Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation

Annual Report

2016-17







MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

In accordance with the Transparency and Accountability Act, I am pleased to present this 2016-17 Annual Report for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation which 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 Committee members, am accountable for the results contained herein.

The primary responsibility for core commitments related to transportation in Labrador lies with the Department of Transportation and Works. In 2016-17, work continued towards completion of the Trans Labrador Highway. Phase 2 had two tenders called for 160 kilometres of paving between Red Bay and Charlottetown while an 80 kilometre stretch of Phase 3 was also completed with paving between Happy Valley-Goose Bay and Cartwright Junction.

As part of its mandate, the Committee contributes to a collaborative approach to addressing the transportation needs of residents, stakeholders and businesses in Labrador. 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.

Honourable Steve Crocker Minister of Transportation and Works

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 is comprised of key stakeholders representing individuals, groups and businesses across Labrador. This document represents the third and final annual report associated with the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation 2014-17 Activity Plan.

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 for a two-year term, renewable at the Minister's discretion.

The Committee membership as of March 31, 2017 comprised of:

- Gaius Trimm, Labrador Straits Business Development Corporation
- Junior Humphries, Deputy Mayor of Labrador City
- Trent O'Brien, Mayor of L'Anse au Loup
- Jim Tuttauk, Hopedale Inuit Community Government
- Melva Williams, Rigolet Inuit Community Government
- Didier Naulleau, President of the Combined Councils of Labrador
- > Sterling Peyton, Chair of the Labrador North Chamber of Commerce
- ➤ Kate Mitchell, Nunatsiavut Government
- Mark Nui, Innu Nation
- James Holwell, NunatuKavut Community Council

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.

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 has been reported on annually throughout the duration of the Committee's 2014-17 Activity Plan. Similarly, the same indicator listed below under this objective has also been reported on annually over this period.

Objective

By March 31, 2017, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Indicator: Provision of advice, when requested

2016-17 Results

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation was not able to convene in 2016-17. However, the Minister, as Chair of the Committee, has been in contact with Committee members throughout the year for advice on matters relating to Labrador transportation. These matters included discussions on the Trans Labrador Highway as well as Labrador marine and air services. Through these discussions, the Committee has helped inform future transportation initiatives for the people of Labrador that will support long-term social and economic development for the region.