



St. Johns Land Development Advisory Authority

Activity Plan

2026-2029



Chairperson's Message

Honourable Pleaman Forsey
Minister of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Dear Minister Forsey:

In accordance with the provisions of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** for category three public bodies, I am pleased to submit the 2026-2029 Activity Plan for the St. John's Land Development Advisory Authority. This activity plan meets the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** for a Category 3 entity and covers the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2029.

The strategic directions of the Provincial Government related to the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands have been considered in the creation of this activity plan. More specifically, the work undertaken in this plan will assist in reaching the Provincial Government's 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,



Coolene Coleman
Chairperson

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Overview

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 St. John's Urban Region ADA that fall within seven municipalities on the Northeast 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 the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands (FAL).

The number and timing of applications received will dictate the meeting schedule of the Authority, however, meetings are typically held virtually six times per year.

The Authority is comprised of at least five members, including a Chairperson and a Secretary. Members of the Authority represent various provincial government departments that have a role in land use planning. All members are regionally located within the Northeast Avalon with the exception of the Chairperson.

Currently, the Authority consists of the following members:

Position	Name	Government Department	Region
Chairperson	Coolene Coleman	Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	Provincial
Secretary	Colin Leslie	Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	Eastern
Member	Megan Nichols	Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	Eastern
Member	Jane White	Forestry, Agriculture and Lands	Eastern
Technical Support	Karen Tucker	Government Services	Eastern
Technical Support	Setare Vafaei	Municipal and Community 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 FAL. There are no revenues, per diems, travel or other costs associated with the administration of the Authority.

For further information, or to request a copy of this plan in an alternate format, please contact:

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Mandate

The Authority has a mandate to:

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

Vision

Through assessment of applications for development activities on land in the St. John's Urban Region ADA, the St. John's Urban Region Agriculture Development Advisory Authority contributes to the vision of FAL, that of sustainable renewable resources that are responsibly developed for the social, cultural, ecological and economic well-being of the province.

Primary Clients

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. Philip's, 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.

Issue

The Authority reviews applications for all proposed developments within the boundaries of the

St. John's Urban Region ADA in accordance with 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, the applicant may appeal in writing to the Authority 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 planning period, the Authority will report on the same objective in all three years.

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

Objective: By March 31 of each year, 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.