



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

**2008-2011
ACTIVITY PLAN**

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It is with great pleasure that I submit the 2008-11 Activity Plan for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This Plan was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. Along with my fellow committee members, I am accountable for this plan and achieving the objective contained herein.

The Advisory Committee consists of eight members who voluntarily represent key stakeholders across Labrador. Formed in 2006, the Committee provides a voice for Labradorians to convey transportation needs, regional knowledge and insight on matters relating to transportation in Labrador.

This Plan was developed in consideration of the strategic directions of government, specifically those relevant to transportation in Labrador. While this Committee is not directly accountable to fulfill these commitments, it does play a supportive role through the provision of advice to government on matters relating to transportation in Labrador.

The 2008-11 Strategic Plan for the Department of Transportation and Works outlines the key strategic issues to be addressed during the next three years. They include improving our provincial highway system, marine services and government air services; as well as implementing more environmentally friendly specifications and procedures for government buildings and light vehicles in support of the *Provincial Energy Plan*. Over the next three years, the Minister's Advisory Committee welcomes the opportunity to provide input on the strategic issues pertaining to transportation in Labrador. Given the Committee's mandate, the Committee has adopted the Values and Vision of the Department of Transportation and Works, as well as its Mission where it relates Labrador transportation.

As Chair of the Minister's Advisory Committee, I am pleased with the Committee's invaluable input and advice concerning transportation issues faced by Labradorians. I look forward to working with the Advisory Committee over the next three years on strengthening Labrador's transportation system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne Whalen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dianne Whalen

Minister of Transportation and Works

Chair, Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation

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OVERVIEW

On February 27, 2006, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador announced the formation of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This voluntary committee consists of key stakeholders representing the needs of people and businesses across Labrador. The committee provides a two-way forum to share views on policy, programs and services, as well as, serves as a sounding board for the Minister on all matters relating to transportation in Labrador.

The Advisory Committee is chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works and is comprised of eight members - ensuring representation from the Economic Zones, as well as, businesses and consumers.

Committee Members are appointed for two-year terms and convene twice per year or whenever deemed necessary by the Minister. As the Committee does not have its own financial resources, the Department of Transportation and Works covers all meeting expenses.

The Committee Members are as follows:

- Carol Burden, Port Hope Simpson
- Wade Dyson, Cartwright
- Jim Farrell, Wabush
- Rick Lewis, Happy Valley-Goose Bay
- Jim Lyall, Nain
- Enid McNeill, Makkovik
- Myles O'Brien, L'Anse Au Loup
- Keith Watts, Happy Valley-Goose Bay

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; and,
3. To serve as an external sounding board for Government on the development of the Labrador component of a provincial transportation plan.

VALUES

The Minister's Advisory Committee is instrumental in advising the Provincial Government as it moves forward to address the challenges and demands related to transportation in Labrador. This Committee is chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works, and as such, has adopted the values of the Department.

These values include:

Accountability

Each person accepts responsibility for their own actions and for those of the team and follows through on requests and commitments.

Communication

Each person takes initiative to share information with co-workers in support of the Department's mandate in a timely manner, ensures the appropriate information is recorded using the Department's information management tools, and supports the sharing of timely and relevant information with public audiences.

Dedication

Each person completes all tasks efficiently and effectively, willingly supports others to fulfil their role, honours their hours of work, and avails of learning opportunities.

Leadership

Each person shows initiative and is a positive influence for others, motivating others to perform to their maximum potential.

Respect

Each person promotes a respectful work environment that values mutual respect, fairness, and equality.

Safety

Each person has the right to and shares responsibility for maintaining a safe, healthy and risk free environment for themselves, other employees and the general public.

Teamwork

Each person interacts with their peers to problem solve, shares information freely with co-workers and works with others to fulfil the responsibilities of the organization.

PRIMARY CLIENT

The primary client of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is the Minister of Transportation and Works.

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. The Committee contributes to the achievement of the Department's Vision and Mission by providing advice focused on increasing the Provincial Government's awareness and understanding of transportation issues and needs in Labrador.

VISION

The vision of the Department of Transportation and Works is of a sustainable public works and transportation infrastructure that meets the economic and social needs of the province.

MISSION

Transportation and Works will have improved the transportation and public works infrastructure and services to meet the economic and social requirements of Newfoundland and Labrador by 2011.

Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works 2008-11 Strategic Plan.

ACTIVITIES

The focus of the Committee is to provide advice on matters concerning transportation in Labrador. Through the provision of advice to the Minister of Transportation and Works, committee members can represent the views and needs of the people and businesses of Labrador to help increase the Provincial Government's awareness and understanding of transportation issues in Labrador.

As the Committee exists exclusively as an advisory board for the Minister, it has decided not to develop goals but rather a single objective that will be reported on annually throughout the duration of this Activity Plan.

OBJECTIVE

By March 31, 2011, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation will have provided advice to the Minister, as requested, pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Measure: Advice to the Minister

Indicators: Number of meetings held
Provision of advice when requested

CONCLUDING REMARKS

As Chair of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their hard work, dedication, and more importantly, their wealth of knowledge and advice over the past two years. Through open and candid discussions, the Committee serves as a tool for informed decision-making regarding transportation in Labrador. Once again, I thank the members for their invaluable input and their contribution to the success of the Committee. I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee in fulfilling its mandate and strengthening Labrador's transportation infrastructure over the next three years.