.

The Advisory Council will report on the same objective and indicators in 2021-22.

**EXPENSES INCURRED FOR 2019-2020**

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While the Office of Protocol, which oversees the Order, would normally incur expenses for travel expenses, framing, engraving, audio/visual, music, interpreters, purchase of Insignia, purchase of miniature medals, lapel pins, medal repair and administration, no expenses were incurred as no selections were made by the Advisory Council in 2020-21.



