



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

2007-08 Annual Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



It is my pleasure to present the 2007-08 Annual Report for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. This report was prepared in accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act* and provides an overview of the Committee's activities and accomplishments during the past fiscal year. Along with my fellow committee members, I am accountable for this report and the results contained herein.

As part of its mandate, the Committee serves as a sounding board for Government on matters concerning transportation in Labrador. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to convey our commitment to this mandate, as well as express our enthusiasm on working together in strengthening transportation in Labrador.

As Chair of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee members, both past and present, for their wealth of knowledge, hard work, and dedication over the past two years. I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee in fulfilling its mandate and strengthening Labrador's transportation infrastructure in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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

Dianne Whalen, MHA
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. This voluntary committee consists of key stakeholders representing the needs of people and businesses across Labrador.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Committee is chaired by the Minister of Transportation and Works and consists 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.

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

Past committee members include Janice Pike (Happy Valley-Goose Bay), Bridget Anderson (Makkovik), and the late Ben Michel (Sheshatshiu).

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation is funded through the Department of Transportation and Works' annual budget. As such, the Department covers travel costs for committee members as well as any other miscellaneous costs associated with meetings.

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 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.

By conveying the transportation needs of the people of Labrador, the Committee serves as a wealth of knowledge to assist Government in improving transportation services to meet the future economic and social requirements of the Province. Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works 2008-11 Strategic Plan.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

The intention of the Committee is not to produce reports but rather serve as a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policies, programs and services through open and candid discussions. 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. The following goal supports the strategic directions of government by identifying long-term transportation needs of Labradorians for improved transportation infrastructure and marine services.

GOAL

By March 31, 2008, the Ministerial Advisory Committee will have provided advice to the Minister, as requested, pertaining to transportation in Labrador.

Measure: Advice given to the Minister

Indicators: Provided advice as requested

2007-08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation held two meetings in 2007-08, one in August and the other in December. Both meetings provided an opportunity for committee members to bring forward the views of the people of their respective regions and provide input on a number of key issues regarding transportation in Labrador.