



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

2010-11 Annual Report

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



In accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, I am pleased to present the 2010-11 Annual Report for the Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation. The Annual Report provides an overview of the Committee's structure, activities and accomplishments during this past fiscal year. The report was prepared under my direction and I, along with my fellow committee members, am accountable for the results contained herein.

The Minister's Advisory Committee consists of volunteers representing stakeholders from all regions of Labrador. As part of its mandate, the Committee provides a two-way forum to share views and provide advice on policy, programs and services for matters relating to transportation in Labrador. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to this mandate and express our enthusiasm for working together to strengthen transportation in Labrador.

Over the past few years, we have made monumental achievements with regards to transportation in Labrador. With the completion of Phase III of the Trans Labrador Highway and the implementation of a winter ferry service pilot project on the Strait of Belle Isle, residents can now travel seamlessly from Labrador West through to the island portion of the province. The accomplishments made over the past few years have altered the face of transportation in Labrador for future generations.

Our Government recognizes that Labrador possesses an endless potential for economic and social development. With an abundance of natural and human resources and the emerging tourism industry, the future in Labrador has never looked brighter. Moving forward, we must continue to improve transportation infrastructure and thereby position ourselves to support future economic and social development in Labrador.

As Chair, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Committee members, both past and present, for their invaluable support and commitment 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 in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Hedderson, 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 economic zones, businesses and consumers 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.

MEMBERSHIP

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

The 2010-11 Committee members were as follows:

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Through its annual budget, the Department of Transportation and Works covers all costs associated with 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 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 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. Additional information concerning the Department's Vision and Mission can be found in the Department of Transportation and Works' 2008-11 Strategic Plan and 2011-14 Strategic Plan.

REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

The Minister's Advisory Committee 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 2008-11 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

2010-11 RESULTS

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Labrador Transportation convened in Fall 2010 in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The Committee discussed a wide range of transportation issues relevant to the residents of Labrador including road improvement projects and marine services. Through the provision of advice to the Minister of Transportation and Works, committee members represented the businesses and residents of their respective regions and helped increase the Provincial Government's ability to align policies, programs and services with the transportation needs of Labradorians.

