



# Solid Investments in Provincial Infrastructure

2004-05 – 2015-16

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# Introduction

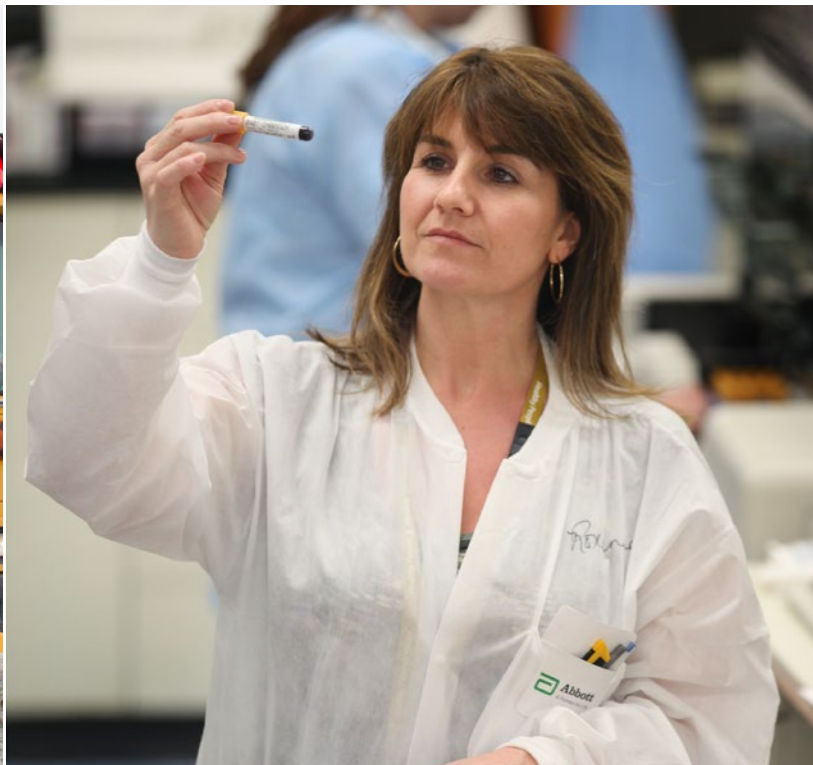


**T**he Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is focused on the province's long-term prosperity by encouraging job creation, strong communities, a strong economy and natural resource development that is of maximum benefit to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

That strong focus is clearly illustrated through over a decade of unprecedented investments in infrastructure. Nearly \$6 billion\* has been invested by this government since 2004 to enhance a wide variety of infrastructure throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Projects include new and renovated schools, new health care facilities, upgraded road infrastructure, new and enhanced municipal infrastructure and targeted aquaculture investments.

In addition, the Provincial Government has invested in other forms of infrastructure throughout the province, including Muskrat Falls, fire and emergency services equipment and technology initiatives.

High quality public infrastructure is necessary to not only ensure the best quality service continues to be delivered to the general public, but it also has a huge impact on economic growth. A sound transportation system (e.g. highways, bridges, ferries, airports) ensures the rapid and efficient movement of goods and services both to and from the province while the construction, repair and expansion of modern schools, hospitals, and other public buildings help ensure the highest quality standard of service for the general public.



Infrastructure investments support the necessary structures to advance opportunities for sustainable economic growth in a region or sector, and lead to long-term economic development in priority sectors. The province regularly invests in communities, businesses, and social enterprises to advance infrastructure projects, such as regional industrial parks, renovation and expansion of tourism attractions, and marina and port infrastructure.

This government's strategic and significant investments in infrastructure for more than a decade has contributed to the outstanding growth experienced in Newfoundland and Labrador. The province has experienced some of the strongest growth among provinces and led the country in GDP, employment and income growth in many years over this period.

In fact, these investments in infrastructure have generated nearly \$3.7 billion in GDP, \$2.7 billion in labour compensation and over 47,000 person years of employment in the province over the past 11 years. *One person-year represents 2,000 hours of work per year – the equivalent of someone working 40 hours a week for 50 weeks.*

This report outlines examples of the investments in infrastructure that have been made since 2004 and provides an overview of planned investment through Budget 2015 and beyond. The Provincial Government's commitment to economic diversification and growth through the provision of high quality infrastructure is clear – and will continue.

\*Includes actual spending from 2004-05 to 2013-14 and projections for 2014-15.

Note: Project costs identified throughout the document may include federal, municipal, and/or other contributions.

# Forestry and Agriculture



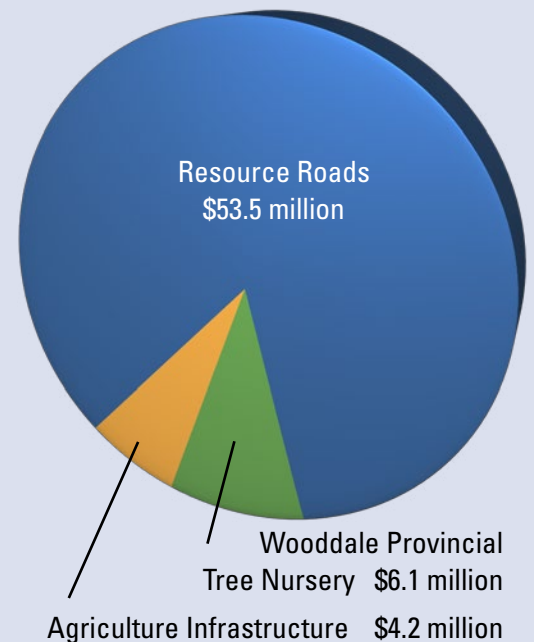
The forest industry **employs 5,500 people** directly and indirectly and is **valued at \$250 million annually**.

Infrastructure investments in forest access roads provide commercial harvesters with access to wood, which contributes to industry and business growth. Residents also benefit from these roads as they provide access to firewood, cabin areas and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The agriculture industry generates **direct and indirect employment for approximately 6,500 people**. Annual farm gate revenue totals upwards of \$150 million and the value of the agrifoods processing sector has reached **nearly \$500 million per year**. Infrastructure investments in agriculture assist a diverse and rapidly growing industry.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$63.8 million





# Project Highlights

## **Foreign Animal Disease Laboratory St. John's**

**Project cost: \$3.9 million**

The Foreign Animal Disease Laboratory Complex, which will officially open in spring 2015, will improve and expand the ability to monitor and control important animal diseases, such as avian influenza and rabies that can impact both the agriculture and agrifoods industry, as well as the general public.

## **Forest Access Roads**

**Province wide**

**Project costs: \$48.5 million**

Forest access roads provide access to forested areas for natural resource management, protection from forest fires, silviculture activities and commercial wood harvesting. The general public uses these roads for domestic wood cutting, hunting and recreational pursuits.

## **Nuclear Seed Potato Propagation Facility St. John's**

**Project cost: \$330,000**

This facility became fully operational in 2014 and is equipped with two wood pellet furnaces that provide heat and enable the production of seed potatoes outside the traditional growing season. Information gathered at the facility will help evaluate this type of heating system for application in other crop greenhouses.

## **Wooddale Provincial Tree Nursery Upgrades**

**Bishops Falls/Grand Falls-Windsor area**

**Project costs: \$6.1 million**

This tree nursery is part of a large-scale reforestation effort that targets areas affected by insect attacks, wind, moose browsing, forest fires and commercial harvesting. Seedlings produced at the nursery target the 15 per cent of cutovers which fail to regenerate adequately. To date, 290 million seedlings have been planted.

# Post-Secondary Education



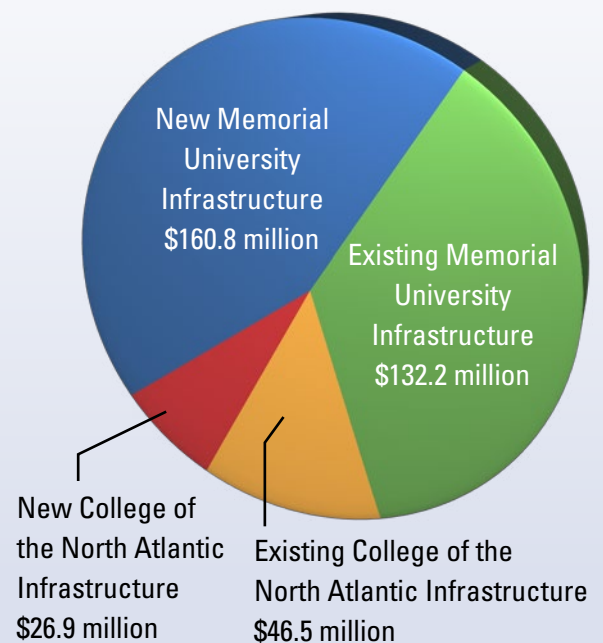
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes the value of post-secondary education for students, communities, and the economy of the province. Newfoundland and Labrador is a leader in the delivery of affordable and accessible post-secondary education and is a model for the rest of Canada.

Learning opportunities in this province have never been greater. Students have access to long-term and short-term program options, and are contributors and leaders in innovative research and technology projects. The success of post-secondary education is measured by the thousands of graduates, as well as the faculty and staff of these institutions, who through research and teaching activities contribute to the social and economic development of this province.

Investments in Newfoundland and Labrador's public post-secondary education institutions mean students have access to in-demand, relevant training in renovated and newly constructed state-of-the-art facilities. Through these investments, more students will choose to pursue post-secondary education in Newfoundland and Labrador and stay here, where their talents and skills will play a role in the province's future success.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$366.4 million





## Project Highlights

### **Core Science Facility**

**Memorial University, St. John's**

**Project cost: \$9 million spent to date**

The Core Science Facility is currently in the detailed design stage with \$9 million spent to date.



### **Arts and Science Extension**

**Grenfell Campus, Corner Brook**

**Project cost: \$27.1 million**

Opened in 2012 at a cost of \$27.1 million, this is a newly constructed extension to the Arts and Science building. The extension includes new teaching laboratories, a digital film lab, and an observatory with the largest astronomical telescope in Atlantic Canada.



### **College of the North Atlantic, Labrador West Campus**

**Labrador City**

**Project cost: \$21.7 million**

The Labrador West campus opened in 2011 at a cost of \$21.7 million. The facility offers an assortment of academic, trades, and business programs, as well as advanced apprenticeship training.



### **MacPherson College, Residence**

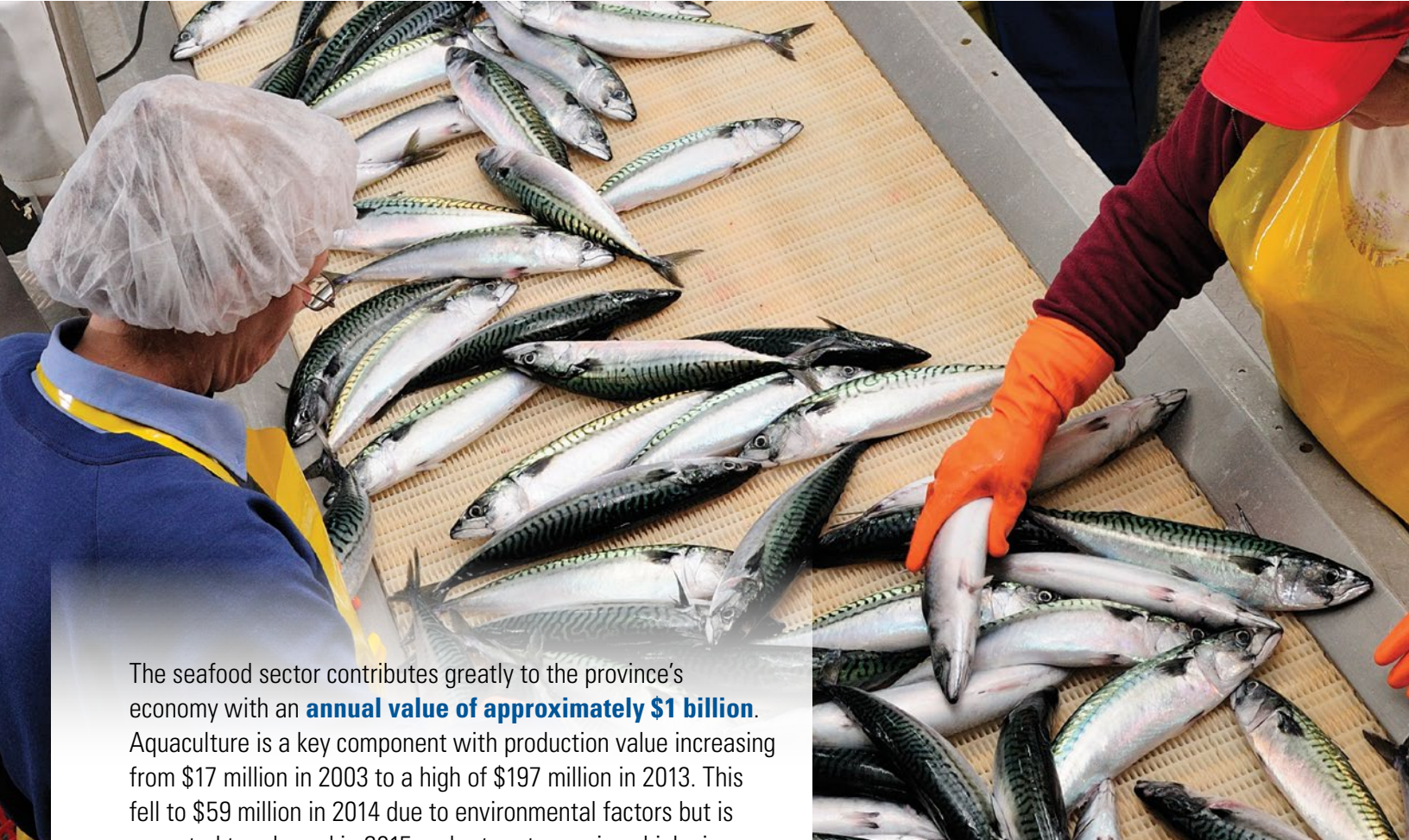
**Memorial University, St. John's**

**Project cost: \$65 million**

Opened in September 2013, this new 500 bed residence complex was constructed to help alleviate the housing shortage at Memorial University. Each suite consists of two private bedrooms with a shared washroom and shower.



# Fisheries and Aquaculture



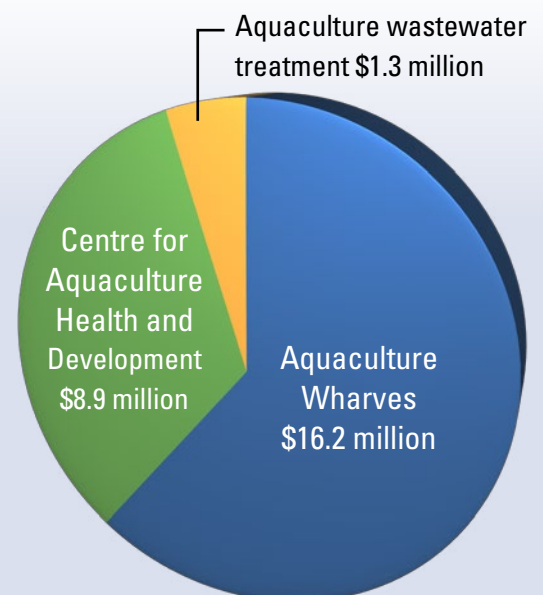
The seafood sector contributes greatly to the province's economy with an **annual value of approximately \$1 billion**. Aquaculture is a key component with production value increasing from \$17 million in 2003 to a high of \$197 million in 2013. This fell to \$59 million in 2014 due to environmental factors but is expected to rebound in 2015 and return to previous highs in 2016.

The Provincial Government's investments have led to the expansion of a vibrant aquaculture industry in the province. These investments include \$16.2 million in aquaculture wharves and \$8.9 million in a state-of-the-art aquatic animal health diagnostic laboratory. The Provincial Government has also supported aquaculture wastewater projects with nearly \$1.3 million in investments.

Additionally, approximately \$2.5 million has been allocated since 2004-05 through special assistance grants to fishermen's committees, community councils, development associations, and harbour authorities to support local fisheries infrastructure such as wharves, slipways and access roads throughout the province.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$26.4 million



# Project Highlights



## **Aquaculture Wharves**

**Harbour Breton, Pool's Cove, Hermitage-Sandy Cove, Milltown and St. Alban's.**

**Project costs: \$16.2 million**

Approximately \$15.3 million has supported the development of biosecure wharves for Harbour Breton, Pool's Cove, Hermitage-Sandy Cove and Milltown. These wharves are designed to support fish health by preventing cross contamination between regions and are only used by the aquaculture industry. Additionally, an investment of nearly \$900,000 has supported the refurbishment of an existing aquaculture wharf in St. Alban's.

## **Centre for Aquaculture Health and Development**

**St. Alban's**

**Project cost: \$8.9 million**

This centre is an international model for aquatic diagnostics, marine biosecurity and energy conservation and helps ensure the protection of the province's aquaculture resources.

# Other Key Investments

## **Special Assistance Grants**

**Province-Wide**

**Projects costs: \$2.5 million**

The program assists fishermen's committees, community councils, development associations, and harbour authorities with the upgrading and maintenance of community fisheries infrastructure.

# Roads, Highways and Transportation



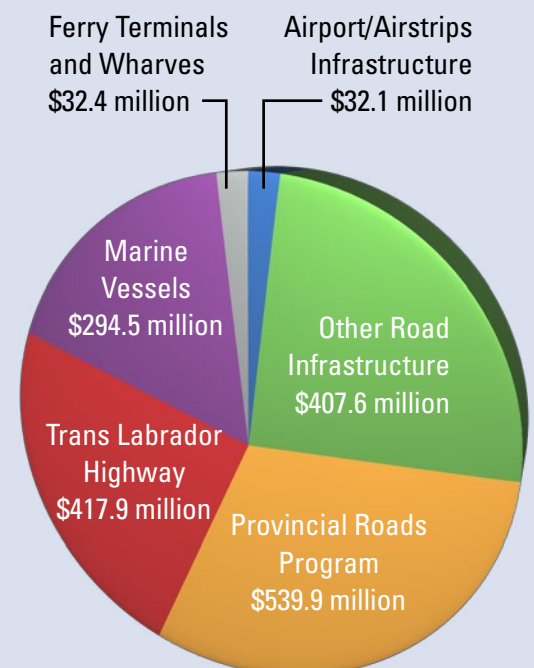
In a province as large as Newfoundland and Labrador, a strong transportation network is integral to the economic, cultural and social well-being of residents. The Provincial Government has made sound investments in roads, bridges, and ferries to ensure that residents and businesses have access to reliable and safe methods of transport.

The Provincial Government has invested significantly in improving the provincial highway system. In 2014-15 alone, **approximately 500 kilometres of road were upgraded** and **approximately 100 bridges have been repaired**, rehabilitated or replaced since 2011.

Modernizing the provincial ferry fleet has also been an important priority over the past 10 years. Improvements to provincial ferry services through investments in vessel replacement, refits, and maintenance, as well as upgrades to wharves and ferry terminal have improved transportation networks and have encouraged tourism and business opportunities for those who live in remote or rural areas and small communities.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$1.7 billion





## Project Highlights

### Placentia Lift Bridge

#### Placentia

**Project cost: \$51.9 million**

Scheduled to open in 2016, this new bridge will improve accessibility for residents of Placentia, who have experienced frequent traffic disruptions due to the aging bridge closing for repairs.

### New Ferries

#### Bell Island, Fogo Island and Change Islands

**Project cost: \$140 million for vessels and new wharf infrastructure.**

Two new ferries are being built to service Fogo Island-Change Islands and Bell Island. The Fogo Island-Change Islands ferry will be in service in fall 2015. The Bell Island ferry will be in service in 2016. The ferries will transport close to 600,000 passengers and over 275,000 vehicles per year.

### Road Resurfacing

#### Province-wide

To ensure the long-term sustainability of provincial roads, the Provincial Government has made resurfacing an important part of the roads program. Approximately 500 kilometres of road were resurfaced in 2014-15, which resulted in safer more reliable road infrastructure.

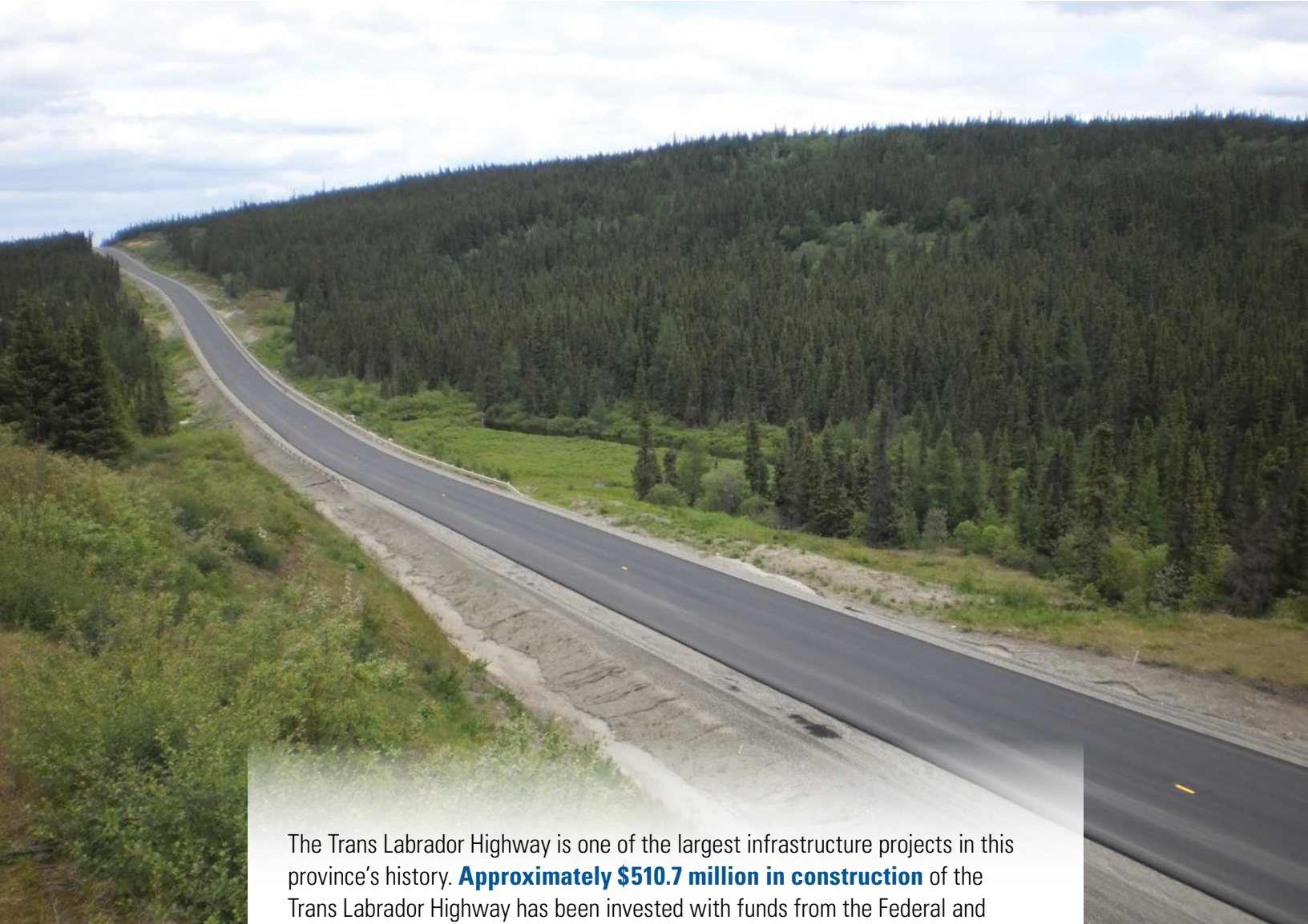
### Team Gushue Highway

#### North East Avalon

**Project cost: \$61.3 million**

At an approximate cost of over \$61 million, this new bypass road connects the Outer Ring Road to the southern shore region, easing traffic congestion on major arteries in the cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl and improving commute times. Residents and businesses will benefit from increased safety and economic development.

# Trans Labrador Highway



The Trans Labrador Highway is one of the largest infrastructure projects in this province's history. **Approximately \$510.7 million in construction** of the Trans Labrador Highway has been invested with funds from the Federal and Provincial Governments, and continued investments will ensure completion of this mega-project.

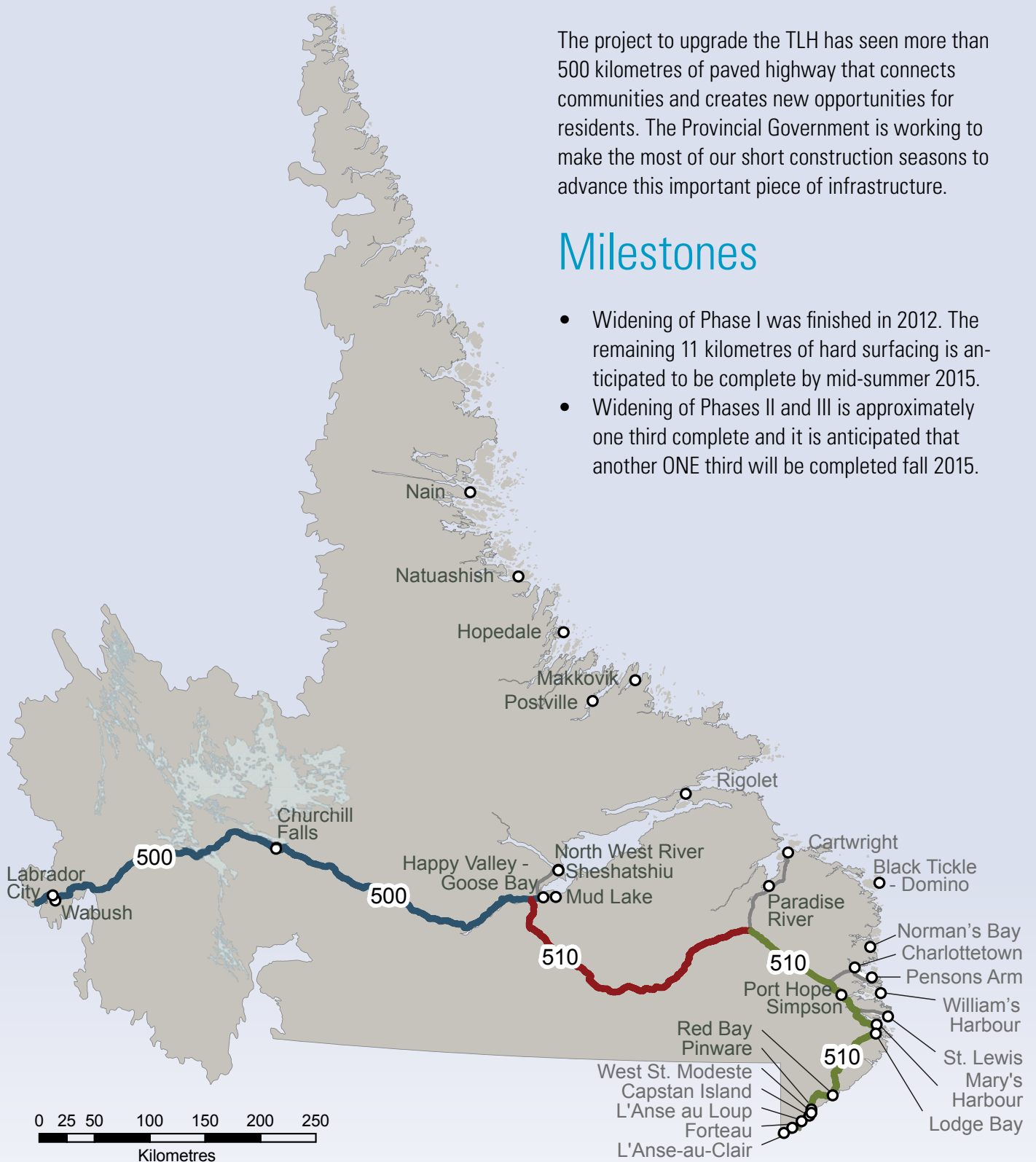
Spanning **close to 1,200 kilometres**, the road connects southern Labrador to central Labrador and to the rest of Canada. For many businesses and residents, it is a critical link between communities and the route closest to the terminal of the Strait of Belle Isle ferry service.

Undertaking this massive upgrade from gravel to a paved surface represents significant social and economic benefits to the province and development of key sectors of Labrador's economy including mining, tourism, and energy. The improved surface reduces transportation costs for passengers and freight, enhances vehicle control and increases visibility through the elimination of dust.

The project to upgrade the TLH has seen more than 500 kilometres of paved highway that connects communities and creates new opportunities for residents. The Provincial Government is working to make the most of our short construction seasons to advance this important piece of infrastructure.

## Milestones

- Widening of Phase I was finished in 2012. The remaining 11 kilometres of hard surfacing is anticipated to be complete by mid-summer 2015.
- Widening of Phases II and III is approximately one third complete and it is anticipated that another ONE third will be completed fall 2015.



# Municipal



The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has invested significant funding in communities throughout the province. This has been demonstrated through investments in municipal capital works programs, with key priority areas including improving drinking water and waste water systems, waste management, as well as recreational infrastructure.

The Provincial Government's vision for a prosperous Newfoundland and Labrador begins with healthy, safe and sustainable communities. Investing in infrastructure ensures communities are able to maintain and attract residents. By investing responsibly in municipal and regional projects, it is strengthening communities, enabling them to meet the needs of families and local businesses.

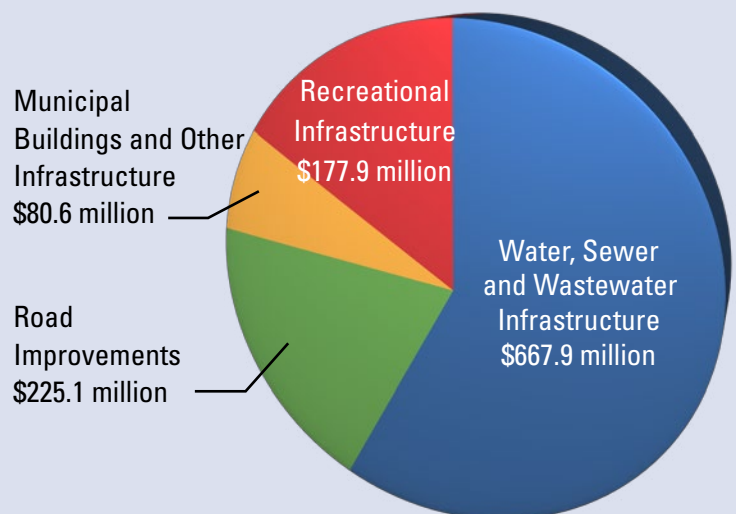
## Building Canada Plan

The Building Canada Plan was introduced by the Federal Government in 2007. Through the components Building Canada Fund and Provincial Territorial Base Fund, **\$313.7 million in federal funding** has been allocated to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, allowing the province to leverage \$592.5 million in provincial and municipal infrastructure projects.

A total of **139 projects have been completed** to date or will be completed by 2017, as required under the funding agreements.

### Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$1.2 billion





# Project Highlights

## Water Treatment Facilities

**Marystown, Corner Brook**

**Project costs: \$65.6 million**

Two new high-tech water treatment facilities at a cost of \$65.6 million are completed. Both facilities have been designed and constructed to meet and/or surpass the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality.



## Multi-Purpose Facilities

**Paradise, Bay Bulls**

**Project costs: \$26 million**

The Paradise Double Ice Complex and the Bay Bulls Lifestyle Centre were completed at a cost of approximately \$26 million. The Bay Bulls Lifestyle Centre includes a provincially-regulated child daycare centre. Both new facilities are designed to host a variety of sporting events, as well as tradeshow and other community activities in their respective regions.



## Corner Brook City Hall

**Corner Brook**

**Project cost: \$23 million**

At a cost of \$23 million, the Corner Brook City Hall is a 10,000 square metre facility and houses council chambers, office space for city staff along with the Corner Brook Museum and the public library. It is also an environmentally-friendly facility with ground-source heat pumps that provide heat to the facility and a green roof system that provides vegetation for natural air conditioning and a water reservoir to help reduce run off and a bird habitat.



## EastLink Events Centre

**Clareville**

**Project cost: \$14.6 million**

At a cost of \$14.6 million, this centre serves as a hub of social and economic activity in the region. The centre, which opened in 2009 and includes an arena and a theatre, allows the area to host a variety of athletic, cultural and musical events.



# Health Care



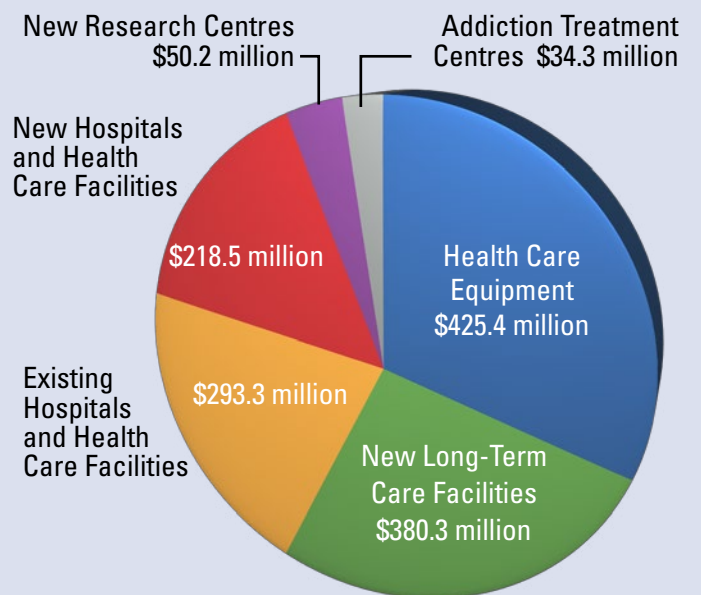
In recent years, a wide range of initiatives have been advanced to improve the health and well-being of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians in such areas as long-term care, cancer screening, population health, healthy aging, chronic disease management and mental health.

To support the delivery of these initiatives, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has invested **approximately \$1.4 billion in health care infrastructure** including new facilities, repairs and renovations to existing facilities and for new equipment.

In a province of more than 500,000 people, Newfoundland and Labrador is home to 15 hospitals, 23 community health centres, 119 community clinics, and 23 long-term care facilities.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$1.4 billion





# Project Highlights

## Protective Community Care Residence

### Bonavista

**Project cost: \$2.6 million**

This 12-bed protective community care residence opened in 2014 and provides increased access to specialized care to meet the unique needs of individuals with dementia. The new facility includes an onsite residential style kitchen, dining facilities, lounge and recreation areas, and a garden. The facility focuses on quality of life and provides a home-like living experience, along with 24-hour supervision from specially trained health care professionals.



## Long-Term Care Facility

### Carbonear

**Project cost: \$108.2 million**

Scheduled to open in 2016, this facility includes a 228-bed residence and a support services building. The main building will include space for recreation, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and spirituality. Funding also includes the redevelopment of the ambulatory care area at Carbonear General Hospital.



## Community Clinic

### Boat Harbour

**Project cost: \$2.5 million**

Officially opened in 2015, the Placentia West Medical Clinic is providing medical and community health services to communities from Monkstown to Parker's Cove, serving a population of approximately 3,000 residents. The 4,000 square foot building provides community health nursing, family medicine outpatient clinics, blood collection and access to mental health professionals.



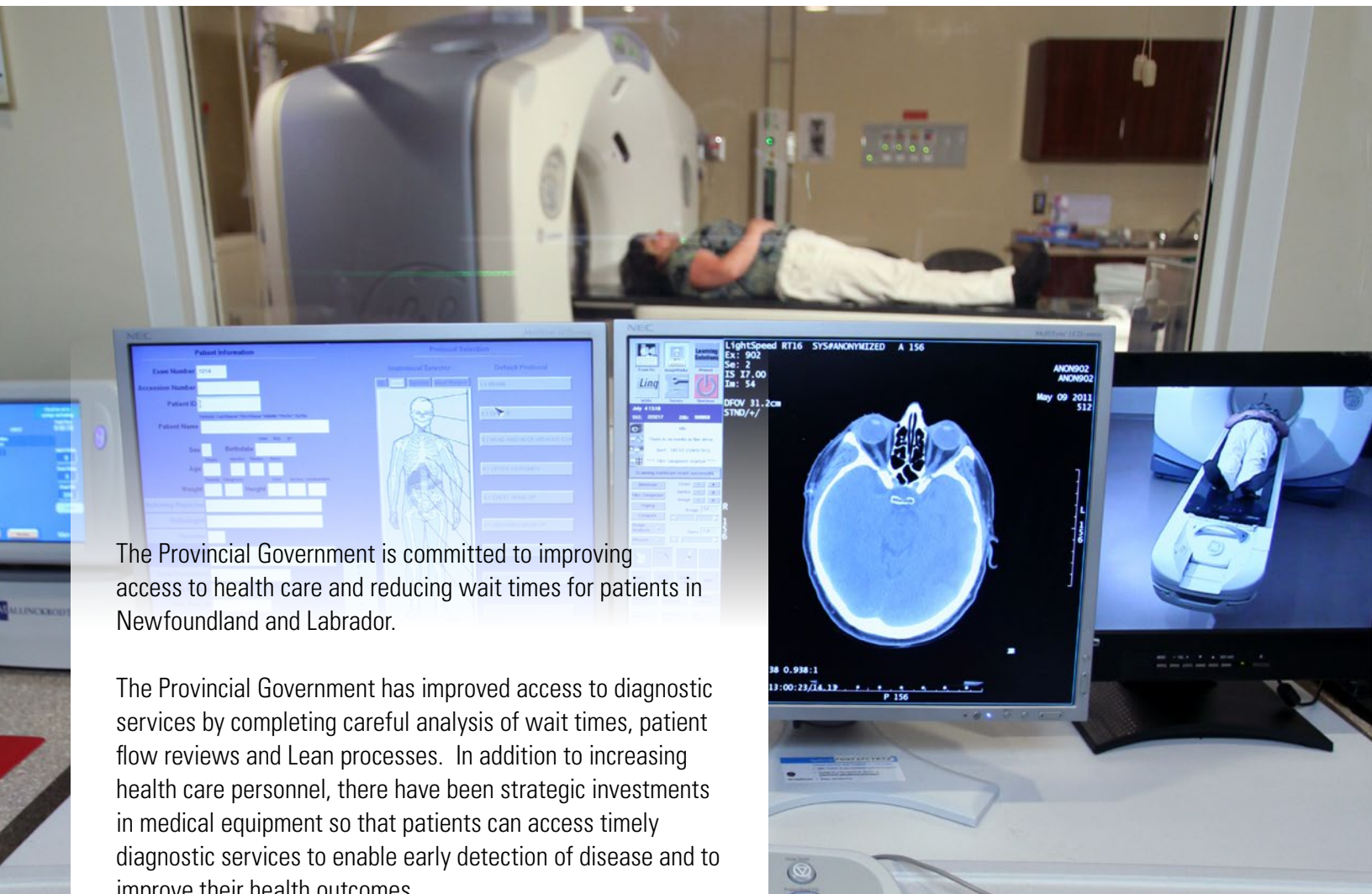
## Labrador West Health Centre

### Labrador City

**Project cost: \$90 million**

This facility, opened in 2014, has 14 acute care and 14 long-term care beds, two main operating rooms, diagnostic services including a core laboratory, two X-ray machines, CT scanner, ultrasound and bone density machines, dialysis services and various special function rooms. The health centre will provide access to services including emergency, outpatient, surgical, obstetrical, pediatric, respite, palliative care, physiotherapy, oncology/chemotherapy and mental health and addictions.

# Health Care Equipment



The Provincial Government is committed to improving access to health care and reducing wait times for patients in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Provincial Government has improved access to diagnostic services by completing careful analysis of wait times, patient flow reviews and Lean processes. In addition to increasing health care personnel, there have been strategic investments in medical equipment so that patients can access timely diagnostic services to enable early detection of disease and to improve their health outcomes.

This approach has led to positive outcomes as highlighted by a 2015 report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information which ranked Newfoundland and Labrador as the best in Canada for cataract surgery, hip replacement, and knee replacement wait times, and one of the top three performers in the country for radiation therapy wait times.

Significant efforts have also been made to improve access to dialysis treatment. In fact, the number of dialysis sites in Newfoundland and Labrador has doubled over the past 10 years, helping to improve the quality of life for residents with kidney failure. Dialysis investments have been made throughout the province in such communities as Gander, Burin, Carbonear, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Harbour Breton, Bonavista, St. Anthony, Labrador City, Port Aux Basques, and Fogo Island.

## Spending Highlights

<b>\$8.2 million</b>	.....Dialysis equipment
<b>\$10.5 million</b>	.....MRI equipment
<b>\$10.5 million</b>	.....X-ray machinery
<b>\$13.8 million</b>	.....Mammography devices
<b>\$14.7 million</b>	.....Ultrasound equipment
<b>\$15.9 million</b>	.....Linear Accelerators
<b>\$20.8 million</b>	.....CT Scanners



## Project Highlights

### Mammography Equipment

**Gander**

**Project cost: \$1.1 million**

Over the past several years, over \$1 million has been invested in mammography equipment in Gander. One of the goals of the breast screening program is to improve health outcomes of breast cancer patients by enabling early detection.



### CT Scanner

**Labrador City**

**Project cost: \$1.1 million**

A new CT scanner was purchased in 2011 for the Labrador West Hospital at a cost of \$1.1 million. Local patients can now access this diagnostic test in their own area, helping to alleviate the stress of travel.



### Dialysis Treatment

**Bonavista**

**Project cost: \$500,000**

The addition of satellite hemodialysis equipment at the Bonavista Hospital builds upon the establishment of a number of other satellite dialysis units in rural Newfoundland and Labrador over the past several years.



### CT Scanners

**St. John's, Carbonear**

**Project cost: \$3.5 million**

A CT scan creates detailed pictures of structures within the body and is often used to examine internal injuries. Approximately \$3.5 million has been invested to replace the CT scanners at both the Janeway Children's Health Centre and the Carbonear General Hospital.

# Addiction Treatment Centres



The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes the challenges faced by individuals and families who are addressing mental health and addiction issues.

The Provincial Government is committed to ensuring those in need can access programs and services when and where required. As a result of that commitment, funding has been provided to create four dedicated addictions treatment centres in the province since 2008.

# Project Highlights



## **Tuckamore Centre**

### **Paradise**

**Project cost: \$12.5 million**

Opened in 2014, this treatment centre provides a supportive and safe environment for youth with complex mental health issues. The centre has the capacity for 12 youth, with extra space for family members to visit overnight.



## **Hope Valley Centre**

### **Grand Falls-Windsor**

**Project cost: \$12.7 million**

Opened in 2014, this 12-bed facility was the first of its kind in the province. This youth addictions centre supports vulnerable youth dealing with alcohol and drug addiction issues.



## **Humberwood Addictions Treatment Centre**

### **Corner Brook**

**Project cost: \$3.6 million**

Humberwood Addictions Treatment Centre, which opened in 2008, provides a holistic approach to the treatment of gambling or substance addiction for adults, with a focus on each individual's physical, social, psychological and spiritual health.



## **Adult Addictions Treatment Centre**

### **Harbour Grace**

**Project cost: \$ 6.9 million**

Scheduled to open in 2015, this new 18-resident centre will help to reduce wait times for patients and improve the level of specialized care for those with addiction issues.

# Muskrat Falls



The development of Muskrat Falls sets the stage for Newfoundland and Labrador to manage its own energy and economic future without relying on others to meet its power needs.

With the Provincial Government's investment in Muskrat Falls, we are developing an asset that will be even more valuable to ratepayers as the project matures.

The Muskrat Falls Project will meet Newfoundland and Labrador's energy needs into the future and deliver significant long-term value to the people of the province.

Economic and employment benefits from the project are already being realized across the province. In 2014, **3,274 residents of Newfoundland and Labrador** worked on the project at peak, representing **81 per cent** of the project's workforce.

The project has also fostered tremendous economic benefits in Newfoundland and Labrador, with **\$394 million invested in over 500 businesses** in the province in 2014.

## Spending Highlights

### January-December 2014

**\$984 million** in total project expenditures

**\$394 million** invested in business in Newfoundland and Labrador

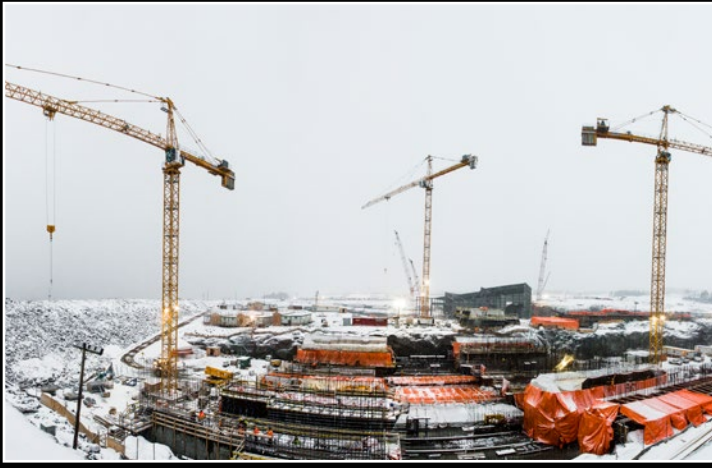
### Since start of construction (January 2013)

**\$1.53 billion** in total project expenditures

**\$705 million** invested in business in Newfoundland and Labrador

### Incurred investment as of December 31, 2014

**\$2.143 billion**



## Project History

The Lower Churchill River is one of the most attractive undeveloped hydroelectric sites in North America and is a key component of the province's energy warehouse. The Muskrat Falls hydroelectric development on the lower Churchill River in Labrador includes construction of an 824 megawatt (MW) hydroelectric generating facility and more than 1,500 km of associated transmission lines that will deliver electricity to homes and businesses in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The development of Muskrat Falls will provide a clean, renewable source of electricity to meet the province's growing energy demands. It will provide Newfoundland and Labrador homes and businesses with stable electricity rates, and will be a valuable power-producing asset for the province well into the future. In addition, the development will help Canada's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. When complete, approximately 98 per cent of the province's electricity will be generated from clean, renewable sources. Clean hydro power from the Muskrat Falls Project will replace the burning of fuel and emissions from the Holyrood plant, resulting in the reduction of an estimated one million tonnes of greenhouse gas every year.

The Muskrat Falls Project was sanctioned by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2012. First power from the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric generating facility is expected in late 2017, with commissioning activities planned for 2018.

The Lower Churchill development's second hydroelectric installation is proposed at Gull Island with a capacity of 2,250 MW and average annual energy of 12 terawatt hours. This proposed project is one of the province's key renewable developments. Once on stream, this project will open up opportunities for the export of clean energy through expanded interprovincial and international electricity trade and cooperation.



# K-12 Education



Over **\$600 million** invested for K-12 school infrastructure since 2004.

**1,900 repairs and maintenance projects** with an investment of over **\$220 million** since 2004.

**59 major capital projects** have been funded: (breakdown below)

- 14 new schools
- 8 more new schools in various stages of planning or construction
- 27 major extension and renovation projects completed
- 10 more major extension and renovation projects underway

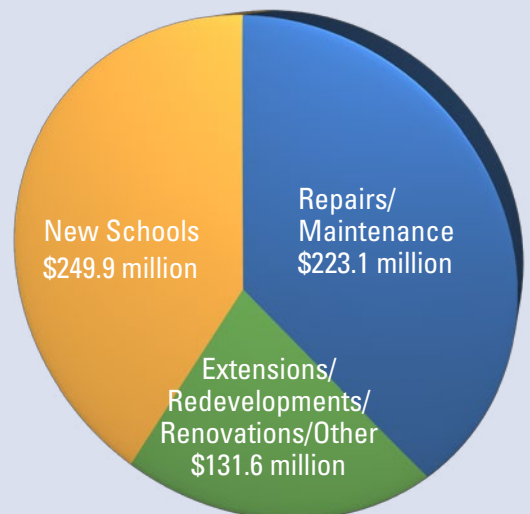
Investing and improving the province's early childhood learning and K-12 infrastructure prepares the province's youth for future career opportunities in Newfoundland and Labrador's growing economy. These are not only investments in our province's youth but also investments for the well-being of the communities and neighborhoods where they are located.

Currently there are 262 public K-12 schools in the province. Investing in K-12 school infrastructure ensures that students continue to have safe, comfortable and high quality environments in which to learn.

Since 2004, there has been more than \$600 million spent on school infrastructure, funding 59 major capital projects. 14 new schools have opened, eight more are in various stages of planning or construction, 27 major extension and renovation projects have been completed, and 10 more are underway. There have also been approximately 1,900 repairs and maintenance projects at K-12 schools throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$604.6 million





## Project Highlights

### Laval High Placentia

**Project cost: \$13.5 million**

The new grades 7-12 school opened in fall 2010 at a cost of \$13.5 million, including a \$1.8 million contribution from Vale to enhance the facility. The school includes a gymnasium, skilled trades suite, a home economics room, art room, cafeteria, computer room, and library resource centre, among other spaces. The funding from Vale provided for a larger gymnasium with a walking track incorporated around the perimeter, an expanded fitness room and music room as well as a fenced soccer field adjacent to the building.



### French Shore Academy

#### Port Saunders

**Project cost: \$13.2 million**

Opened in fall 2010 at a cost of more than \$13 million, the school can accommodate up to 250 K-12 students. The school includes a music room, computer room, learning resource centre, science/arts lab, home economics room, a multi-purpose/lunch room, commercial kitchen, gymnasium, theatre arts lighting system for the stage, a skilled trades suite and a fitness centre.



### Labrador Straits Academy

#### L'Anse au Loup

**Project cost: \$15.6 million**

Opened in fall 2010 at a cost of \$15.6 million, the school can accommodate up to 230 K-12 students. The school includes a variety of spaces including a computer room, library resource centre, a skilled trades suite, as well as space for distance education, a gymnasium and a fitness room.



### Riverside Elementary Extension and Site Improvements

#### Shoal Harbour

**Project cost: \$7.4 million**

The extension and site improvements were completed in fall 2012 at a cost of over \$7 million. The extension included 10 additional classrooms, a kitchen, a lunch room/multi-purpose room, health room, special services room, as well as increased space for staff and administration. Outside improvements included new bus lanes and the relocation of the student playground. The school accommodates all grades K-6 students from the Clarenville area.

# Housing



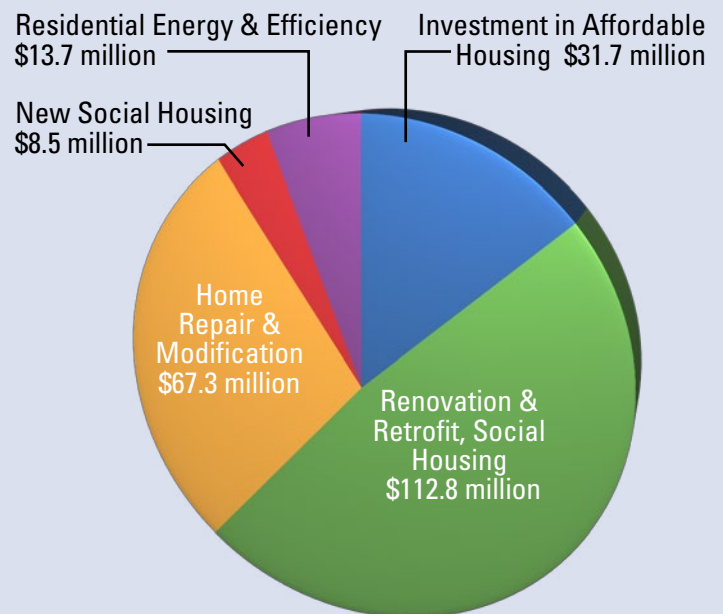
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation is committed to developing affordable housing options to assist seniors, persons with disabilities and persons requiring supportive housing needs.

To help meet this need the Crown corporation continues to advance initiatives that support the 10-year Social Housing Plan – *Secure Foundations*. The plan, released in 2009 outlines the strategic action priorities in addressing the housing needs of lower-income households across the province.

While large infrastructure investments have been made, daily upkeep of the public rental properties is also necessary to ensure safe and quality homes for tenants. In addition to improving daily living circumstances, regular maintenance is fundamental to sustaining the housing stock over the long term.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$234.0 million





## Project Highlights

### **Crestview Neighbourhood Revitalization Project**

#### **Corner Brook**

#### **Project cost: \$7 million**

Since 2009, \$5.5 million in provincial funding and \$1.5 million from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation has been invested for a significant multi-year revitalization of Corner Brook's Crestview neighbourhood, one of the earliest public housing neighbourhoods in the province. To date, more than 90 units have had extensive interior and exterior work completed.

### **Social Housing**

#### **St. John's**

#### **Project cost: \$958,000**

In 2010, to help address the increasing demand for smaller homes, six new two-bedroom social housing units were constructed on Empire Avenue West in St. John's, at a cost of approximately \$1 million. Two of the six units are fully accessible ensuring people with disabilities also have access to affordable housing.

### **Wyoming Drive Development**

#### **Stephenville**

#### **Project cost: \$946,000**

In 2010, at a cost of approximately \$1 million, six new units were constructed in Stephenville to replace dwellings that suffered flood damage.

### **Public Housing Properties**

#### **Nain and Hopedale**

#### **Project cost: \$1.9 million**

At a cost of approximately \$2 million, four new public housing units have been constructed in both Nain and Hopedale. An Inuit housing needs assessment was also performed in 2014 to identify housing needs in the Inuit communities.

# Tourism and Environment



To further develop Newfoundland and Labrador's tourism products, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has made significant investments in commercial and non-commercial initiatives. These initiatives have helped celebrate the province's culture and heritage and contributed to the growth of a billion dollar tourism industry.

In addition to providing financial support, the Provincial Government collaborates with community and industry partners to help guide continued growth of this industry, which plays such an important role in business and economic growth throughout the province.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$38.2 million





## Project Highlights

### **The Colonial Building**

**Project cost: \$22.2 million**

The Colonial Building was one of the finest structures in North America when it was built in the mid-1800s and this infrastructure investment is restoring many of its original elements. The building exterior, the front lobby and much of the exterior forecourt will be restored to its original 1850s design. The two legislative chambers will be restored to the 1880s, the period in which the ceilings of these two rooms received their decorative murals.

### **Provincial Park and T’Railway Upgrades**

**Project cost: \$10.7 million**

Infrastructure investment in our provincial camping parks has contributed significantly to enhancing the quality of the visitor experience with the addition of new comfort stations, electrical services in selected campsites, playgrounds, signage, road and trail upgrades and dumping stations.

The T’Railway Provincial Park stretches over 880 km across the Island and is used by a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts throughout the year. Substantial investment in both T’Railway bridge repair and bridge replacement has resulted in improved public safety allowing for continued enjoyment and use by thousands of residents and non-resident users.

Our provincial park system offers a wide range of year round outdoor opportunities to participate in active, healthy living pursuits that bring associated economic benefits to communities throughout the province.

### **Salmonier Nature Park**

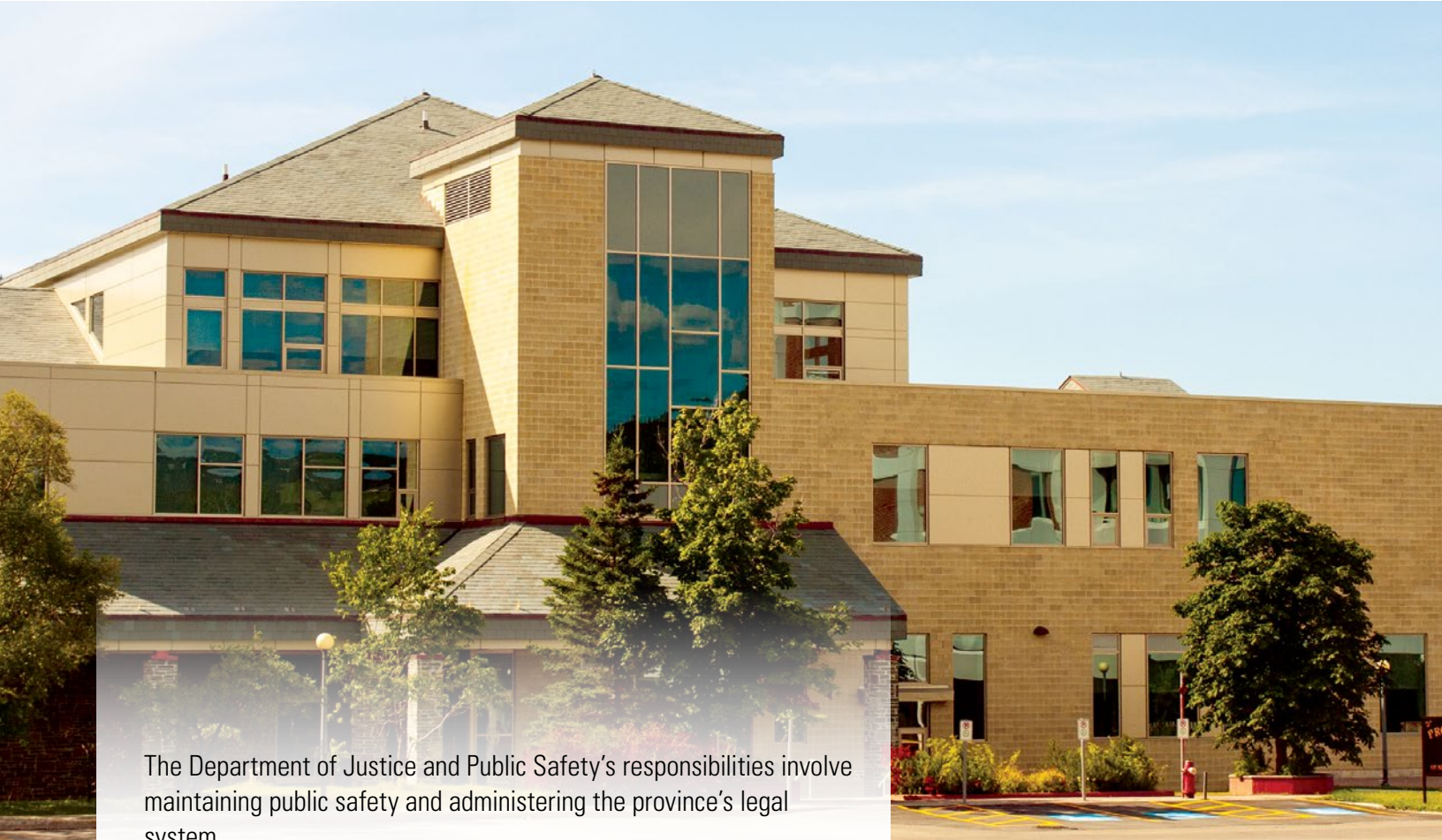
**Project cost: \$5.3 million**

Significant revitalization investment over the past four years has resulted in the construction of a new wildlife care building, technical services building and Discovery Centre. This investment has resulted in substantial improvements to the Park’s animal care and rehabilitation program, the provision of environmental education and interpretation and in the maintenance of the park’s trails and buildings.

Salmonier Nature Park attracts approximately 40,000 visitors every year and is one of the major tourist destinations on the Avalon peninsula. The Park plays host to a wide range of users that includes both residents, non-residents and school groups.

Infrastructure investment in the Discovery Centre has also resulted in the building being evaluated for certification under the LEED, or Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design program. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification program that distinguishes best-in-class building strategies and practices.

# Justice and Public Safety



The Department of Justice and Public Safety's responsibilities involve maintaining public safety and administering the province's legal system.

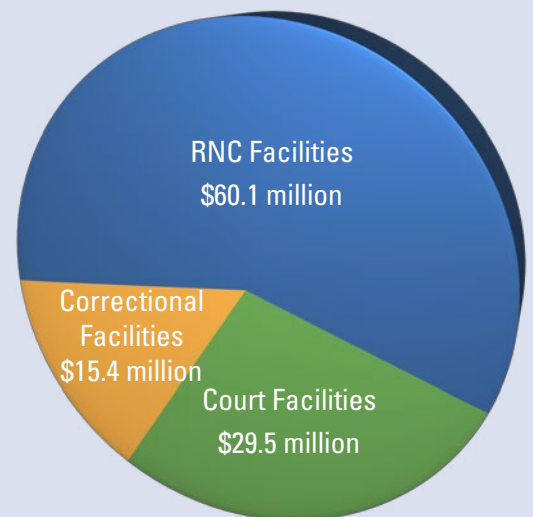
The considerable investment in infrastructure spending over the past decade has significantly improved public safety while enhancing access to justice for all residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

New infrastructure for law enforcement is important since it ensures police have access to contemporary training facilities and technological enhancements necessary to protect the people of the province. Modern court facilities ensure that residents of the province who are involved in the justice system can participate in the court process safely and efficiently. Improvements to correctional facilities have allowed for better opportunities of rehabilitation of inmates while also making the facilities safer for staff and those who are incarcerated.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that the nature of crime in the province has changed and investments have been targeted towards ensuring that our communities are safe for residents to live, work and raise a family.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$105.0 million



# Project Highlights



## **Revitalization of Correctional Facilities** Province-wide

**Project costs: \$15.4 million**

Various correctional facilities have undergone improvement in recent years to enhance security and improve correctional programs and services. This includes enhanced programming and recreational space, new fencing, redesigned inmate units, new medical units, video conference facilities, ventilation system enhancements, installation of metal detectors, and new video surveillance systems.



## **Royal Newfoundland Constabulary** Headquarters

St. John's

**Project cost: \$57.6 million**

The newly redeveloped Headquarters officially opened in 2014 with a total renovation cost of approximately \$57.6 million. The building has been designed to meet the needs of an evolving police force in its efforts to continue to make communities safe for families and children. The re-developed facility includes space for special project teams, evidence rooms, training facilities, specimen preparation, and a communications centre. A daycare will be available in the future.



## **New Courthouse**

Corner Brook

**Project cost: \$21.3 million**

Opened in May 2010 at a cost of approximately \$21.3 million, the Danny Williams Building is a modern court facility consisting of seven courtrooms and is home to all levels of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, including the Family Division, as well as Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. The facility is equipped with the latest in video-conferencing technology, audio systems, and security features. A registry for the court, a law library, interview rooms, judges' chamber and a secure area for Sheriff's Officers are also on-site.



# Emergency Services

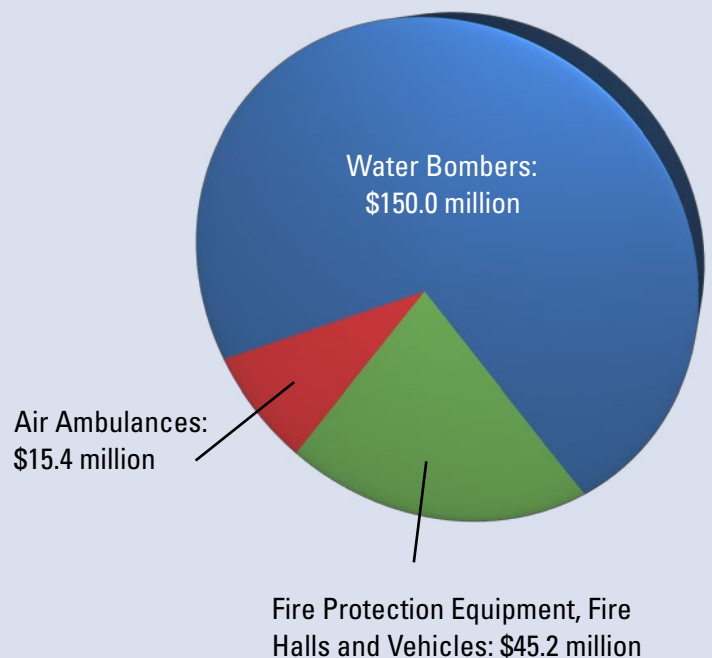


The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and its many departments and agencies work diligently to ensure a modern and robust emergency management system in the province.

This work occurs in collaboration with community partners and other stakeholders. Fire and Emergency Services-Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the departments of Health and Community Services, Justice and Public Safety, Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Transportation and Works invest significantly to support planning against, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies, disasters and fires.

## Spending Highlights

Total Spending: \$210.6 million





# Project Highlights

## Water Bombers

Province wide

**Project cost: \$150 million**

Two new Bombardier 415 water bombers, purchased in 2014, brought our province's fleet to a total of five water bombers and one spotter. On average, water bombers in this province respond to 80-100 forest fires per year.

## New Fire Hall

Gander

**Project cost: \$5.2 million**

This modern fire hall, opened in 2011 at a cost of about \$5.2 million, has been designed with safety in mind. It includes a hazardous materials trailer, training rooms and space for longer ladders.

## New Fire Trucks

**Project costs: \$21 million**

Since 2004, 133 new fire trucks have been purchased for communities in the province, at an estimated contribution from the Provincial Government of over \$21 million. This investment helps support firefighters and ensures that they have access to modern equipment to carry out their work.

## Personal Protective Equipment

**Project cost: \$6.5 million**

Since 2004, the Provincial Government has invested over \$6.5 million toward the purchase of new personal protective equipment for fire departments throughout the province. Communities like Bellevue, Cormack, and Old Perlican have received new equipment to protect firefighters and enhance urban and rural firefighting capabilities.

# Rural Broadband Initiative



Access to high speed Internet is crucial to diversifying any economy; so much of business and everyday life depends upon affordable and immediate access to reliable broadband. As more services and content transition to the Internet, it is clear that broadband is essential for enabling commerce, education and the delivery of public services. Broadband and high speed internet access, in many cases, levels the playing field for our citizens living and conducting business in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

Since 2003, the province has invested in a variety of programs and projects to support the expansion of telecommunications infrastructure. The partners range from established telecommunication carriers to other levels of government and agencies. In 2011, the Rural Broadband Initiative was launched to provide incentives to telecommunications carriers to expand broadband access into unserved and underserved rural and remote areas of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Competition in the telecommunications market is important. Competition helps keep service levels high and helps maintain stable pricing. Some of the Provincial Government's investments in infrastructure have enabled increased competition which, in turn, has led to higher levels of private investment and further expansion of networks.

Since 2003, the province's broadband network has grown to become among the most robust in Canada with **high speed service soon reaching over 98 per cent of the population.**

## Spending Highlights

**\$34.6 million**

Provincial Investment

**\$121.9 million**

in Leveraged Investments



# Budget**2015**

Balancing Choices **for a Promising Future**

## Highlights

# Budget2015

## Provincial Infrastructure Investments:

### Driving the Provincial Economy, Serving Communities and Families

Through Budget 2015, the Provincial Government is investing more than \$660 million in roads, schools, health care facilities, and municipal infrastructure projects.

This funding will provide services that are important to the people of the province and generate 4,168 person years of employment.



#### Transportation and Works

Budget 2015 allocates \$317.9 million in priority infrastructure projects including:

- \$68.3 million for the Provincial Roads Program, which includes the completion of strategic priority projects started in 2014;
- \$15.9 million for major road upgrades to two sections of the TCH: Gambo to Benton and Salmonier Line to Whitbourne, cost-shared with the Federal Government;
- \$55 million to continue work on the Trans Labrador Highway, for a total investment of \$565.7 million since 2004;
- \$5.3 million to start construction of the new Sir Robert Bond Bridge;
- \$21.3 million to continue the Placentia Lift Bridge replacement;
- \$13 million for upgrades to bridges throughout the province;

- \$41.5 million as part of a total investment of over \$126.7 million for the purchase of two new ferries for Bell Island and Fogo Island-Change Islands
- \$13.1 million for renovations to wharf infrastructure for two new ferries;
- \$17.7 million as the final payment upon delivery of a fifth CL-415 water bomber, marking complete renewal of the fleet; and,
- \$12.1 million for maintenance, repairs and improvements to provincial buildings.

#### K-12 Infrastructure

Budget 2015 allocates a total investment of \$95 million for K-12 infrastructure. This includes:

- \$8.2 million allocated for new projects including three new schools, modular classrooms as well as extension and renovation projects.
- \$65 million for ongoing projects including school construction and extension projects; and
- \$22 million for repairs and maintenance including \$3.9 million for full-day Kindergarten renovations.





## Health Care Infrastructure

Budget 2015 includes a total of \$133.7 million to ensure access to new and modern health care facilities and equipment, including:

- \$40 million for new health care equipment;
- \$20 million for repair and renovation projects;
- \$17.3 million for continued work on the new long-term care facility in Carbonear;
- At the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's:
  - \$16.6 million for continued construction of the new Molecular Imaging Facility which will house the new PET scanner;
  - \$5.4 million for ongoing development of a new electrical substation;
  - \$4.6 million for upgrading of the emergency power generating capacity;
  - \$3 million for redevelopment of the medical equipment cleaning and sterilization area;
  - \$700,000 for continued upgrading of the operating suites.
- \$9.6 million for continued work on the replacement of the Western Memorial Regional Hospital in Corner Brook;
- \$5.8 million for continued construction of an extension of the long-term care facility in Happy Valley-Goose Bay;
- At the Central Newfoundland Regional Health Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor:
  - \$3.8 million for the development of a new endoscopy/cystoscopy suite;
  - \$1.2 million to commence lab upgrades.

- \$2.3 million to advance the development of a new health centre in Springdale;
- \$1.3 million to complete the new protective community residence in Clarenville;
- \$964,900 for the completion of a new adult addictions treatment centre in Harbour Grace;
- \$500,000 to begin work on a new protective community residence for Burin.

## Municipal Infrastructure

Budget 2015 provides for a provincial investment of \$118.9 million in municipal infrastructure to complete new and ongoing projects under Multi-Year Capital Works and Municipal Capital Works. This includes:

- Projects approved to date from last year's \$200 million commitment, as well as funding associated with the completion of projects under the 2007 Federal/Provincial Building Canada Plan, will support water and wastewater treatment, water and sewer projects, municipal buildings, street improvements, and recreational facilities.
- Since 2008, the Provincial Government approved in excess of \$800 million in municipal infrastructure projects resulting in improved municipal infrastructure across the province. When federal and municipal contributions are included the total approved funding for municipal infrastructure is in excess of \$1.3 billion.



# Future Investments



## Multi-Year K-12 Infrastructure Plan

### New for Budget 2015

Budget 2015 allocates a total investment of over \$95 million for K-12 infrastructure. This is part of the Provincial Government's multi-year education infrastructure development plan that will prepare, in a proactive way, for projected growth. This year, that includes funding to begin planning for **seven new major school infrastructure projects** to address student population growth:

### New Schools

- **\$1.5 million** to begin planning, including site selection, for a new intermediate school for the **Witless Bay/Mobile area**.
- **\$1.5 million** to begin planning, including site selection, for a new intermediate school in **Paradise**.
- **\$500,000** to start planning for a new high school in **Paradise**.

### Extensions

- **\$500,000** to start planning for an extension to Villanova Junior High in **Conception Bay South**.
- **\$500,000** to begin planning for an extension to Riverside Elementary in **Clarenville**.

- **\$500,000** to finalize planning for an extension to St. Peter's Elementary in **Mount Pearl**.

Recognizing the anticipated significant population growth in **Conception Bay South** and area, Budget 2015 also includes **\$500,000** to plan for capacity issues in the region.

### Ongoing Projects for Budget 2015

Budget 2015 includes significant funding for ongoing infrastructure projects throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

### New Schools

- **\$9 million** for the new 5-9 school in **Portugal Cove-St. Philips**.
- **\$8 million** for the new 5-7 school in **Torbay**.
- **\$8 million** for the new K-7 school in **Conception Bay South**.
- **\$8 million** for the new elementary school in **Paradise**.
- **\$7.2 million** to complete construction of the new west end high school in **St. John's**.
- **\$5 million** for the new school to replace Virginia Park Elementary in **St. John's**.
- **\$5 million** for the new 4-6 school in **Gander**.
- **\$2 million** for the new primary school to replace **Coley's Point** Primary.

### Extensions and/or Redevelopments

- **\$3.4 million** for an extension and renovations to St. Peter's Junior High in **Mount Pearl**.
- **\$1.9 million** for the completion of an extension and redevelopment of Roncalli Elementary in **St. John's**.
- **\$1.8 million** to complete the extension to Elizabeth Park Elementary, **Paradise**.
- **\$400,000** for the completion of an extension and redevelopment of **Corner Brook** Intermediate (the former Regina High).
- **\$200,000** to plan for the reconstruction of **Gander** Academy as a K-3 School.

## Future Projects

- As part of this government's multi-year plan for K-12 school infrastructure, additional projects will commence to further address student population growth, aging infrastructure and school reorganizations. This will ensure that school infrastructure is responsive to demographic changes and the needs of the K-12 school system.

Projects in the plan include:

- Funding to continue with the reorganization of K-6 schools in **Corner Brook**:
  - Extension and renovations at J.J. Curling Elementary
  - Renovations to create a K-6 school at the former G.C. Rowe Junior High
  - A long-term plan for C.C. Loughlin Elementary
- Long-term school infrastructure for the Conseil Scolaire Francophone.
- Capacity planning for Holy Trinity High in **Torbay**.
- Funding to reorganize the K-6 school system in **Grand Falls-Windsor**.
- Phase II of the extension and renovation of Villanova Junior High in **Conception Bay South**.
- Renovations at Bishop's College to create a new office space for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.
- Extension to St. Paul's Junior High in **St. John's**.
- Extension to St. Teresa's School in **St. John's**.
- Extension to Bonne Bay Academy in **Woody Point**.

## Building Canada Plan

The Federal Government announced a new Building Canada Plan in its 2013 budget. Under the new plan, nearly \$350 million is allocated to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, allowing the province to leverage over \$800 million in provincial and municipal infrastructure projects.

The Provincial Government will work with the Federal Government to identify projects of importance for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Funding will be provided over the next 10 years on a cost-shared basis – 33 per cent for eligible municipal projects, with the exception of 50 per cent for highways, major roads, and public transit.



## Municipal Infrastructure

The Provincial Government will provide funding to communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, through a multi-year capital works commitment. \$175 million will be invested from 2016-17 to 2019-20.

Other Future Infrastructure Investments

The Provincial Government understands the importance of making key infrastructure investments throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. This government remains committed to a number of major infrastructure projects, including:

- Bonavista Hospital Redevelopment
- James Paton Memorial Regional Health Centre Redevelopment
- Health Science Centre Upgrades
- Waterford Hospital Redevelopment
- New Penitentiary
- St. John's Court House
- Stephenville Court House
- Bliss Murphy Centre Operating Rooms





  
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