

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
FUTURE FUND**

**Activity Plan
For the Period
April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FUTURE FUND**

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Honourable Siobhan Coady
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Dear Minister Coady:

As Chair of the Board of Trustees responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund (NLFF), I am pleased to submit the 2023-2026 Activity Plan.

The NLFF is a category 3 government entity, and in accordance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act** is required to develop a three-year Activity Plan to present information on its planned activities for the plan period. The Board of Trustees is accountable for the preparation of this plan and the achievement of the plan's objectives.

The mandate of the Board of Trustees for the NLFF is to administer the fund established by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure revenue from one-time sources and non-renewable resources will benefit future generations. This plan provides an overview of the NLFF and identifies the key issue of the Board of Trustees during the fiscal periods covered in the plan.



Michelle Jewer, CPA, CA
Chair

Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund 2023-2026 Activity Plan

1.0 Overview

The Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund (NLFF) was created pursuant to the **Future Fund Act** to provide a mechanism for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to invest revenue from one-time sources and non-renewable resources for the benefit of future generations.

The NLFF is managed by the Department of Finance, with a Board of Trustees to provide oversight. The Board meets no less often than annually and approves its Financial Statements and Annual Report, both of which are then tabled in the House of Assembly by the Minister of Finance. The NLFF has a March 31 fiscal year end and the results of its activities are fully consolidated in the Province's annual financial statements.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of six members: three representatives from the Department of Finance – the Deputy Minister, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Treasury Management and Budgeting, and the Director of Treasury Management; the Comptroller General; and two members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council - one senior public service official with expertise in environmental matters and one public representative appointed upon the recommendation of the Public Service Commission. The current members of the Board and their positions are as follows:

Michelle Jewer (Chair)
Deputy Minister
Department of Finance

David Drover
Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury
Management and Budgeting
Department of Finance

Julie Moore
Comptroller General
Office of the Comptroller General
Treasury Board Secretariat

Thomas Nemec
Director, Treasury Management
Department of Finance

Vacant
Department of Environment and
Climate Change

Vacant
Public Representative

2.0 Mandate

The mandate of the Board of Trustees is to manage and control the operational activities of the NLFF. These activities include setting investment policy, the investment of funds and the monitoring of such funds. These funds are invested in accordance with the **Future Fund Act** and the NLFF Investment Policy, primarily in equities, bonds, debentures or securities issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada, the government of a province of Canada, or a chartered bank, with the goal of earning the maximum return from investment of the portfolio while ensuring security of the funds.

3.0 Sources of Funding

The **Future Fund Act** requires Government contribute to the fund a portion of the non-renewable resource royalties received in a fiscal year as well as the net proceeds from a sale of assets exceeding \$5 million. Further details are provided in the **Future Fund Regulations**. Treasury Board is authorized to direct additional contributions as deemed appropriate. Contributions are invested and the earnings (i.e. interest, dividends, etc.), less an amount to cover administrative costs, are re-invested.

The NLFF's day-to-day activities are managed by employees of the Department of Finance and the NLFF is invoiced quarterly by the Province for reimbursement of these expenses on a cost-recovery basis.

4.0 Priorities

The NLFF supports the Department of Finance in its responsibilities related to stewardship of public money and fiscal management by the investing of funds in accordance with parameters set out in the **Future Fund Act**. The unpredictable nature of the investment market, will challenge the Board to ensure that the investment strategy maximizes the rate of return earned on its investment portfolio, while at the same time, protecting the security of the fund. The Board will work to operationalize the target asset mix over the 3 year activity plan period.

The Board is committed to fulfilling its mandated responsibilities. As such, it will provide annual reports detailing the activities it undertook during each preceding fiscal year in compliance with its mandate.

Objective: By March 31, 2024, 2025 and 2026, Board of Trustees will have ensured the prudent investment of the assets of the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund.

Indicator: The assets of the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund are prudently invested in accordance with the **Future Fund Act** as evidenced by the completion of periodic reviews of reports to the Board of Trustees.