



**St. Johns Land Development Advisory Authority**

**Activity Plan**

**Fiscal Years 2023-26**



## Chairperson's Message

Honourable Derrick Bragg  
Minister of Fisheries Forestry & Agriculture  
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Dear Minister Bragg:

In accordance with the provisions of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** for category three public bodies, I am pleased to submit the 2023-2026 Activity Plan for the St. John's Land Development Advisory Authority (the Authority). This activity plan meets the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** and covers the period April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2026.

The strategic directions of Government related to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) have been considered in the creation of this plan. More specifically, the work undertaken in this plan will assist in reaching the target to increase Newfoundland and Labrador's food self-sufficiency.

My signature below is on behalf of the Authority and is indicative of its accountability for the preparation of this plan and the achievement of its stated objective.

Respectfully submitted,



**Jeremy Short**  
Chairperson

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# 1. Overview

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The St. John's Land Development Advisory Authority (the Authority) was created to review applications regarding development within the St. John's Urban Region Agricultural Development Area (ADA) as per **the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Area Regulations** (the Regulations) under the **Lands Act** (the Act).

There are approximately 12,152 hectares of land within the ADA that fall within seven municipalities on the North East Avalon: St. John's, Conception Bay South, Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove, Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's, Flatrock, Torbay and Pouch Cove.

Subsection 3(3) and 3(4) of the Regulations provides for the appointment of the Authority by the Minister of FFA (the Minister).

The number and timing of applications received will dictate the meeting schedule of the Authority, however the board typically meets six times per year.

The Authority is made up of at least five members, including a Chairperson and a Secretary. Members of the Authority are made up from various provincial government departments that have a role in land use planning. All members are regionally located within the North East Avalon with the exception of the Chairperson. Finally, appointments are made using a merit-based process; however, gender balance is considered during the appointment process and efforts are made to ensure the Authority is representative of the population it serves.

Currently, the Authority consists of the following members:

Position	Name	Organization	Region
Chairperson	Jeremy Short	FFA	Provincial
Secretary	Megan Nichols	FFA	Eastern
Member	John Del Rizzo	FFA	Eastern
Member	Teri Smith	FFA	Eastern
Technical Support	Karen Tucker	Digital Government and Service NL	Eastern
Technical Support	Land Use Planning Representative	Municipal and Provincial Affairs	Eastern

All members of the Authority are Government of Newfoundland and Labrador employees requiring no remuneration.

Audited financial statements are not required as the Authority is budgeted through FFA. There are no revenues, per diems, travel or other costs associated with the administration of the Authority.

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## **2. Mandate**

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The Authority has a mandate to:

- (a) Review applications to carry out development on land within the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Area;
- (b) Inform municipalities of decisions made;
- (c) Monitor activities within the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Area; and
- (d) Ensure awareness of the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Area and associated regulations.

## **3. Lines of Business**

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The Authority has not identified separate Lines of Business as this would be repetitive of its mandate.

## **4. Primary Clients**

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The clients of the Authority are individuals or organizations who apply through the municipal councils of the City of St. John's, Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips, Town of Pouch Cove, Town of Flatrock, Town of Torbay, Town of Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove and the Town of Conception Bay South to carry out development on land in the St. John's Urban Region ADA.

## **5. Vision**

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Through assessment of applications for development activities on land in the St. John's Urban Region ADA, the Authority contributes to the vision of FFA, that of sustainable renewable resources that are responsibly developed for the social, cultural, ecological

and economic well-being of the province.

## 6. Issue

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The Authority reviews applications for all proposed developments within the boundaries of the St. John's Urban Region ADA in accordance to the regulations. Applications are submitted to the local municipality and forwarded to the authority. All applications are given due consideration under the Regulations and are either approved or refused according to the level of agricultural impact. The decision is forwarded to the municipality who then notifies the applicant. In the case of a refusal by the Authority, the applicant may appeal in writing to the Board within 30 days after the applicant is notified by the municipality of the decision by the Authority.

As the focus of Authority will remain the same for the entire plan, the Authority will report on the same objective and indicators in all three years of the planning period.

### **Issue: Sustainable Agricultural Development in the St. Johns Urban Region ADA**

**Objective:** By March 31, 2024, the St. John's Land Development Advisory Authority will have worked to ensure development activities in the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Area are compliant with the Act and Regulations, thus supporting ongoing, sustainable agricultural development in the area.

### **Indicators:**

- Reviewed all applications and rendered decisions.
- Maintained records of decisions.
- Monitored development activities for compliance with Regulations.