



## **Unofficial Minutes**

**January 25 – 29, 2006**

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## Introduction

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Conference of the Combined Councils of Labrador were held in the communities of L'Anse au Clair and West St. Modeste from January 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

The following minutes are an accurate account of activities over the course of those dates. Sandra Hancock recorded the minutes. These minutes will remain unofficial until adopted at the 2007 Annual Socio-Economic Conference.

### **January 26, 2006 – Northern Light Inn, L'Anse au Clair**

Delegates from Labrador Municipalities and Local Service Districts took part in Municipal Training. Mr. Keith Warren, Director with the Department of Municipal Affairs in conjunction with the Municipal Training Development Corporation facilitated 2 workshops throughout the day.

The morning session focused on “Can I Do That?” an interactive workshop that focused on what councilors, as individuals, can and cannot do related to their council work.

The afternoon session “Conducting Effective Meetings – What Effective meeting Leaders Should Know” focused on tips and tricks to conducting meetings and agendas.

### **January 27, 2006 – Northern Ligh Inn, L'Anse au Clair**

Graham Letto, MC, welcomed everyone to the conference. He made note of changes in the agenda due to weather and introduced President, Ford Rumbolt.

## TOURISM SESSION

### **Panelist: Margaret Burden, Chairperson, Destination Labrador**

Ms. Burden noted that Destination Labrador started running in late fall of 2005, they had two board meetings so far this year to introduce the board and familiarize the board with what Destination Labrador is about and also to prepare job ad for Office Administrator and Executive Director.

With Labrador moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it will encounter many new and exciting tourism related opportunities, but rapid changes can be so unsettling; but at time feel that we are not ready.

Destination Labrador's board identifies Labrador as a premiere frontier destination of choice in the tourist market of North America and Europe. Through the implementation

of a Labrador tourism destination plan is a blue print for Labrador tourism sector. Over consultations with over 250 organizations and individuals, the Labrador tourism product potential is significant and the market should double every 4 to 7 years. The intent of Destination Labrador is to lay the foundation for a new private sector driven and market focus organization which will assist local communities and tourist interest to more effectively understand and manage change in Labrador's tourism sector. The overall goal of Destination Labrador is to support the development of Labrador as a world-class tourism destination with the assistance of 3 building blocks; these building blocks are capacity building, product development and marketing.

The new board is supported by an advisory board comprised of representatives from ACOA, Canada Heritage Parks Canada Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. They are presently working on Labrador Tourism Accord, which will partner with stakeholders and with the signing of the accord, there is hope to have great partnerships and resources that they can draw on. The members of the board will be visiting local areas to start awareness program targeted at residents of Labrador. Destination Labrador and partners will implement a unique, made in Labrador, tourism attraction labeled "Labrador, The Last Frontier" for the whole of Labrador.

**Panelist: Doug Robbins, LSHDC (Labrador Straits Historical Development Corporation), President**

The Labrador Straits Historical Development Corporation (LSHDC) was formed in 1980. It began with the discovery of Red Bay as a historical site. The board is made up of members from Red Bay to Lanse au Clair. Major projects of LSHDC include participation in development in Red Bay, development of Point Amour lighthouse and a regional interpretation center, marketing activities, most recently a partnership of Labrador Coastal Drive. All work is partnership driven, works with specialized agencies like Parks Canada, historic sites and QLF. Work started in communities with a "bottoms up" approach.

Tourism in Labrador is based on heritage, history, unique environment and culture. Our tourism in Labrador Straits is all about heritage tourism. Very interested in hearing more about Destination Labrador and have full confidence that it will take Labrador tourism product into the national/international market place.

We have to change and adjust our thinking about how we see Labrador, especially in the southern regions of Labrador in product development. We really need an intergraded approach to tourism development in our regions and continue the "bottoms up" approach. Need to involve our heritage sector and emphasize the product that we have from the people who know it. Need to ensure all communities participate. Tourism business plays a vital role in product development.

*-End of Session*

*\*Do to minor adjustments to the agenda do to weather conditions affecting flights. An opportunity was given to Mr. Jack Harris, Leader of the Provincial NDP Party to address the delegation.*

Mr. Harris expressed his disappointment that the current government doesn't appear to see the opportunities of participating more fully in CCL, as a chance to hear from all the people of Labrador. It is an opportunity to hear what has to be said, to learn from the people, to talk to the people and what the needs are. Lots of issues on the table for Labrador, it is important for politicians to fully understand the needs and importance of making sure Labrador needs and issues are understood.

We are in an age of tremendous communications, communication is much higher in Labrador thanks to Smart Labrador and to the smart people of Labrador but face-to-face communication that takes place meetings like this is extremely important.

Mr. Harris gave notice to his party of his intentions to leave, hope the new leader of the NDP will be as interested in issues of concern to Labrador as he has been. He was there as part of Nunatsiavut celebrations, a fabulous step forward, lot of hope arises as a result of the new government, look forward to Innu achieving similar type of understanding and control of their own culture and economic future in a positive way that will resolve a lot of their problems that they have encountered. The future for Labrador looks great, it is extremely positive.

Mr. Harris said that he was leaving provincial politics at a good time for the province; he has seen significant changes for the economics of government, thanks to the commitments that were received from the federal political parties under the Atlantic Accord. He added that he was hopeful for the future and hopeful that government will change its attitude and see positive influence for Labrador development. We are one province and one people and we are strong together. It requires effort on both sides, effort by the leadership of the province to ensure everybody is part of decision-making. Mr. Harris wished everyone best of success in the future.

## TRANSPORTATION SESSION

**Moderator: Mayor Graham Letto (Labrador City) (VP NLFM)**

**Panelist:**

**Bob Smart, Deputy Minister of Department of Transportation and Works**

**Dion Tee, Regional Director, Department of Transportation and Works**

Mr. Smart began by thanking CCL for the opportunity to be here. Minister Trevor Taylor sends his apologies.

He noted that issues in transportation in Labrador are fairly unique, very challenging and very expensive. When focusing on strategies for NL, he sees it as being two distinctive strategies. The island systems are pretty much developed and it is pretty much maintenance, in Labrador it is in the developmental stage of a major transportation system.

On the road's front, the Trans Labrador Highway (TLH) is now part of the National Highway System, which is a great benefit to Labrador which will make that road system eligible for the federal government cost sharing on a 50/50 basis. It also prescribes a certain standard that the highway has to meet. Route 430 is also added as part of the National Highway System. Right now, they don't have the federal government cost

sharing, the strategic highway program is now expired and no cost sharing dollars left in it now. The Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund program is now fully subscribed, it will need Phase 3 of that. There is a demand from the federal government to have a strategic infrastructure fund. Until we get that fund, the distinction of being part of the national highway system doesn't mean much. We are optimistic that there will be some cost sharing arrangement. Phase 3 of the TLH is continuing but still has 70-71 million dollars of work left to be done, it is still on schedule for completion for 2009. The provincial government has made \$50 million commitment over five years to put a hard/black top on phase one from Labrador West to Happy Valley Goose Bay, which is contingent on the federal government with their 50% share, had some positive indication that the dollars are coming.

Currently have consultant engaged and should have report in at the end of February or early March on what to use as a hard surface. Chip seal has been used on the Alaska Highway and other northern territories and consultant will do research to make sure it is suitable for the climate and conditions.

Shadow Pond depot has been awarded and it is expected to finish this summer to have it ready for next winter. The Provincial Roads Program is \$60 million for the next year and is now in the process to begin next summer.

## Air Service

The air service does not preoccupy the same as the roads and marine issues. The primary effort is to monitor and to express their views. They are looking very actively at the report that proposed a regional airport at Port Hope Simpson, which will be released very shortly. They are looking at Happy Valley Goose Bay and the federal government commitment to expand the terminal there. The big interest on the air side is how it will interconnect with what it will do on the roads side and what it means on the marine side because all the transportation network is all interconnected in various ways, shapes and forms.

## Marine

The tender for the Trans Gulf service has been issued. There was higher than expected number of proponents that picked up the package. The Northern Ranger contract has been extended for another two or three year period. The Apollo contract has another two years left, with the type of contract being so big, a decision needs to be made in the next 4-6 months to where the service will be at the expiration of the contract. The objective will be to make some type of decision on what type of service the Straits need, within the next 6 months some type of tender will need to be called and see who is interested. Some big questions on this issue; such as the length of the season, the size of boat, should we have one boat or two. The ferry rates is another issue that government is looking at, also the shipping rates, are they comparable to rates in Newfoundland. A fairly detailed study done shows that the rate system doesn't bear any relationship to the cost of providing the service. The report does identify a number of equations that you can use for a cost base system. It doesn't prescribe a definite way to do this, will need consultation on this.

Between the issues of marine, roads and air-to a lesser extent, there are some big issues. Big in terms of the impact on people in the region, the complexity of sensible solutions to it and also cost. The minister is of the view that there is a need to put a system in place, a

type of consultation system, a type of advisory system, so that there is a mechanism in Labrador or a group that government can go to that represent the interest of the region that government can discuss the options. Government will not reach any conclusion on these big issues without significant consultation and input from the region. The decision that government makes over the next 6-12 months will define what the transportation network is going to be for many years to come. Government will explore the Nunavut connection, possibly sharing services with that area that may enhance services here that is provided in Labrador. In the process of setting up a session with the government in Iqaluit to have discussions on some of their issues to see if there is some basis for exploring them further.

**Councilor Alton Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour)** - Why does the road from Red Bay to Lodge Bay has a time frame for it to be closed, what is the reason for that?

**Mr. Smart**-that section has always been a challenge; the decision is driven by safety. Putting a depot at Shadow Pond should give a significant level of improvement.

**Dion Tee**-The depot will continue to maintain that section until it is deemed unsafe. Was fortunate last year to keep the road open until March 2 or 3. Snow blowers were sent in and attempted to open the road for very short periods of time but it wasn't a dependable link.

**Councilor Alton Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour)**-Need more equipment on the road if you want to keep it open. Why January 10<sup>th</sup> date? What kind of commitment can you give today to try and keep the road open?

**Mr. Smart**-Cannot give a guarantee, the department is doing the best that they can with the resources that they have. Hopefully the new depot will help.

**Mayor Richard Rich (Rigolet)**-We do have a good passenger service but pay the highest price in NL to ship an automobile. Trucks were left in Rigolet and boats wouldn't come back and get them. Why is the north coast discriminated against from many levels of government? It is time for the government to put a road on the north coast.

**Mr. Smart**-Government don't have plans to build a road at this time, the focus is on completing the Trans Labrador Highway.

**Mayor Rosetta Holwell (Cartwright)**-Will phase 2 and 3 follow on your list of items for a hard top?

Need another round trip to Goose Bay.

Trans Labrador Highway should be inclusive; the north coast should be included.

Snow clearing is a major problem; some side roads are not being cleared and the snowmobile crossing haven't been done.

**Mr. Smart**-On the hard top issue-the long term plan would be a hard top, the whole thing-government has signed up for hard top Phase one from Labrador West to Goose Bay over a five year period. Don't know how long it will take to get the rest of it.

On the Bond issue-that is something that can be looked at. Something has to change to accommodate the schedule.

**Dion Tee**-It was requested by the town last year to look at prioritizing snow clearing in town before going out on the highway. It is the understanding that the contractor has placed some additional equipment in the community to do that will revisit the contractor.

**Deputy Mayor Stan Oliver (Happy Valley – Goose Bay)** -need two lanes on Hamilton River Road. The shoulder of the road by the Trans Labrador Highway has had numerous accidents this year. Putting gravel to fill up a groove on the side of the road a 100 meters wide is not acceptable.

The town council of Happy Valley Goose Bay supports an extra trip for the Bond; there is room in the schedule for an extra trip.

Regarding the \$50 million commitment for hard top-the road is not wide enough.

Any plans to put chip seal on the rest of the road to widen the existing road?

The ferry schedule comes out too late, you can't get a booking because the operators don't know enough detail to answer questions, this can distract tourist.

**Mr. Smart**- The issue of the extra crossing of the Bond-one of the problems with ferry vessels in the province is they don't stop long enough in between trips for routine maintenance, just because there is a lay over it doesn't mean that we can take the lay over out of the schedule.

The projects that you mentioned are on the list that we are considering.

**Dion Tee** – In regards to the ferry – they should have all processes in place to take reservations if they do not, we will be checking into that.

**Mayor Arthur Williams (North West River)** – Phase 3 is very important to all of Labrador. When we talk about North West River Highway, there have been major problems on that highway. Two or three years ago, we were told that the contract would be changed, at the best of times; it is a one-lane highway. The roads are not plowed from 10:00 pm to 5:00am. Also, does the Department of Transportation look at groomed trails between the north coast and North West River?

**Dion Tee** – No we don't.

**Mr. Smart** – Had a lengthy discussion in the Minister's boardroom regarding the North West River road.

**Dion Tee** – In terms of the contract, it is in conjunction with the policy across the entire province. Presently, in conjunction with the policy, the department does provide provisions for emergency situations between the hours of 10:00 and 5:00. Unfortunately the equipment is based out of Goose Bay and the ambulance is based out of North West River so there will be some time delay for a piece of equipment to get to North West River but that is the way the provincial policy is throughout the province.

**Mayor Arthur Williams (North West River)** – It is very, very frustrating to come back here year after year and it is the same thing over and over. Things have to change.

**Mayor Henry Broomfield (Nain)** – Has the tender been called for the roll on, roll off ferry for the north coast?

Are you looking at putting a security fence around the freight area?

**Mr. Smart** – The specs for the boat are the same as before, there is no change.

**Dion Tee** – Had discussion with the RCMP and there is no decision around the area of the fencing, there is a concern about safety.

**Mayor Henry Broomfield (Nain)** – The reason we want the fence is because of the children's safety. When choosing a boat for the north coast, look at what the north coast recommended, not at your own recommendations.

**Mayor Herb Jacques (Makkovik)** – With the upcoming 2006 season, where will the vessel be operating from?

**Dion Tee** – Right now there is a minor change in the service. The Trans Gulf will begin and end in Lewisporte. It will be operated in Cartwright the same as in the past.

**Mayor Wade Earle (Red Bay)** – Why can't we have a year-round ferry service? We need a boat the size of the Apollo, not two boats. With the Red Bay – Lodge Bay road, we need to go around the rock cuts.

**Mr. Smart** – The Apollo: we talked about two boats, the advantage being; it will put you in a position to have a year round ferry service, one for slower periods and one for increased capacity. May keep one boat like the Apollo.

The Red Bay-Lodge Bay road: maybe could have been adverted. While we do have challenges, the depot should help. Let's accept where the road is.

**Mayor Agnes Pike (West St. Modeste)** – Too bad that we couldn't have the Minister here, we all got the same answers in 1979. How can a minister sitting in St. John's make decisions regarding a piece of equipment needed on a road in Labrador? It needs to come from a local level.

When the Apollo went off on January 08, I called to see if other ferries went off at the same time, they weren't. There is no need of four months of isolation here, government needs to look at a service for Labrador, and the boat should be on year round.

**Mr. Smart** – One decision that has to be made is of the length of the season. The tender will be up in two years and the decision will be made then.

**Councilor Ron Barron (Wabush)** – Everything being said here today is falling on deaf ears. Is the \$50 million contingent upon \$50 million from the federal government? Why not look at starting a road in Rigolet? Until a road is throughout Labrador, it is not a Trans Labrador Highway. The chip seal is not a commitment, it needs a hard top.

**Mr. Smart** – Whether it will be chip seal or not will depend on the consultant’s study. If it does confirm that it can be done and gives you a suitable road, why sign up for \$350 million that will take 15 years?

Concerning the \$50 million – if the federal government says no, can the provincial government commit \$100 million? One step at time.

**Councilor Ron Barron (Wabush)**– The cost of the road shouldn’t be an issue. This road will benefit the whole province. The government doesn’t listen even if it is recommended that we need asphalt, we will still get chip seal.

**Mayor Neal Pike (Pinware)** – We sent a letter on behalf of the community for a diversion of our local road. It is on a 90-degree angle and there is an accident waiting to happen.

**Dion Tee** – That is one of many, many lists of requests that the department has received. Something that will be done as funding permits.

**Councilor Gaus Trimm (Forteau)** – How is the depot going to be manned? Why not try a couple of experimental rock cuts? We asked for an extension in November, we need enough lead-time so that we can publicize the length of the season in mid season. The two-boat option is a scary option; you can’t compare us with Fogo.

**Mr. Smart** – It is not unreasonable to expect an answer earlier in the year, we need to look at cost effective options.  
The depot, whether it is staffed with a contractor or our own people are now being discussed and debated, we don’t know yet. The rock cut issue-it is something that we can look at, can possibly do that, it is a provincial roads issue.

**Councilor Gaus Trimm (Forteau)** – Explain the federal government designation of the Trans Labrador Highway in respect to what road are included in Labrador and what roads are included in Newfoundland.

**Mr. Smart** – The National Highway System will include the Trans Labrador Highway-Labrador West-Goose Bay-Cartwright-Blanc Sablon, St. Barbe-Deer Lake, Port Aux Basques-St. John’s, Argenticia-Trans Canada Highway-Lewisporte-Trans Canada, St. John’s Airport-Trans Canada and a couple small pieces that may be missed.

**Councilor Gaus Trimm (Forteau)** – The road in Lewisporte got included because it was a marine connection to Labrador but no junctions in Labrador were included.

**Mr. Smart** – We have to look at the volume of traffic, Lewisporte met the traffic criteria.

**Mayor Annie Rumbolt (St. Lewis)** – Why does the cost of snow clearing in communities have to depend on the communities? Is there anything your department can do to help out small communities?

**Mr. Smart** – That is more of an issue for the Department of Municipal Affairs. In terms of snow clearing, the department provides snow clearing to communities; the policy is the same everywhere. We can't afford to provide snow clearing at no cost.

**Mayor Ford Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour) (President of CCL)** – You can't get a reservation for the ferry in the fall for Cartwright, it is unacceptable to have to wait two or three days because you can't get on the boat.

In the fall, you don't know when the Straits ferry will be crossing, and that is the reason why traffic is down in the fall. The same applies to the roads in SouthEastern Labrador; they don't know when the road is open or closed.

In order to survive in SouthEastern Labrador, we need to have one airport. When is the report going to be released, it was given to a contractor two years ago? Right now we have a three-day service from Air Labrador. You are looking at another study for Labrador for transportation, is this a deliberate attempt to delay transportation issues in this province?

**Mr. Smart** – I don't know what you meant by another study-there are some significant decisions that has to be made, we need discussion/consultation before a decision is made. Part of a resolution to the standard of service is construction of the road.

The airport study just hasn't been released, it has gotten tied up. There are some big decisions that have to be made; whether you agree or disagree at the end of the day, you won't be able to say that we didn't ask.

**Mayor Nath Moores (L'Anse au Clair)** – In your preamble you said that the transportation system was pretty much developed on the Island, unfortunately, in Labrador it is not as well developed. The study done on the north coast recommended that they don't want the Trans Gulf, why not build a roll on/roll off ferry for the north coast?

**Mr. Smart** – The Trans Gulf is public tender. It took at least 50 years to get the road developed in Newfoundland; there are different environments and challenges there. The idea of two boats is only an idea even though it will give you added flexibility and a way to give you an extended service.

**Councilor Ern Condon (Labrador City)** - There is a need to have all roads clearly marked by flashing lights near the railway.

**Mr. Smart** – That is private issue of the railway. Not sure of the process.

Questions from the floor:

**MHA Yvonne Jones** – Wanted to talk about the ferry service and the concept of two boats instead of one. What we need is capacity and extended service. \$50 million spent in the province with only \$150 thousand spent in Labrador. Another priority is a road connection for William's Harbour. In the past two years there were six studies done in

her district: marine, Hay Group, freight rates, forestry, airport and fixed link. Who is the advisory committee on transportation? There was a recommendation for the airport at Port Hope Simpson to be designated as a regional airport with upgrade to the airport/terminal to only accommodate a twin otter aircraft service.

**Mr. Smart** – Don't know the exact recommendation on the airport study. The minister will answer questions regarding the advisory committee on transportation.

**Gary Bolger** – Are the contractors being micromanaged in transportation?

**Dion Tee** – No, they are not being micromanaged and we don't tell them what piece of equipment to use.

Madelyn Kelly – With all of the resources from the development of Lower Churchill, the extraction of resources from Voisey's Bay and the extraction of mining in Labrador West that go to the province, it would be refreshing to see the government come in and make a few announcement on the use of these resources to improve transportation and other infrastructure.

*-End of Session*

## Hydro Session

**Moderator: Graham Letto**

**Panelist: Gilbert Bennett, Acting Vice President, Engineering Services, Lower Churchill Development**

Mr. Bennett began by saying that he appreciated the invitation to attend the AGM of the Combine Councils of Labrador. His prime reason today is to talk about the Lower Churchill project and the project will have a fairly significant impact on this territory. He will focus on the implementation of the project, and what NL Hydro is up to. Mr. Bennett started with the basic statistics of NL Hydro stating that it was the fourth largest utility in Canada and in terms of generating assets; it has 10 hydroelectric plants, 4 gas turbines and 27 diesel plants in the province. Hydro's mandate includes the pursuit of energy related to business development opportunities and opportunities beyond Hydro's development include wind, oil and gas.

The Lower Churchill is the 8th largest facility in the world. Mr. Bennett gave some statistics on operations in Labrador, some which included the transmission lines from Churchill Falls to Wabush, supply of secondary energy to 5 Wing Goose Bay which is the same model used in Quebec and the Labrador Straits. He talked about capital projects for 2005 and also for 2006, and how NL Hydro work hard at having rates competitive to peer groups across the country.

Some issues that came up in a consultation in November were the interconnection of power in coastal Labrador and some alternatives such as wind and mini Hydro. The development of other Hydro sites on the south and north coasts, other potential sites and the need to identify some potential sites. Future planning in these areas is ongoing and will be having continuing discussions with customers.

Mr. Bennett gave an update on the Lower Churchill development; he gave statistics on the Gull Island and Muskrat Falls projects and reiterated that the projects objective was to maximize the economic benefits during the development and operations phase. He went on to talk about the economic benefits from the projects, the potential markets, the projected capital costs, and the construction work force.

Mr. Bennett touched briefly on the EOI(Expression of Interest & Proposal). He stated that to date they have received 25 submissions. He felt that Newfoundland and Labrador can lead the development of the project and outlined the financing option and the potential sources of financing. He then spoke about the planning approach to the project, the overall project plan, and the project timeline. Also have to look at the assessment, the decisions to be made and the extensive process involved.

**Mayor Richard Rich (Rigolet)** wanted to know when the coast can get a break on Hydro and when will there be a pole line from Rigolet to Makkovik.

**Mr. Bennett** said that they don't have an easy answer, the cost of the pole line would be very expensive.

**Councilor Ron Barren (Wabush)** wanted to know who would get the best deal.

**Mr. Bennett** responded that NL Hydro would choose the most cost effective measure; the government will make that decision.

**Mayor Margaret Burden (Port Hope Simpson)** wanted to know the cost of a transmission line to the American market and how the rates are comparable to diesel.

**Mr. Bennett** replied that the cost of an upgrade to the American market would estimate \$11/2 – 2 billion, overall the cost would be substantially higher than diesel generated power, don't know what rates a regulator might use.

**Mayor Ford Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour) (CCL President)** stated that unless Labrador benefits from Lower Churchill, then you might as well stop the project now.

**Mr. Bennett** said that everyone needs to work together so that everyone will benefit. Ern Condon mentioned that there is no representative on Hydro's board from Labrador.

**Mayor Neal Pike (Pinware)** said that since the Straits are getting secondary power from Quebec, what happens if Quebec decides to pull the switch,

**Mr. Bennett** stated that capacity would be in place if that happens.

**MHA Yvonne Jones** commented that here today Hydro is looking at the technical side of things and that she is very disappointed that everyone didn't get to see how the Lower Churchill project will benefit Labradorians, she went on to say that Mr. Bennett stated the benefits for Hydro but didn't mention any benefits for Labrador. Ms. Jones realized that NL Hydro subsidizes the rates for her district but that still doesn't make it any cheaper for the people. She thought that NL Hydro should look at exporting electricity to Quebec and she also wanted to see the cost analysis of building a transmission line from Goose Bay to the Labrador Straits. Lower Churchill is the single most important development that we have to deal with in Labrador and want to make sure it is for the benefit of all communities and doesn't mean more diesel plants.

**Mr. Bennett** responded by saying that Quebec doesn't have transmission capacity and that he would be happy to go over the rate analysis decision from 2001.

**NDP Leader Jack Harris** asked why it is unfeasible to use wind energy as an alternative and why NL Hydro aren't giving away energy effective light bulbs.

**Mr. Bennett** said that the cost of wind generation on a large scale basis would be 6-8 cents a kilowatt per hour and that would present challenges with the diesel system because the style of the turbines is much bigger than the entire system.

*-End of Session*

January 28, 2006 – Oceanview Resort, West St. Modeste

## LABRADOR MHA SESSION

**Moderator: Dr. Ron Sparkes**

**Panelist:**

**MHA Yvonne Jones, Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair**

**MHA Wally Andersen, Torngat Mountains**

**MHA Randy Collins, Labrador West**

**Regrets:**

**MHA John Hickey, Lake Melville (unable to attend do to Family Emergency)**

**MHA YVONNE JONES**

Ms. Jones began the session; she expressed her pleasure to be there and was glad of the opportunity to come together and work together on issues. She stated that there were

many challenging issues, especially **transportation**. The transportation issues are very critical to the region; it affects the economic growth of the area. There is a decline in the tourism industry as a result of inefficient and inadequate transportation needs. The retail sector has been impacted due to the decline in ferry traffic because of the changes in the ferry schedule.

There is also a significant decline in the **fishery**. This has caused a tremendous impact on the area with 400 plant workers displaced due to the decline. There are few employment opportunities in the area and make-work projects are less than adequate providing minimum wages with families earning less than \$300.00 in unemployment insurance. Many residents are living below the poverty line and this cannot sustain communities. Fishermen are having a great challenge in keeping up with the high expense of fuel, bait and payments. There is a great need for cheaper energy and a good transportation route.

This year more than ever, there is a need for more services in the area of a **medical** program. Services are not available in St. Anthony and patients are being referred to Corner Brook and St. John's, which means an additional expense to the patient and the family. There is a need for a medical program where expenses are paid up-front.

The **pricing of petroleum** products should be regulated by the provincial government. There should be a uniform rate across the province, which will give a regional balance. Ms. Jones stressed the importance of walking away from the table and acting together and supporting each other. There are big issues on the horizon for us, and we need to speak as one voice.

### **MHA WALLY ANDERSEN**

Mr. Andersen began by expressing his pleasure to be at the AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador. He said that this would probably be his last time at the AGM as MHA; he announced that he would be running for the new government on the north coast. The north coast is facing many changes, especially with the new Nunatsiavut government; the government has many issues to deal with, especially with fisheries and transportation. The economic benefit of Voisey's Bay has been seen on the north coast, especially with many young people being trained and finding work. He has consulted with the ministers of the new government. There is a need to work on issues concerning fisheries, transportation, marine services and electric rates. He supports Yvonne's position on working together and to move forward for the common goals of Labrador.

**Mayor Richard Rich (Rigolet)** asked why the north coast has to pay the highest rates in the province for marine services?

**MHA Andersen** replied that he has written to the Minister Ed Byrne and he will travel to the north coast in the new year. He also raised the issue with the new government and will address it then.

**MHA Jones** said that the north coast should have their own marine service, and that the rates should be adjusted.

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**Councilor Alton Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour)** expressed concern for the closing of roads, Lower Churchill, high energy costs and fuel prices. He noted that there is a need to be more vocal.

**MHA Jones** agreed with the points that he made and will continue to raise the issues as loud as she can.

**Councilor Ern Condon (Labrador City)** stated that we are not being active enough; there is a need for a legislative assembly in Labrador. We need to take ownership and take action to come together and be united.

**MHA Jones** said she recognized the frustrations and views but should be more collective voices. She went on to discuss the Yukon Territory and their successes and what territorial status would mean for us. She encouraged the CCL to start researching the issue.

**Mayor Arthur Williams (North West River)** expressed his frustrations about Voisey's Bay regarding employment and the number of Labradorians working there. He felt that Labrador was being exploited and not getting the benefits that Labrador deserve.

## **MHA RANDY COLLINS**

Mr. Collins felt optimistic about Labrador West. He noted that more people are being hired by the Iron Ore Company of Canada, there is a record high price of iron ore, the company is expanding, people are retiring but staying in the area, the college is providing training which enable people to get jobs. There are still problems in Labrador West especially with medical transportation lacking. Even though residents are a part of an internal travel subsidy in which the first \$500.00 is absorbed by government, travel is costly and residents have to pay up-front. Government should pay directly to the airlines so that much of the costs are absorbed and residents won't have to pay so much up-front. Labrador West need a new hospital, the existing one should be condemned. If the Trans Labrador Highway is getting chip seal as a hard top then it needs to get started; no matter what kind of hardtop is involved. There is a possibility of a new mine opening that should provide maximum benefits to the area. He felt that Voisey's Bay is beneficial to the aboriginal peoples of Labrador but a dismal failure for the rest of Labradorians. Mr. Collins agreed with Yvonne regarding territorial government.

**Councilor Ron Barron (Wabush)** felt that we already have 2 models of territorial governments; Nunatsiavut and the Nunavut governments and that should be enough in the way of a study.

**Mayor Nath Moores (L'Anse au Clair)** asked for clarification on the medical coverage in Labrador West.

**Mayor Neal Pike (Pinware)** brought forward an intent for a motion that he will bring forward tomorrow at the AGM on territorial status.

## NATURAL RESOURCES SESSION

**Honourable Ed Byrne, Minister of Natural Resources**

**Minister Byrne** began by saying that there is a need for a province wide energy plan that need to identify the maximum amount of benefits for the province and how the government supply power to every region is critical. The input for the energy plan should come from all levels of government that will shape an operational plan. The objective of the energy plan is to manage the energy sector, and the revenues/benefits of the plan will be for the economic growth for the province. The overall issues regarding this plan would be the energy supply and demand, alternative energy, economic/regional development and energy exports. There is a need for input because it is paramount to what the plan should represent and how to address long-term issues.

**Mayor Richard Rich (Rigolet)** expressed his concern regarding the high-energy costs on the north coast and how expensive it is to heat a home and also the high freight rates.

**Minister Byrne** said he appreciated his concern and that he is trying to address the issues and to look for creative ways for a long term solution and will be doing consultations for that purpose.

**Mayor Rosetta Holwell (Cartwright)** noted that the high-energy rates create problems for any new development and that they can't wait much longer for the challenges to be addressed. They are asking for the same consideration as the rest of the province.

**Minister Byrne** said that the government is committed to finding a solution and that they do have an understanding of the needs of the people.

**Councilor Ern Condon (Labrador City)** said that he liked the concept of consultations but that over the last 50 years many dollars from Labrador West, Voisey's Bay and IOC has gone to government and the money should be used for uniformed rates across the province.

**Minister Byrne** noted that the amount from Labrador over the past 50 years has been significant.

**Mayor Neal Pike (Pinware)** expressed concern regarding Quebec and how it has control over the recall rights of excess hydro electricity which supplies the Straits area.

**Councilor Ron Barron (Wabush)** felt that unless infrastructure is put in place, coastal communities cannot grow.

**Mayor Ford Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour) (CCL President)** reviewed the seven points of the CCL position on the development of the Lower Churchill.

**MHA Yvonne Jones** felt that government need to look at the Lower Churchill project in the context of benefits to the people of Labrador. She went on to elaborate on this issue.

**Minister Byrne** said that the points were well taken and government is taking the necessary steps and that it is abundantly clear that we need to move forward.

*-End of Session*

*\*Do to availability of time in the agenda, Labrador MP Todd Russell was offered an opportunity to address the CCL Assembly. Mr. Russell had just won his seat in a recent general federal election.*

**Address by Labrador MP - Todd Russell**

Mr. Russell began by saying that it was a pleasure to address fellow citizens of Labrador and that it is his first time addressing CCL. He felt that the challenges that we face are collective. He felt that this year would be another difficult year in the fishery and probably the same for the future with no dramatic change. He mentioned government's \$50 million commitment in transportation for infrastructure and the long-term plan for transportation. He felt that CCL has a fundamental role to play in all issues and have to be reflective of what the people want.

## Labrador-Grenfell Health Session

**Moderator: Mayor Graham Letto, (Labrador City) (VP NLFM)**

**Panelist: Eric Belben, Member of Health Board  
Boyd Rowe, CEO**

Mr. Belben began the session by expressing regrets that Larry Bradley, Chair of Labrador-Grenfell Health could not make it and that he wished everyone a successful and productive weekend.

Mr. Rowe began by saying that they have a new board that has been operating for eight months and will provide communities an update. Some issues that he will cover are:

1. Organizational Overview
2. Progress to Date
3. Regional Demographics
4. Challenges
5. Demographic Trends
6. Strategic Plan
7. Ongoing/Future Issues

The **organizational overview** consisted of the following:

- Provides health care for 40 thousand people
- Covers north of Bartlett's Harbour and all of Labrador
- \$100 million organization
- 3 hospitals- Labrador West, Goose Bay & St. Anthony
- 14 clinics
- 2 nursing homes
- Child Youth and Family Services offices

## Progress to Date:

The Labrador-Grenfell Health Board now has a full executive team and Regional Directors in place with a management presence in all areas. The board will expand the Grenfell Foundation in St. Anthony and develop a new corporate image.

## Regional Demographics:

- 249 nurses
- 28 physicians, 6 family physicians in Labrador West
- 24 specialists
- 9 rehab staff
- 53 social workers
- 40 professional staff

## Challenges:

- Recruitment and retention of human resources,
- Nurses – continue to be very volatile with recruitment and retention, may have to reassess program,
- Rehab staff-difficult to attract physiotherapists, speech/language pathologist, and midwives,
- Physicians – Goose Bay is ok but St. Anthony has a greater demand than other region, although it has improved somewhat over the past number of months. In Forteau it is traditionally difficult to recruit doctors there but is

continuing to work at, transportation issues is a big challenge for getting physicians. Is continuing with recruiting efforts and is working with various groups across the country,

- Dental service – a private service in Labrador West, on north coast LIHC has an arrangement with dentist, on the south coast the Health Board employs the dentist. It is difficult to retain a dentist on south coast because salaries are not competitive and issues regarding human rights in regard to practicing all over the province,
- Social workers-full staff all over the province.

## Demographic Issues:

- Aging workforce
- Projected demands are higher for long term care,
- Scope of practice issue is further advanced than any other region especially with nurse practitioners,
- Training initiatives-nursing access program.
  - Budget Issues - \$80 million deficit from both GRHS and Health Labrador,
  - Expenditure Trends – bulk in compensation, direct client costs – 66% in salaries, Child Youth & Family Services salaries, projecting a deficit.

## Strategic Plan:

- HAY Best Practices - opportunity to generate revenue, talking with provincial government and will look at closer, and move ahead with recommendation,
- Air transportation,
- With Child Youth & Family Services agreement the federal government covers part now but they should cover more,
- Anticipated budget pressure with Child Youth & Family Services and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

## Ongoing/Future Issues:

### Capital priorities:

- New facility in Labrador West
- Long term care in Goose Bay & Labrador
- Replacement at Flower's Cove,
- Replace office in Nain,
- PACS Project

- Labor Transition Agreement,
- Recruitment of health care professionals
- Risk management and safety,
- Shared programs with aboriginals.

**Councilor Alton Rumbolt (Mary's Harbour)** wanted to know what positions in St. Anthony will not be replaced and mentioned that patients often have to fly when there is freight onboard the aircraft.

**Mr. Rowe** said that they will continue to focus on their commitment for recruitment and retention and that an arrangement is made with Air Labrador and will look at the problem of patients having to fly when there is freight onboard.

**Mayor Neal Pike (Pinware)** asked what incentives can be offered for retention of physician and what happens in the case of an emergency.

**Mr. Rowe** answered by saying that a greater monetary incentives can be offered and that there are guidelines in the case of an emergency.

**Councilor Ron Barron (Wabush)** asked if digital imaging will be available in Labrador West, to which Mr. Rowe replied that a range of things have to be taken into consideration, will have to look at Labrador West and that eventually they will see some advancement.

**Mayor Richard Rich (Rigolet)** mentioned that the amount of luggage taken on a plane when patients have to travel should be increased and also patients have to find their own transportation to the airport.

**Mr. Rowe** said that the amount of luggage have to be limited because of the number of people traveling, also the staff is not responsible for moving patients.

**Mayor Agnes Pike (West St. Modeste)** spoke up and said that there were not doctors at the Forteau Clinic and no dentist since September. People have to travel to Quebec for dental services and they have offered their service for weekends, why haven't the board accepted this arrangement.

**Mr. Rowe** replied that the arrangement for a dentist is being considered but because of provincial regulations it is taking a long time. Ms. Pike went on to ask about the lack of staff and services at St. Anthony and also talked about patients coming from the hospital having to travel on planes that are packed with mail/freight. Mr. Rowe acknowledged that the lack of an internist is a great concern, but there is a regular visiting psychiatrist and optomology team in St. Anthony, the problem of patients traveling with mail/freight will be followed up on.

**Councilor Ern Condon (Labrador City)** expressed his concern for the lack of a psychiatrist and asked if there has been any thought to a long term addiction treatment facility for Labrador and what the rights are for admission to Waterford Hospital.

**Mr. Rowe** assured Mr. Condon that the board is following up on the long term treatment facility with government, also need to look at psychiatrist for Central and Western Labrador and also looking at the area of pediatrics.

**Deputy Mayor Margaret Fox (Nain)** stated that when patients are admitted at the clinic in Nain, no meals are provided, people in the community that need an IV have to travel to Goose Bay, elders and cancer patients sent to Goose Bay for palliative care without family – this is unacceptable.

**Mayor Herb Jacques (Makkovik)** wanted to see the clinics utilized but without staff, patients can't be helped.

Questions from the floor:

**Barb Marshall (Audience)** wanted to know how to get access to the medical assistance transportation program and whose responsibility is it to get it to the people, she also asked why can Quebec recruit two dentists when Labrador-Grenfell can't.

**Mr. Rowe** answered by saying that they have some issues especially in St. Anthony and Forteau and that Quebec has different incentives. The province administers the information regarding the transportation issue.

**MHA Yvonne Jones** stressed that kidney dialysis equipment needs to be in place in St. Anthony, there has been money approved for training and priority should be placed on getting the equipment. She also asked how the deficit would be addressed.

**Mr. Rowe** said that the issue regarding the dialysis equipment has been raised, the requirement of 10-12 patients needing the equipment also has to be looked at and there is a question on the location of the service. The deficit concerns has been raised by the Board and he is pleased to say that money has been received to balance the books for this year.

**MHA Randy Collins** asked if the issue of local students being assisted through medical school been looked at.

**Mr. Rowe** replied that he has seen some start with that issue, the four boards are looking at a process.

*-End of Session*

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Combined Councils of Labrador

**Nath Moores** chaired meeting, President Ford Rumbolt not feeling well. The President's Report was circulated. Formal roll call for those present at the table.

**Waylon Williams**, Executive Director, read financial statement. The audit was not prepared in time, Walters, Hoffe assures that it will be available and a copy will go to assembly. Mr. Williams stated that the Combined Councils of Labrador will be ok for March, provided that travel and expenses were limited. Department of Municipal Affairs advised they will be willing to sit down and work on a budget, and hopefully there will be a full \$100,000.00 compliment.

**Nath Moores** stated that \$31,000.00 in sponsors will cover this AGM.

**Margaret Fox** would like a copy of Waylon's report.

**Nath Moores** said where the audit is not complete, Waylon's report will be send out with audit.

**Herb Jacques** asked how long it will be before they get copy of minutes from this year's meeting, since they still haven't received last year's minutes.

**Waylon Williams** said he was not aware that they didn't have minutes from last year. As soon as they are adopted, he will get them out.

**Nath Moores** stated that the minutes cannot be adopted since no one has a copy of last year's minutes.

There was some discussion on the adoption of the minutes.

**Rigolet** made motion to move that the minutes be adopted through circulation by email, based on the reply from the members.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay, motion carried.

## Reports by VPs

### **Henry Broomfield – VP North Coast**

Mr. Broomfield stated that this year the North Coast finally got their own self-government, Nunatsiavut. It is a great relief for towns of the North coast; they will be able to decide with the government what happens in the communities and the whole territory.

### **Jim Farrell – VP Labrador West**

Things are going good for Labrador West. IOC is slated for expansion now. There are a lot of other places on the coast that Combined Councils of Labrador sympathizes with and should do everything that they can do to help where they can.

### **Art Williams – VP Central Labrador**

Central Labrador spent the year building rapport with government, have been busy working on resolutions from last year. 2005 was the year of getting back on track with government and looking forward to 2006 and getting ahead.

### **Melody Pardy – VP South Eastern Labrador**

This year was a really bad year with issues on South Coast. Had some good meetings with Combined Councils of Labrador. Did a tour of south coast in fall with Waylon and talked to town councils and town clerks to see what their issues were. Government seems to want to come together with the South Coast.

### **Nath Moores – VP Labrador Straits**

This year was a somewhat confusing year, after last year's AGM, lost employees and getting back on track has been somewhat of a task. Issues surrounding the Apollo hurt the area, the delays hurt the area, tried to organize meetings, traveled to St. John's in the fall to meet with government official. All issues were brought to government regarding ferry, road and health care. Need full time ferry.

## 2006 Resolutions

### **Resolution 06-01 – Pinware**

Mayor Neal Pike moved to have a motion put forward to have a plebiscite carried out by executive of Combined Councils of Labrador within a six month period in the four electoral districts of Labrador to review people's views on territorial status. Further to that, the Combined Councils seek funding to conduct a review of what territorial status would mean for Labrador and circulate this information

Seconded by Wabush

Amendment to previous motion: move that Combined Councils of Labrador seek funds to conduct a review of what territorial status would mean for Labrador and circulate this information.

After discussion on this motion, it was decided to put these motions to a vote.  
Vote for amendment, motion defeated  
Vote for original motion, motion defeated

### **Resolution 06-02 – Makkovik**

**WHEREAS** Coastal Labrador still has some of the highest parcel and postage rates in the Province and indeed the Country; and

**WHEREAS** Canada Post Corporation is consistently turning a profit; and

**WHEREAS** the mail flown to Coastal Labrador from Happy Valley – Goose Bay air stage, on average, less than 200 kilometres; and

**WHEREAS** the mail traveling to Nunavut and the North West territories travel over a thousand kilometers from their air stage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador request that our MP continue to insist that Canada Post Corporation remove the Happy Valley-Goose Bay air stage from the highest rate table and place it on a separate scale where it has more appropriate rates reflecting the actual cost involved.

Seconded by Rigolet. All in favor, motion carried.

**Resolution 06-03 – Makkovik**

**WHEREAS** Coastal Labrador has among the highest electricity rates in the country; and

**WHEREAS** Labrador’s resources continue to be extracted without providing any direct benefits to Coastal Labrador regarding Hydro rates; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government will soon be in consultation to develop the Lower Churchill; and

**WHEREAS** the Coast of Labrador wasn’t even considered for low cost Hydro when the Upper Churchill was developed;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador take steps to ensure that Coastal Labrador benefit from low cost hydro after development of Lower Churchill, be it further resolved that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby government to take steps to lower hydro rates so they are uniform with low rates all across Labrador.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay

Speaker to the motion: Nath Moores suggested a friendly amendment to the word “after” to “immediately”

Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-04 – Makkovik**

**WHEREAS** Marine Service to the North Coast now originates in Cartwright rather than Lewisporte; and

**WHEREAS** because the freight from the Island part of the Province is now trucked over the highway to Cartwright; and

**WHEREAS** this makes the price of freight service more expensive than it was when the service originated in Lewisporte;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby government to ensure that marine service for North Coast of Labrador once again originate in Lewisporte.

Seconded by Nain. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-05 – Makkovik**

**WHEREAS** the price of oil and gas has sky rocketed in the last year or so; and

**WHEREAS** the Coast of Labrador has the highest fuel prices in the province and perhaps the country; and

**WHEREAS** the Government has a home heating oil rebate program of only \$400.00 a year; and

**WHEREAS** the price of heating fuel on the Coast of Labrador can be as high as \$226.00 per drum (45 gallons); and

**WHEREAS** the people on the North Coast of Labrador are the least able to afford such exorbitant prices; and

**WHEREAS** the price of oil and gas, in turn, effects the price of such things as food, hydro, transportation and home heating;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby government to get a special rebate program that the cost of fuel, one weeks worth, for the coast of Labrador.

*\*Clarification of “one weeks worth” – government would give one weeks worth of fuel as a rebate.*

Seconded by Nain. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-06 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government made a decision in 1992 to develop a provincial park in the Lake Melville area; and

**WHEREAS** a park development was started at Grand Lake a number of years ago with the identification of a site, purchase of land, removal of cabins and construction of right-of-way from North West River to the park site; and

**WHEREAS** the Grand Lake site will offer a variety of family activities for all seasons and the natural beauty of the Labrador landscape will be an added attraction to tourists visiting the area;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government to complete the development of Grand Lake and designate it as the Grand River Provincial Park.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-07 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** Crown Lands charges municipalities market value for land within municipal boundaries; and

**WHEREAS** the cost to develop land within municipal boundaries is far too high;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government to have Crown Lands transfer land to be used for proposed municipal development to municipality for the sum of one dollar.

Seconded by Rigolet. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-08 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** Mokami Mountain is a permanent landmark on the North West shore of Lake Melville; and

**WHEREAS** Mokami Mountain is a vibrant part of Central Labrador culture as evidenced by the many representations by artists; and

**WHEREAS** the name “Mokami” is a reminder of the French Canadian settlement in central Labrador over 200 years ago which came from the French “Mont Commis” the “Clerk’s Mountain”;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Mokami Mountain be designated as a national historic site by the provincial government.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion carried

**Resolution 06-09 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** the Sir Robert Bond is in operation to service people traveling to and from Labrador; and

**WHEREAS** vacationers/tourists usually start to travel at the beginning of a weekend;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government to revise the Sir Robert Bond ferry schedule to reflect the 2004 ferry schedule where travelers could depart Goose Bay on a Friday enroute to Cartwright and return to Goose Bay the following Sunday.

Seconded by Cartwright. Motion carried

**Resolution 06-10 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** the St. Barbe Ferry Terminal for Labrador and the far Eastern portion of the Lower Quebec North Shore is arguably a larger traffic volume destination for ferry days than St. Anthony; and

**WHEREAS** different than past travelers, persons using the ferry are driven by a clock, i.e. the ferry schedule;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Labrador ferry mileage signs be as frequent as the St. Anthony mileage sign between Deer Lake and St. Barbe.

Seconded by Forteau. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-11 – North West River**

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway between Happy Valley – Goose Bay and Labrador City is a vital link between Labrador and the rest of Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway between Happy Valley – Goose Bay and Labrador City is used daily for tourist traffic as well as transport of goods and services to the Lake Melville Region and Northern Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby federal government to commit to the matching amount of fifty million dollars over five years for the servicing of the Trans Labrador Highway announced by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on December 12, 2015.

Seconded by Labrador West

Discussion:

Wabush – there is still no commitment from federal government,

Cartwright – junctions not included in Trans Labrador Highway system; need a separate resolution for this.

Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-12 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** there are a lack of facilities and programs for our youth in our small communities; and

**WHEREAS** connection to the Trans Labrador Highway has given our youth people better access to the outside; and

**WHEREAS** our youth are becoming more exposed to alcohol and drugs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government for funding to provide youth programs and facilities along south east coast.

Seconded by Labrador City Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-13 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway is the main source of transportation along the Southeast Coast.

**WHEREAS** the gravel road is very dangerous especially during the summer months for the ambulance that has to drive very fast in the event of an emergency.

**WHEREAS** people with allergies who travel via the Trans Labrador Highway can become very ill.

**WHEREAS** during the summer months with so much dust it becomes very dangerous for travelers.

**WHEREAS** this has caused many accidents.

**WHEREAS** it has become very expensive to own and operate a vehicle.

**WHEREAS** vehicles are getting windshields broken, flat tires and an overall depreciation of their vehicle because of the rough gravel roads.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby both levels of government to pave the Trans Labrador Highway.

Seconded by Cartwright. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-14 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** the South East Coast of Labrador from Red Bay to Cartwright does not have cell phone coverage;

**WHEREAS** with the opening of Trans Labrador Highway there will be an influx of people traveling and tourist visiting from all different parts of the world;

**WHEREAS** there are long distances between communities with no garages to help in the event of an emergency;

**WHEREAS** people are often left stranded between Cartwright and Red Bay without any telephone contact to let authorities know that they need help;

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**Whereas** our telecommunication is below standard compared to the rest of the world.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby Aliant for adequate service and that all communication services be on par with the rest of the province.

Seconded by Rigolet.

**Discussion:** Request amendment to include “all of Labrador”  
Labrador West – have been trying for years for Labrador West and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, very costly, think that efforts will be fruitless, definitely in favor of motion,  
Charlottetown – was told if they got 500 customers could get it, definitely have that many customers,  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay – also lobbied government for cell coverage, with Combined Councils lobbying it might be a little different.

Motion carried

## **Resolution 06- 15 - Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** the town of Charlottetown continue to pursue the issue of more adequate policing for our highways and towns; and

**WHEREAS** with only two police officers stationed in Mary Harbour, it is not sufficient where there is a lot of time where there may only be one officer on duty, due to the other being away; and

**WHEREAS** connections to the Trans Labrador Highway proposes a greater concern to residents of south east coast;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby both provincial and federal government for more police officers to be stationed on south east coast.

Seconded by Mary’s Harbour. Motion carried

## **Resolution 06-16 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** Labrador should be treated equally and fair like any other part of the province;

**WHEREAS** Labrador depend on medical services and other supplies from the island part of the province;

**WHEREAS** such places as Fogo Island and Bell Island have a year round ferry service

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government to provide either a fixed link or a year round ferry service to Labrador.

Seconded by Mary's Harbour. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-17- Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** it is widely agreed that post secondary education is a critical strength, both personal improvement and development of a stronger regional and national economy; and

**WHEREAS** the vast majority of post secondary education opportunities are located outside our region; and

**WHEREAS** travel into and out of Labrador is a major expense facing a majority of students traveling to post secondary education, university, college or specialized training institutions; and

**WHEREAS** cost is the most significant barrier to post secondary education access;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that combined Councils of Labrador call upon the government of Newfoundland and Labrador to establish a special fund to support the travel needs of students from Labrador to post secondary education opportunities.

Seconded by Cartwright. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-18 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** municipal governments regularly face numerous challenges to meet a multitude of demands for services; and

**WHEREAS** municipal governments have been increasingly being required to meet a range of new responsibilities as a result of the redrafting of provincial statutes; and

**WHEREAS** municipal governments simply do not have sources of revenue to meet these new demands;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon the government of Newfoundland and Labrador to increase municipal operating grants immediately.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-19- Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** the town of Charlottetown has a nursing station built by the people, for the people; and

**WHEREAS** the clinic is fully staffed by two full time nurses and one part time nurse; and

**WHEREAS** the clinic has regular doctor visits, a dentist and a mental health nurse every six weeks; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of Charlottetown, Norman Bay and Pinsent's Arm depend on this very vital service; and

**WHEREAS** the opening of a new shrimp processing facility which employs approximately one hundred twenty people and accommodate fifty to sixty boats – six people to a boat-the clinic at Charlottetown is desperately needed; and

**WHEREAS** this clinic means the saving of persons' life;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Council of Labrador fully support Charlottetown's nursing station and the other clinics along the coast and to expand on the service that we already have.

**WHEREAS** a strategic health plan-Newfoundlanders and Labradorians presented to the province clearly states that heart disease and diabetes are the leading cause of death; and

**WHEREAS** education resources and prevention can deeply enhance the well being of our people;

**THEREFORE be it further resolved** that the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby both levels of government to ensure that bringing health care to the people is the best model for health care delivery.

Seconded by Mary's Harbour

**Discussion:**

Port Hope Simpson – nursing stations are an outdated model of health care right now with the aging population and other major medical problems, right now no clinic on south east coast can address these problems. The clinics are just a bandaid solution, need services that can adequately serve the residents.

Mary's Harbour – asked Port Hope Simpson for clarification.

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Port Hope Simpson – asking all communities to come together and get one good model of health care that can serve the area. There is a problem attracting doctors but health care is more than a doctor.

West St. Modeste – thought there was already a plan for a regional hospital on south east coast. As a group you will get a lot more support if you pull together.

Mary's Harbour – the roads that we have now would make it more difficult for patients traveling to a regional hospital.

*\*Charlottetown withdrew the Resolution.*

## **Resolutions 06-20 – Charlottetown**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Charlottetown has 43% of water and 40% of sewer infrastructure completed; and

**WHEREAS** this is not acceptable for our people especially Seniors not having access to the basic necessities of life; and

**WHEREAS** this is not healthy for our little children to be walking through raw sewer every day; and

**WHEREAS** the odour on a hot summer's day is unbearable; and

**WHEREAS** the residents of our town feel that it is very embarrassing and disgraceful especially when we have tourist visiting our community via the Trans Labrador Highway; and

**WHEREAS** the cost to complete Charlottetown with water and sewer is approximately \$ 4 Million Dollars; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Charlottetown can not afford the required percentage;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador support Charlottetown and other communities in developing and implementing alternatives to water and sewer and lobby both levels of government to finance water and sewer projects.

*\*This resolution has been on Combined Councils books for years; already covered.*

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## **Resolution 06-21** - Labrador City

**Be it resolved** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby and call upon our provincial government for the speedy and stand-alone development of Lower Churchill hydro potential in an environmentally sustainable manner so as to enhance the social and economic well being of all Labradorians with transmission lines to north, south, west, and east with a primary focus on industrial development of Labrador first, on the island second, and to other provinces a/or states as a last resort as a means of leverage financial development money.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

*\*Please note that resolution 06-21 was not submitted in writing.*

## **Resolution 06-22** – Labrador City

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout all of Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that combined Councils of Labrador call upon our provincial government for the creation of a Labrador Legacy Fund to be established in relation to all future natural resource extraction and development projects in Labrador.

Seconded by West St. Modeste. Motion carried.

## **Resolution 06-23** – Labrador City

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout Labrador; and

**WHEREAS** Municipal Twinning allows for programs support to encourage dialogue, discussion and programs such as student exchange, etc.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador establish a Labrador Municipality Twinning Project to promote greater communications, cooperation and understanding in unity among all regions of Labrador.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

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## **Resolution 06-24 – Labrador City**

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout all of Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon our Provincial Government to enhance mental health and addiction services for all regions of Labrador and for the creation of a comprehensive addiction treatment facility in Labrador.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

## **Resolution 06-25 – Labrador City**

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout all of Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon our provincial government to immediately serve notice of its intentions to utilize our recall rights on the one hundred plus megawatts of power available to us under 1969 Churchill Falls contract and initiate a comprehensive economic development plan to utilize such power for industrial development of Labrador.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

## **Resolution 06-26 – Labrador City**

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout all of Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon the provincial government specifically designating a seat for Labrador on the board of Newfoundland Hydro.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

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## **Resolution 06-27 – Labrador City**

**WHEREAS** the entire focus of the 2006 Conference revolves around regional and community cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the 2006 theme of “One Labrador” calls for unity and solidarity throughout all of Labrador;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador establish a democracy development committee to assist all regions in the growth and expansion of self government.

Seconded by Charlottetown.

### **Discussion:**

Port Hope Simpson – wanted to explanation of what that means

Labrador City – with new Nunatsiavut government coming in and the potential of Innu Nations inter-governance, encouraging all to be more involved in democratic process. It will help to understand process to further our use in an untried manner.

Motion carried.

## **Resolution 06-28 – Hopedale**

**WHEREAS** in a hand written submission by the Town of Hopedale at the 2006 Combined Councils of Labrador Annual General Meeting as follows;

*“I move that we lobby the government to get funds to expand the width of the Hopedale Wharf by 10 feet and build a bigger storage facility in that area.”*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby government to get funds to expand the width of Hopedale wharf by ten feet and to build a bigger facility in that area.

Seconded by Rigolet. Motion carried.

## **Resolution 06-29 – Cartwright**

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway, Phase two, Red Bay to Cartwright, is a vital link between Labrador and the rest of Canada;

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway, phase two, Red Bay to Cartwright, is used daily for tourist traffic as well as transport of goods and services within our province and our country;

**WHEREAS** the Trans Labrador Highway, phase two, Red Bay to Cartwright, includes junctions with communities that will be left out of the National Standard Highway System;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby both provincial and federal governments to have all junctions of the Trans Labrador Highway, phase two, Red Bay to Cartwright, included in the National Highway System.

Seconded by Charlottetown. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-30 – Labrador City**

**WHEREAS** in a written submission made by the Town of Labrador City at the 2006 Combined Councils of Labrador Annual General Meeting as follows:  
*“Be it resolved that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon the Provincial Government to take whatever action necessary to have the Pan Labrador 911 emergency service established during the current year.”*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador call upon the Provincial Government to take whatever action necessary to have the Pan Labrador 911 emergency service established during the current year.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-31 – Port Hope Simpson**

**WHEREAS** the Municipal Operating Grants to town councils is at an all time low; and

**WHEREAS** the town councils of Southeastern Labrador find it very difficult to provide the every day duties required of them, and

**WHEREAS** the town of Port Hope Simpson has run out of development land for both commercial and residential development; and

**WHEREAS** the town of Port Hope Simpson has been unable to give permits for development these past two years thus turning away potential or “would be” residents;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby the provincial government for development funds geared to municipalities of Southeastern Labrador which will enable them to develop land for community expansion.

*\*Already dealt with this motion with North West River.*

**Resolution 06-32 – Port Hope Simpson**

**WHEREAS** air travel to south eastern Labrador has rapidly moved backwards over the past five years;

**WHEREAS** the provincial government has made plans to de-commission these airstrips in this area and to have one regional airstrip thus improving the area with a faster and more economical means of travel;

**WHEREAS** the residents of south eastern Labrador has accepted de-commissioning of these airstrips and to have one regional airport, each realizing the improvements this would have,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby the Minister of Works, Service, and Transportation in conjunction with its Federal counterparts to begin work on this airport in the summer of 2006.

Seconded by Labrador City. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-33 – Port Hope Simpson**

**WHEREAS** the vision of the strategic health plan for Newfoundland and Labrador is that all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians enjoy the best possible health and well being and that quality health care and community service be provided to all;

**WHEREAS** goal three of that plan is to ensure that communities have reasonable access to a core set of primary health care services;

**WHEREAS** the plan states that health and community services be reasonably located so that 95% of the population within the region are within sixty minutes driving time to a site;

**WHEREAS** southeastern Labrador still receives an outdated model of health care through nursing clinics based on decisions of twenty to thirty years ago and a building catering to the demand of an aging population, healthier life styles and are now linked by road and 96% of its population;

**WHEREAS** the residents of this area, through surveys, have indicated that their present health care needs cannot be met through existing health care model;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby provincial government to ensure residents of south eastern Labrador receive the level of health care as stated in this strategic plan and help start the process of providing this area with a regional health care facility.

Seconded by Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

*\*After much discussion, it was decided to withdraw this motion and bring it back to the next AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador.  
Motion #06-19 from Charlottetown also withdrawn.*

**Resolution 06-34- Port Hope Simpson**

**WHEREAS** the Southeastern Regional Waste Management Committee (SLWMC) has a mandate to identify cost effective, environmentally acceptable, solid waste management strategy for south eastern Labrador, the provincial government has an interest in regionalization of a waste disposal facility in Newfoundland and Labrador;

**WHEREAS** the SLWMC has commissioned the study which is now complete, investigate options for development of regional waste management system intending to meet the needs of the region up to fifty years;

**WHEREAS** the communities of this region each has an individual garbage dump which creates a major eye-sore , poses hazards to health and environment;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Combined Councils of Labrador lobby the provincial government for funding to begin this solid waste management system in the summer of 2006.

Seconded by Mary's Harbour. Motion carried.

**Resolution 06-35 – Port Hope Simpson**

**WHEREAS** the ferry "Apollo" travels Southeastern Labrador with freight and services and, apart from little produce and meat flown in, this ferry is the only means of moving goods into this area; and

**WHEREAS** the Labrador Straits in April is not always ice bound considering the fact that long liners navigate those waters at that time of year; and

**WHEREAS** it is very costly for businesses to bring in enough supplies to last until the ferry starts again in May; and

**WHEREAS** the businesses of the area find it difficult to maintain their level of service and pay bills when stock is low;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Combined Councils of Labrador lobby the Provincial Government to provide year round ferry service effective 2006 and engage the services of an ice breaker as deemed necessary, also lobby Provincial Government for the opening of Red Bay - Lodge Bay road year round.

Seconded by Mary's Harbour. Motion carried

**Resolution 06-36 – Makkovik**

**WHEREAS** the AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador will be celebrating thirty five years in 2007;

**WHEREAS** the AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador was started in northern Labrador;

**WHEREAS** the meetings of the AGM of Combined Councils of Labrador has been held in different areas of Labrador over last thirty five years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the thirty fifth AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador be held in northern Labrador in 2007;

**THEREFORE be it further resolved** that the AGM of the Combined Councils of Labrador be held in Nain.

Seconded by Wabush. Motion carried.

## Election of Board Members

There are three positions for elections of a two year term:

- VP North Coast
- VP Southeast Coast
- VP Western Labrador

North Coast already had a meeting for the region and has re-elected Henry Broomfield.

Makkovik nominated Henry Broomfield, vote already cast- Mr. Broomfield elected.

Seconded by Rigolet.

Each region must get together as a group to nominate and vote for their own representative.

Wabush nominated Jim Farrell, vote already cast – Mr. Farrell elected.

Seconded by Wabush.

Port Hope Simpson nominated Alton Rumbolt, vote cast – Mr. Rumbolt elected.

Seconded by Cartwright.

Remainder of Executive:

President Ford Rumbolt, 1 year term

Art Williams – VP Central Labrador, 1 year term

Nath Moores – VP Labrador Straits, 1 year term

Executive Director, Waylon Williams, thanked councils, delegates and mayors and look forward to working with all. Again, President Rumbolt send his regrets, but asked Waylon to announce the President's Choice Award. The award went to Ron Barron of Wabush.

Motion made by Rigolet to close meeting, seconded by everyone. Motion carried

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### Agenda

Wednesday, January 25, 2006

Travel / Registration (registration to take place at Northern Light Inn, L'Anse au Clair)

Thursday, January 26, 2006

Day 1 - Northern Light Inn, L'Anse au Clair

8:30am – 8:45am	Opening Remarks – Emcee Graham Letto
8:46am – 10:00 am	Municipal Training Development Corporation (Training Workshops) <b>“Can I Do That?”</b> <b><u>A Councillor's Guide to the Golden Rules for Staying out of Trouble</u></b> <i>“Can I Do That?” is an interactive workshop that focuses on what councillors, as individuals, can and cannot do related to their council work.</i>
10:01am – 10:20am	Nutrition Break
10:21am – 12:00pm	Municipal Training Development Corporation (Training Workshops cont'd) <b>“Can I Do That?”</b>
12:01pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (Guest Speakers) <b>Sheila Downer</b> Labrador Information Technology Initiative <b>Wayne Sheppard</b> Aliant
1:01pm – 3:00pm	Municipal Training Development Corporation (Training Workshops cont'd) <b>“Conducting Effective Meetings”</b> <b><u>What Effective Meeting Leaders Should Know</u></b> <i>Whether you're a mayor chairing a regular council meeting or a councillor heading up a committee of council, being able to effectively conduct a meeting is important. Managing the agenda, the individuals, the time, making legal decisions; all take skill and knowledge.</i>  <i>“Conducting Effective Meetings ...” Gives all the information needed to be an effective meeting leader and participant.</i>
3:01pm – 3:20pm	Nutrition Break
3:21pm – 5:00pm	Municipal Training Development Corporation (Training Workshops cont'd) <b>“Conducting Effective Meetings”</b> <b><u>What Effective Meeting leaders Should Know</u></b>
5:01pm – 7:00pm	Free Time
7:00pm	<b>“Welcome to the Labrador Straits”</b> <b>“Dinner Social”</b> Seaview Restaurant

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**Friday, January 27, 2006**

**Day 2 - Northern Light Inn, L'Anse au Clair**

8:30am - 8:45 am	Opening Remarks – Emcee Graham Letto
8:46am - 10:00 am	Department of Transportation and Works <b>Bob Smart, Deputy Minister</b>
10:01am - 10:20 am	Nutrition Break Sponsored by Eagle River Credit Union
10:21am - 12:00 pm	Department of Tourism Culture & Recreation <b>Honourable Tom Hedderson, Minister</b> Destination Labrador <b>Margaret Burden, Chairperson</b> Labrador Straits Historical Development Corporation <b>Bonnie Goudie, Executive Director</b>
12:01pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>(Guest Speaker)</i> <b>Axel Meisen, Ph.D., P.Eng. President and Vice-Chancellor</b> <b>Memorial University of Newfoundland</b>
1:01pm - 3:00 pm	Department of Natural Resources <b>Honourable Ed Byrne, Minister</b> Consultation on Provincial Energy Plan
3:01pm – 3:20pm	Nutrition Break Sponsored by Altius Minerals
3:21pm – 5:00pm	Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro <b>Gilbert Bennett, P.Eng.VP, Lower Churchill Development</b> <b>Vice President, Engineering Services (Acting)</b> Consultation on Lower Churchill Project
5:01 – 7:00pm	Free Time
7:00pm	Social Meet and Greet Northern Light Inn – L'Anse au Clair <i>Keynote Speaker</i> <b>Honourable Jack Byrne,</b> <b>Minister of Municipal Affairs</b>

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**Saturday, January 28, 2006**

**Day 3 – Community Centre, West St. Modeste**

8:30am - 8:45am	Opening Remarks – Emcee Graham Letto		
8:46am – 10:00am	<p>“One Labrador”</p> <p>Labrador MHA Session – Round Table Discussion</p> <p>Dr. Ron Sparkes - Facilitator</p> <p><b>Yvonne Jones, MHA - Cartwright to L’Anse au Clair</b></p> <p><b>John Hickey, MHA - Lake Melville</b></p> <p><b>Randy Collins, MHA - Labrador West</b></p> <p><b>Wally Andersen, MHA - Torngat Mountains</b></p>		
10:01am – 10:20am	<p>Nutrition Break</p> <p>Sponsored by</p> <p>Southeastern Aurora Development Corporation</p>		
10:21am – 12:00pm	<p>Labrador Grenfell-Health</p> <p><b>Boyd Rowe, CEO</b></p> <p><b>Larry Bradley, Chair</b></p>		
12:01pm – 1:00pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Oceanview Resort</p> <p><i>(Sponsored by Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador)</i></p> <p><i>(Guest Speaker)</i></p> <p><b>Andrea O’Brien</b></p> <p>Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador</p>		
1:10pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>Honourable Paul Shelley,</b></p> <p>Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs</p> <p>Minister of Human Resources Labour and Employment</p> <p>Minister Responsible for Newfoundland &amp; Labrador Housing</p> <p><b>Honourable Tom Rideout,</b></p> <p>Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs</p> <p>Deputy Premier</p> <p>Minister for Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture</p> <p><b>Keith Watts</b></p> <p>Torngat Fish Producers Coop</p> <p><b>Frank Flynn</b></p> <p>Labrador Fisherman’s Union Shrimp Company</p> <p><b>Wayne King</b></p> <p>Department of Fisheries &amp; Oceans</p>		
3:01pm – 3:15pm	<p>Nutrition Break Sponsored by</p> <p>Labrador Fishermen’s Union Shrimp Company</p>		
3:15pm –4:30pm	<p>Department of Municipal Affairs</p> <p><b>Honourable Jack Byrne, Minister</b></p>		
7:30pm	<p><b>Banquet Dinner - “One Labrador”</b></p> <p><b>Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs</b> </p> <p>Banquet Sponsor</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>Honourable Tom Rideout Member for Lewisporte Deputy Premier Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <p>Honourable Paul Shelley, MHA Member for Baie Verte Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Emcee Graham Letto - Oceanview Resort - <i>Keynote Speaker</i></p> <p><b>Honourable Tom Rideout,</b></p> <p><b>Deputy Premier</b></p> <p><b>Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture-Minister Resp.for</b></p> <p><b>Aboriginal Affairs</b></p>	<p>Honourable Tom Rideout Member for Lewisporte Deputy Premier Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs</p>	<p>Honourable Paul Shelley, MHA Member for Baie Verte Minister of Human Resources, Labour and Employment Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing</p>
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Sunday, January 29, 2006

Day 4 - Northern Light Inn, L'Anse au Clair

8:30am – 8:45am	Opening Remarks - Emcee Graham Letto
8:46am – 9:45am	Annual General Meeting
9:46am – 10:00am	Nutrition Break
10:01am – 11:30am	Resolution Session
11:31am – 12:00pm	Executive Elections

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