



**Minister's Advisory Committee on
Labrador Transportation**

2011-12 Annual Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2011-12 Annual Report for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, in accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. The Annual Report provides an overview of the Committee's structure, activities, participants and accomplishments during this past fiscal year. This report was prepared under my direction and I, along with my fellow Advisory Committee members, am accountable for the results contained herein.

The Minister's Advisory Committee consists of volunteer members representing all regions throughout Labrador. The Committee exists to make recommendations on how to best address Labrador's unique transportation needs. As part of its mandate, the Committee contributes to a collaborative approach to addressing the transportation needs of residents, stakeholders and businesses. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to this Mandate and express our enthusiasm for working together with the public to improve transportation in Labrador.

This past year, Labrador has witnessed many notable accomplishments including the continuation of hard-surfacing Phase I of the Trans Labrador Highway and the adoption of permanent year-round ferry services across the Strait of Belle Ilse. The Committee continues to provide support and advice to the Department of Transportation and Works to support informed decision-making on matters related to crucial linkages between communities, marine services and the expanded Trans Labrador Highway. Over the past few years, Government has invested significantly in infrastructure to help pave the way for a bright and vibrant future for Labrador, one connecting Labradorians by road, sea and air.

As Chair, I would like to thank all Committee members, both past and present, for their invaluable support, input and knowledge over the last six years. I look forward to continuing to work on the Committee's Mandate and Vision, while promoting new endeavors for Labrador in the coming years.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Hedderson".

Minister of Transportation and Works
Chair, Minister's Advisory Committee on
Labrador Transportation

OVERVIEW

On February 27, 2006, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the formation of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. The Committee consists of key stakeholders representing the people, businesses and consumers across Labrador. This document represents the first annual reporting associated with the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation 2011-2014 Activity Plan.

MANDATE

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is a volunteer committee of key stakeholders whose mandate is:

1. To provide a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policy, programs and services, both existing and proposed, for transportation matters in Labrador.
2. To develop a common understanding of the transportation needs of people and businesses throughout Labrador.

MEMBERSHIP

Chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, the Advisory Committee consists of up to ten members and must ensure representation from across Labrador. Committee members are appointed to a two-year term, renewable at the Minister's discretion, and usually convene twice per year, or as deemed necessary by the Minister.

The 2011-12 Committee members were as follows:

- Carol Burden, Port Hope Simpson
- Jim Farrell, Wabush
- Carol Gear, Makkovik
- First Minister Darryl Shiwak, Nain (Nunatsiavut Government)
- Myles O'Brien, L'Anse Au Loup
- Sylvia Shea, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Keith Watts, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The annual budget of the Department of Transportation and Works covers all costs pertaining to committee meetings as well as the travel costs incurred by members in attendance.

VISION AND MISSION

Given the Mandate of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, the Committee has reviewed the Vision and Mission of the Department of Transportation and Works, and adopted them where they relate to transportation in Labrador.

VISION

The Vision of the Department of Transportation and Works is of a safe, reliable and sustainable transportation and public works infrastructure that supports the social and economic needs of the Province.

MISSION

The Department of Transportation and Works will have improved transportation and public works infrastructure and services to meet the economic and social requirements of Newfoundland and Labrador by 2017.

By conveying the transportation needs of Labradorians, the Committee serves as a sounding board to assist Government in improving transportation services to meet the future economic and social requirements of the Province. Detailed information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works' 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation exists exclusively as an advisory body to Government, and therefore has not developed goals, but rather a single objective that will be reported on annually throughout the duration of the Committee's 2011-14 Activity Plan.

OBJECTIVE

By March 31, 2014, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Measure: Advice to the Minister

Indicators: Number of meetings held
Provision of advice when requested

2011-12 RESULTS

In February 2012, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation convened in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Committee members held round-table discussions and provided advice, where applicable, on matters related to the future of the Trans Labrador Highway, Labrador marine services, and air transportation. Through these discussions, the Committee continues to advance the transportation needs of Labradorians to help shape future initiatives that will support long-term social and economic development for the people of Labrador.

