

PLATFORM 2025

# Our Plan for *Newfoundland and Labrador*



**Liberal** 



## *Newfoundlanders and Labradorians,*

When I put my name forward to become Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, I told you that I was ready to step up to meet the challenges facing our Province head on, and to seize our vast economic and resource potential to improve your lives, and those of our children for generations to come.

Since then, our Province has indeed been tested, first by President Trump's threats to Canada's economy and our very sovereignty, and most recently with severe wildfires causing devastation and anxiety for many communities.

In the face of this adversity, we have seen the best of Newfoundland and Labrador. Whether it be the volunteer firefighters on the front lines protecting homes, or the groundswell of support for our local businesses in the face of unfair tariffs, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have shown we always have each other's backs.

It is that spirit of togetherness and common purpose that we must combine with the economic potential of our natural resources to build our Province's economy, infrastructure and society for the future.

We know that more uncertainty lies ahead, and I've heard your concerns about the cost of living, access to health care, and safety in your communities first-hand. The question before us that makes this election so important, is how we tackle these challenges.

For me, the answer is simple. The generational opportunity afforded to us by the Churchill Falls deal signed by our Liberal Government, which will create 10,000 jobs and allow us to invest more in our hospitals, schools and infrastructure. More for our Police, Firefighters and Paramedics, more for you and your community, and all while making life more affordable for you. Our plan, with your support, will make our economy stronger while giving you a break.

The opposition—who say they will reject the Churchill Falls agreement—have to explain how they would do the same, without the billions in revenue this deal is going to deliver.

I therefore ask you to join me and our exceptional team of candidates to deliver a clear mandate to finalize the Churchill Falls agreement so we can prosper tomorrow and for generations to come.

Thank you,



John Hogan, K.C.

# Liberal

# OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TOGETHER

*Signed an MOU with Quebec to replace the 1969 Churchill Falls Deal and deliver more than \$225 Billion to NL over 50 years*

*Secured \$5.2 billion from the Federal Government to keep your power rates low despite the PCs Muskrat Falls Boondoggle*

*Increased investment in Health Care Services to \$4.4 Billion this year*

*Increased the Child Benefit for eligible families by 300 per cent*

*Introduced \$750 Million in measures to address the cost of living*

*Connected more than 110,000 people with a primary care team*

*Created more than 11,200 \$10/day child care spaces*

*Helped seniors by indexing the Seniors' Benefit amount and income threshold*

*No increases in provincial taxation and fees for the fourth consecutive year*

*Record investments in infrastructure and economic growth*

*In 2025-26, contributed \$108 Million to the Newfoundland and Labrador Future Fund, bringing total contributions to \$467 Million.*



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PRIORITY AREA

# Starting a New Chapter *with* *Churchill Falls*



# STARTING A NEW CHAPTER WITH CHURCHILL FALLS

In December 2024, our Liberal Government signed a historic MOU with Quebec to right a historical wrong, and to develop our hydroelectric resources on the Churchill River.

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have been stuck with the unfair 1969 Churchill Falls contract for decades. Every government since has tried to replace it in hopes of achieving our fair share. We are the first to succeed.

We will replace it with a fair deal for Newfoundland and Labrador right away, rather than waiting for it to expire in 2041. It will also include the development of new capacity on the Churchill River including Gull Island.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to heal a historic wound, and deliver unmatched financial opportunity and prosperity for the people of our Province. The extra revenue from this deal will allow us to invest more money now on schools and hospitals, and also to make life more affordable for you, all while paying down our debt.

Under this generational opportunity, we expect **over \$225 billion in revenue over the lifetime of this agreement**. That's **a quarter of a trillion dollars** to make your lives and the lives of our children healthier, safer and more prosperous than ever.

As part of this agreement, we will receive **\$17 billion** over the next 17 years, or **\$1 billion a year on average**, starting now, rather than waiting for it to expire in 2041.





Under this new agreement, the price for energy will be an average of 5.9 cents per kilowatt hour, which is **about 30 times higher than it is now**. The price will be tied to electricity prices obtained in the market so as these prices rise, so too will the revenue this Province receives. Newfoundland and Labrador will also own more than 60% of all new projects combined, and **Hydro Quebec is obligated to cover the cost overruns** for the Gull Island project and the expansion to Churchill Falls.

Unlike the 1969 deal, this deal also contains off-ramps in 2051 and 2061 should any unforeseen changes occur in the electricity market. In short, we have planned for the reality that electricity markets are going to change, and we will be ready to adapt how we use power in Labrador when that happens.

This agreement is projected to **create almost 10,000 jobs**. Despite misinformation to the contrary, **members of the Innu Nation, residents of Labrador, and Newfoundlanders will have hiring priority** over and above those from the rest of Canada. There will also be local benefit agreements with communities to ensure that our Province receives our fair share of employment and economic benefit.

The MOU was studied by the House of Assembly, and has been reviewed by independent experts. We are determined not to repeat the PCs mistakes of the past with Muskrat Falls, and believe this deal represents a generational opportunity for the future of this Province.

**A re-elected Liberal Government will work toward the completion of a binding agreement with Quebec to transform this incredible natural resource into the economic prosperity the people of this Province deserve.**



## ***Key Information on the MOU***

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PRIORITY AREA

# Protecting Your *Health*, Your *Community*, and Your *Wallet*



# REDUCING THE COST OF LIVING

## *Making Life More Affordable for You and Your Family*

The cost of living globally and across Canada has increased in recent years, due to the pandemic, inflation, supply chain disruptions, and recently the tariffs imposed by the United States. This has increased the cost of groceries, housing and energy, putting strain on household budgets. The Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to addressing these challenges responsibly, and making life more affordable for everyone across the Province.

That's why our Liberal Government announced more than \$750 million in targeted immediate and long-term measures since March 2022 to help residents with affordability. These included adjusting the Seniors' Benefit threshold and indexing it to the consumer price index, benefiting more than 50,000 seniors, as well as increasing the income supplement by 15% over the last 3 years. We also cut child care costs with \$10 day child care for 11,200 children and cut the cost of registering passenger vehicles by 50%.

A re-elected Liberal Government will go even further to reduce the cost of living by leveraging our future revenue from the renegotiated Churchill Falls agreement to reduce costs for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

With the new Churchill Falls MOU offering a generational opportunity for economic prosperity, it is only fair that Newfoundlanders and Labradorians should pay less for their electricity.

A re-elected Liberal government will remove the provincial portion of the HST from all residential electricity bills in the Province, saving customers 10% on their bills every month.

By cutting this tax, the government is ensuring residents see the direct benefits of the Churchill Falls agreement in their own homes, with lower monthly energy costs and more money back in their pockets.

This tax cut is in addition to the current rate mitigation plan, which costs the Province an average of \$500 million per year to prevent power bills from almost doubling due to the extreme costs associated with the Muskrat Falls project.

The Liberal Government has been committed to helping Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with the cost of gas and cut the provincial fuel tax by 50%, saving customers 8 cents per litre every time they fill up at the pump. A re-elected Liberal Government will make this tax cut permanent, and maintain the home heating supplement of up to \$500 for residents who rely on home heating fuel.

A Hogan Government is also committed to not introduce any new taxes or Government fees if re-elected. Together, these measures will put more money back in the pockets of families across the Province and help reduce the cost of living.

## *Mitigating American Tariffs*

We know that the alarming behaviour and uncertainty emanating from the United States is having a profound impact on the global economy, and has increased the cost of many goods here at home. Many businesses that import or export from the United States are being particularly affected, and our Liberal Government will be there to support them in their time of need.

That's why our 2025 Budget included a **\$200 million contingency fund** specifically aimed at providing flexibility to offset the effects of tariffs and countermeasures on businesses and workers alike.

Prime Minister Carney also visited St. John's on September 8th to announce \$80 million for the Regional Tariff Response Initiative which will help affected industries modernize their operations, protect jobs, and find new opportunities for growth. A re-elected Hogan Government will continue to work with the federal government to mitigate ongoing and future tariff related economic impacts.

We will also continue to stand up to President Trump's unjustified actions by continuing to convene the Premier's Roundtable on Tariffs and Trade with business and industry partners, and continuing the prohibition on US liquor products at the NLC.

## *Reducing Food Insecurity*

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are no strangers to the challenges of producing and importing our own food. As we saw during "Snowmageddon" in 2020, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and recent wildfires, disruptions to supply chains challenged the availability and cost of fresh food. At the same time, we know that Newfoundland and Labrador is home to thriving agriculture and fishing industries that have the capacity to provide some of our needs right here at home.

Through the Agriculture Sector Work Plan, the Liberal Government worked with farmers and fish harvesters to increase food security to 20 percent since 2015. A re-elected Liberal Government will establish a cross-sectoral working group with industry and other community partners with the goal to further increase food security.

Our Liberal Team will also work closely with agricultural producers to ensure a secure supply of animal feed is available in this Province. This will decrease our reliance on outside supply chains and better insulate our farmers from the effects of climate change, such as this summer's drought which hampered normal hay production.

A re-elected Hogan Government will also create a Food Waste Diversion Strategy with the goal of diverting 90% or more of grocery food waste from landfills by ensuring that it is donated to food banks and those in need, repurposed as animal feed, or composted depending on the specific product.

In order to encourage healthy eating, reduce produce costs and improve food self-sufficiency, our Government introduced the Community Garden Support Program, which provides grants up to a maximum of \$750 to build or enhance existing community gardens. This program has been a resounding success, with more than 860 gardens producing nutritious locally grown produce, and connecting community members in the shared stewardship of these gardens.

A re-elected Hogan Government will further expand the Community Garden Support Program to help communities and families build basic enclosed greenhouses or indoor hydroponic vegetable projects. Under this program, community gardens will be able to apply for grants of up to \$1,500, and individuals will be able to apply for non-repayable grants of up to \$750 to purchase or build a family greenhouse and hydroponic growing materials.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also reduce all hunting licence fees to encourage the consumption and availability of more local game.

Together, these measures will increase the availability of fresh food and produce across our Province, reducing our dependence on long supply chains, and ultimately lower grocery bills.

Under our Liberal Government's Poverty Reduction Plan, more than \$41 million has already been directed to improving well-being and food security for our Province's most vulnerable. This includes more than \$1 million to charities and organizations such as Food First NL to support community food projects that improve food access for lower-income Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Our Government will increase funding to these organizations by \$250,000.

This is in addition to our \$900,000 partnership with the Maple Leaf Centre for Food Security to support Family Resource Centres across the Province to address food insecurity by providing eligible families with access to nutritious food.



## ***Expanding the Healthy Living Tax Credit***

We know that for many families, the cost of sports, recreation and other healthy activities put a strain on family budgets. We believe that families shouldn't have to choose between enrolling themselves in activities that promote learning and a healthy lifestyle.

A re-elected Liberal Government will expand the Physical Activity Tax Credit to become the Healthy Living Tax Credit, which will expand eligibility for the program beyond physical activity, to include additional programs for well-being such as music, dance, visual art, STEM, and life skills programs. The maximum of \$2,000 per family will therefore allow a broader number of families and local organizations to benefit.



# DELIVERING BETTER HEALTH CARE

With an aging population spread across the vast expanse of our Province, Newfoundland and Labrador faces unique and complex challenges to deliver health care services. To address these challenges, our Liberal Government has made enormous, generational investments and reforms in our health care system. Together, we have:

- Created the 10-year NL Health Accord to transform health care in our Province.
- Completed the construction of the Corner Brook Acute Care Hospital, a state-of-the-art medical centre providing top quality care to residents of the region for generations to come.
- Completed the construction of the 102 bed, \$330 million Adult Mental Health and Addictions Hospital to replace the aging Waterford Hospital.
- Started work to build a new Acute Care Hospital in St. John's.
- Recruited more than 1,300 nurses and more than 160 doctors to help ensure people get the care they need and ensure that other doctors and nurses get the time off they need for rest or family time.
- Introduced the \$150,000 Physician Signing Bonus, the \$75,000 Family Care Team Incentive, and the \$150,000 Family Practice Start-Up Program, as well as the New Family Physician Income Guarantee.
- Worked with the Federal Government to implement the national Dental Care program.
- Amalgamated all Ambulance and Paramedicine services under NL Health Services to ensure more timely and consistent ambulance services.
- Expanded the number of seats at nursing schools and the Faculty of Medicine.
- Reached collective agreements with health professionals that help keep them in the Province so they can provide the valuable health care patients need.
- Introduced virtual care so that people in communities with difficult-to-fill positions can get the care they need from a physician virtually and other health care professionals locally;
- Introduced MyHealthNL, an app that gives people greater access to their records so they can more fully participate in their care.
- Deployed a travelling orthopedic surgical team to rural hospitals to provide surgeries closer to home for residents in rural communities.
- Enhanced the Medical Transportation Assistance Program to provide assistance to more people who need to travel for access to medical care.

## ***Improving Access to Primary Care When and Where You Need It***

Having access to a primary care provider promotes the overall health and well-being of individuals and their families, helps ensure a continuum of care and improves health outcomes. All Newfoundlanders and Labradorians should have access to primary care when and where they need it.

That's why our Liberal Government has already created 21 family care teams, which collectively have connected more than 110,000 additional patients to primary care providers.

A re-elected Liberal Government will continue to increase investment in our family care teams to increase the number of patients connected to primary care to 155,000 by the end of next year. We are committed to opening 14 more family care teams across the Province to meet the goal of 35 family care teams envisioned by the Health Accord.

These are transformative investments in our health care system, and we know that there is still more to do to improve access to timely, in-person health care services—particularly in rural and remote areas.

That's why a re-elected Liberal Government will introduce 10 new Mobile Primary Care Teams, with the first one starting in central Newfoundland. These Mobile Primary Care Teams will travel to rural communities in the region with the specific goal of providing in-person care to those without a primary care provider. The services and care this team will provide will be the same as you would normally expect to receive from a family physician. Our government will also review the funding model for family physicians.

Your Liberal Government will also continue the new nurse practitioner funding pilot launched this summer that will further increase access to primary care by compensating independent nurse practitioners for providing medically necessary services without the patient having to pay out-of-pocket.

## ***Recruiting and Retaining New Medical Professionals***

Since 2023, our Liberal Government has already recruited more than 1,300 nurses and more than 160 doctors to help ensure Newfoundlanders and Labradorians get the care they need and that doctors and nurses are supported at work. We will increase our investments in health care to attract even more health care professionals, and retain those already contributing so much.

Our Province has one of the most attractive incentive packages in the country for health care professionals—this year we budgeted over \$10 million for these initiatives. Some of these include the \$150,000 Physician Signing Bonus, signing bonuses of up to \$40,000 for nurses, Come Home Year incentives for RNs, LPNs up to \$50,000 and \$60,000 for NPs. The \$75,000 Family Care Team Incentive, and the \$150,000 Family Practice Start-Up Program, as well as the New Family Physician Income Guarantee.

Each of these programs provides financial incentives for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals to come to or stay in Newfoundland and Labrador, in many cases in exchange for committing to stay in the Province for a set amount of time.

These significant investments require a coordinated approach to ensure our Province is doing all we can to be an attractive place to live and work. A re-elected Liberal government will establish a dedicated crown corporation tasked with health professional recruitment, retention, and workforce planning.

This organization will work directly with NLHS, Provincial and Federal Government departments, as well as labour organizations and licensing bodies to address vacancies across all health care disciplines. It will focus on local education and training capacities, international recruitment, credential recognition, and immigration support. Wraparound settlement support will also be coordinated—ensuring housing needs, spousal employment assistance and community integration. This strategy will be informed by the health human resources plan, as well as the core staffing review currently underway.

To support our next generation of nurses and provide them certainty, we will cover the costs of tuition associated with all practicum courses for Newfoundland and Labrador nursing students. This will reduce the costs associated with studying for future nurses who sign a two-year return to service agreement. This will apply to those studying for RN, LPN and NP licenses, and we will work with other high-demand health professions to ensure they are supported in their studies as well.

This year, we offered all nursing students a full-time permanent position in the Province. We will continue this with a commitment to offer all graduating nurses full-time permanent positions in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Building from the success of pilot projects, a re-elected Liberal Government will also introduce a permanent travel locum program that will benefit all regions of the Province. This will help address nursing shortages and improve access to care in rural, remote, and underserved communities.

Our Government will also establish an Independent Health Sector Safety Council to provide oversight to protect health care workers and patients. We will also work with labour organizations to ensure safe working hours, and work towards eliminating mandated overtime.

Increased revenue from the new Churchill Falls MOU will enable us to continue to transform and modernize our outdated health care system, improve access to primary health care, and grow our health care workforce. Together, these measures will ensure that all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can access the care they need, when and where they need it.

## ***Supporting Cancer Patients Travelling for Treatment***

We know that travelling for cancer treatment can be a financial burden for many patients and their families. Organizations like the Canadian Cancer Society provide critical support and accommodations through facilities like Daffodil Place in St. John's. To further support their vital ongoing work, and to help ease the burden for patients and their families, a re-elected Liberal Government will provide additional funding of \$300,000 to Daffodil Place.

## ***Medical Transportation Assistance Program***

Under Budget 2025 Our Liberal Government increased the mileage assistance rate for private vehicle travel from \$0.20 per kilometre to \$0.25 per kilometre for those who travel more than 500 kilometres a year to access specialized medical care. A re-elected Liberal Government will continue to enhance the availability of financial assistance to facilitate access to specialized insured health services.

## ***Improving Mental Health Care and Addictions Treatment***

Mental health care and addictions treatment are essential components of overall health and well-being in our Province. When people struggle with mental illness or substance abuse, it not only affects their own health, but also the well-being of their families, friends and communities. We know that having access to timely and effective care can prevent crises, reduce the risk of other chronic health issues, and improve quality of life. By addressing mental health and addiction with the same urgency as physical health, we are working to break the stigma, promote recovery, and improve health outcomes.

We will therefore continue to implement “Towards Recovery: The Mental Health and Addictions Action Plan for Newfoundland and Labrador” drafted in response to the All-Party Committee on Mental Health and Addictions.

This year our Liberal Government also completed the construction of the new 102 bed, \$330 million Adult Mental Health and Addictions Hospital in St. John’s.

We will continue to fund the joint RNC and NL Health Services Mental Health Crisis teams to respond to people suffering acute mental health emergencies, and ensure that all police officers receive recurring training for dealing with mental health crises.

A Liberal Government will also work with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the NLTA to increase support and resources for teachers and schools to address youth mental health and addiction issues.

Under a re-elected Liberal Government, we will work to specifically hire more psychiatrists, psychologists and paediatric mental health nurses to handle the increased need for mental health professionals and intensive care, particularly for children and youth.



# MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER

## *Reducing Crime and Improving Public Safety in Urban and Rural Communities*

Newfoundlanders and Labradorians take pride in living in a safe, welcoming place, but like all provinces, we face growing challenges with crime and drug issues that affect both urban and rural areas. These concerns strain emergency services, courts, and community resources. Tackling them requires both strong law enforcement and proactive measures such as investments in mental health, addiction services, youth programs, and poverty reduction.

A re-elected Liberal Government is committing to hiring 90 new RNC officers by 2030 to reach and maintain the Canadian police to population ratio. To achieve this, we will immediately increase the subsidization of police training costs, granting each new Royal Newfoundland Constabulary recruit a \$20,000 bursary toward the completion of a Police Science (Cadet) Certificate at the Atlantic Police Academy in PEI. This grant will be contingent upon a three-year return to service agreement. We will also work with the Atlantic Police Institute to increase its capacity to train recruits to work in Newfoundland and Labrador.

This increased policing presence adds to the 17 new officer graduates hired this month, and 20 more currently in training, and 16 more to begin in January, for whom positions have all been secured.

Our Government recognizes the critical role the RCMP plays, particularly in rural and remote parts of Newfoundland and Labrador.

We will re-negotiate the contract policing agreement with the RCMP to ensure that they deploy 30 additional officers and conduct more frequent patrols to better address crime in rural and remote regions of the Province. We will also implement the RCMP Auxiliary program for rural detachments across this Province, as it has been successfully done in other provinces.

A Liberal Government will provide additional funding to municipalities to hire and train additional municipal enforcement officers, and further empower them to enforce by-laws and deter criminal behaviour.

Further, we will increase training opportunities in Newfoundland and Labrador to remove barriers associated with out-of-province education for public safety professionals, including sheriffs, correctional officers, and municipal enforcement. This would include developing partnerships with the Atlantic Police Academy, College of the North Atlantic, and other entities to deliver this and other specialized police training (such as mental health, drug enforcement, and special constables certification).

Our Government has already built a strong foundation for this plan. Budget 2025 included over \$50 million for new initiatives including five new RCMP officers in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and 10 new RNC officers for the Northeast Avalon.

In August we also announced the creation of the new RNC Special Constables program, which will increase the RNC's presence on the streets while freeing up front-line officers for core policing functions.

We will also support the efforts of these new police officers with equipment and system improvements. We expand the use of location monitoring equipment for individuals out on bail or with release conditions to enforce court conditions and deter repeat offences. We will also increase equipment for RNC officers to assist in patrols and drug enforcement, including supporting Body Worn Cameras for RNC officers.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also introduce new, modernized Public Safety Legislation. This will bring a framework for policing that emphasizes accountability, transparency, and community well-being. We will also introduce a Civil Forfeiture Act, similar to other provinces, to allow Police to seize property suspected of being connected to crime.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also create a joint RNC/RCMP Crime Reduction Unit solely to conduct targeted compliance checks across the Province for individuals under court conditions.

We will also create a provincial Victims of Crime Support Unit, and expand the Intimate Partner Violence Team to further help victims process trauma, access mental health support, understand their rights and navigate the justice system. This will include dedicated supports for victims attempting to obtain peace bonds.

We will also work with our key stakeholders and across government departments to ensure women seeking EPOs have Duty Counsel available to act on their behalf if a court hearing is necessary.

Together, these measures will ensure that everyone across the Province can feel safe and secure in our communities.

## ***Improving Fire Safety Across Our Province and Supporting Our First Responders***

This summer, our Province experienced the worst wildfire season in our history. Homes were destroyed, and thousands of people endured the stress, uncertainty and hardship of being evacuated. The Cabinet Committee established to support residents and communities in Conception Bay North remains in place during the election and continues to be supported by a team of senior public service employees. Our Government remains committed to being there to support affected individuals, families and communities on the North Shore as the recovery effort continues.

It is thanks to the tireless efforts of our brave firefighters, aerial asset crews, emergency responders and community volunteers that loss of life was averted, and many structures were protected.

In recognition of these efforts, our Liberal Government announced \$100,000 for new wildland firefighting uniforms, as well as \$500 honourariums for our volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers. We also provided a \$10,000 honorarium to volunteer fire departments and search and rescue teams in appreciation of their exceptional efforts. This will apply to all individuals and departments who volunteered during this unprecedented wildfire season.

To confirm this appreciation, we will introduce legislation to establish standardized reimbursement and compensation guidelines to ensure that volunteer firefighters, search and rescue members, and service organizations involved in large-scale designated emergencies receive fair compensation for their equipment, time and efforts.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also double the volunteer firefighter and search and rescue tax credit to further support those who protect our communities.

The heroic efforts of our firefighters, responders and communities, as well as a world-class fleet of water bombers and ground equipment, this fire season showed us how important it is to be prepared for the serious threat posed by climate change and future wildfires.

The Liberal Government recently allocated \$4.2 million for Atlantic Wildfire Centre, with a total federal-provincial commitment of \$32 million until 2030 to increase resources, enhance training and strengthen the Province's ability to tackle wildfires at home. A plan for the centre's design phase is underway, as well as development of a design for infrastructure to improve support for aerial assets for the Gander and Wabush Airports.

A re-elected Liberal Government will procure a heavy lift helicopter to ensure availability throughout the fire season. These aircraft played a crucial role in this season's efforts, and we will also explore usage of the heavy lift helicopters for other emergencies. We will also complete the repair of our Province's damaged waterbomber aircraft, and procure two bird dog aircraft. Through the Atlantic Wildfire Centre, we will continue to work with our neighbouring provinces to find opportunities to share resources and equipment.

This summer's wildfires also demonstrated the importance of having mobile incident command trailers to provide planning and communications facilities in rural areas. A re-elected Liberal Government will therefore also purchase mobile incident command trailers that will be pre-deployed around the Province, ready to respond on a moment's notice.

We will also expedite training to increase the number of Incident Commanders, fire behaviour specialists, Operations Chiefs, and Air Operations Directors, to ensure this expertise is available during the fire season.

Our Liberal Government will also provide funding to communities for the construction of permanent firebreaks, sprinkler systems and monitoring equipment for critical infrastructure, and to purchase more protective equipment and tools for volunteer fire departments.

Finally, we will establish a new Provincial Meritorious Service Medal to honour those volunteers and emergency services personnel who make exceptional contributions during times of crisis.



## ***Taking Action Against Climate Change***

Our Government acknowledges the impact of Climate Change, and has updated our Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Plans for 2025–2030. These plans outline our path to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2030 and 60% by 2040, with a long-term goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

Our Climate initiatives include expanded electric vehicle and home energy efficiency incentive programs, strategic investments in renewable energy and critical minerals, and enhanced support for industrial emitters to reduce their environmental footprint.

We are also advancing resilience efforts by expanding flood risk mapping, preparing for climate-related natural disasters, and integrating climate considerations into public planning.



PRIORITY AREA

# *Building and Educating Our Province*



# GROWING OUR ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND JOBS

## *A New Deal and a Stronger Economic Outlook to Reduce Provincial Debt*

Under our Liberal Government, we have taken action to tackle our provincial debt, reduced borrowing, and introduced a Future Fund to secure non-renewable resource revenues. We also signed a historic MOU with Quebec to replace the 1969 Churchill Falls deal—unlocking \$225 billion of stable, long-term revenue potential, which is a strong positive indicator for credit rating agencies. While we are committed to returning to balanced budgets in the next term to protect public services and maintain annual fiscal flexibility for unforeseen external shocks, we've stayed focused on managing the deficit responsibly, including creating a \$200M contingency fund to guard against US tariffs and market uncertainty.

There's good news ahead. According to independent expert analysis, such as the Conference Board of Canada, our Province is set to be one of the top-performing provinces in 2025, with GDP growth projected at 2.0%, supported by offshore oil and population stability. Even before Churchill Falls, our revenue growth is expected to continue, giving us more room to invest in services and reduce our debt. We have weathered some tough economic times in the past, but the pressure is easing, and our economy is turning a corner.

## *Creating a Major Projects Office*

To seize the full potential of Newfoundland and Labrador's unrivalled economic opportunities, a Liberal Government will create a Major Projects Office. Reporting directly to the Premier, it will reside within the Executive Council. It will serve as the central point of contact for the Federal Government's own dedicated Major Projects Office working to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador plays a leading role in Canada's nation building agenda.

The Major Projects Office will also be mandated to coordinate all government departments and agencies involved in the development of provincially-designated major projects, including the Churchill Falls agreement, oil and gas projects, hydrogen development, critical minerals and mining, defence, and other transformative opportunities.

The Major Projects Office will break down silos and red tape to ensure there is a single point of Provincial Government coordination providing clear direction to partners and investors. It will be tasked with improving development timelines, reducing duplication, and coordinating Indigenous and community consultation.

## ***Creating a Churchill Falls Jobs Plan***

The new Churchill Falls deal will mean almost 10,000 new jobs in the Province. In order to ensure we are prepared, a re-elected Liberal Government will establish a dedicated, comprehensive Churchill Falls Jobs Plan. We will ensure benefits for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are maximized, including preparing the workforce through education and skills training. The Major Projects Office will be responsible for collection of labour market data, supply and demand mapping and educational and training program preparedness. Working closely with Memorial University, the College of the North Atlantic and other training institutions, we will develop sufficient spaces in key programs.

The Liberal Government will also support proponents and partners through the creation of a digital recruitment platform. This would work to simplify talent pool development and mobility while supporting continuous workforce planning. It would also provide prospective employees considering Newfoundland and Labrador with a one stop registry of opportunities and direct links to employers.

Community and infrastructure planning in support of major projects is a complex process to ensure these developments are integrated into the wider regional context in a way that is sustainable, functional and beneficial for local residents. The Major Projects Office will also undertake assessment and strategic planning of demographic, housing and infrastructure needs to meet community needs.

The Gull Island Project already has legally-protected jobs and benefits priorities for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. The hiring protocol prioritizes—in order—members of Innu Nation, residents of Labrador, residents of Newfoundland, and then residents of Canada.

A re-elected Liberal Government commits to a similar hiring preference for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians for the new construction projects in the MOU, including upgrades and expansions to the existing Churchill Falls power plant, as well as new transmission lines.

## ***Incentivizing New Offshore Exploration***

A re-elected Liberal Government will continue its strong advocacy and support for the oil and gas industry. Our offshore oil industry has been a major economic driver in our Province for decades. It has created well paying jobs, provided billions to our provincial treasury, and made our Province an innovation hub for offshore technology.

A Hogan Government will continue to be a strong supporter of our offshore oil and gas industry and the people it employs. To expand our offshore sector, we will continue to commit \$90 million over three years for an offshore exploration fund. This will help encourage new exploration offshore, spur job creation and economic growth.

## ***Advocating for Regulatory Certainty from the Federal Government***

In order for our energy industry to thrive, proponents and workers need regulatory certainty from the Federal Government. A Hogan Government supports efforts by the new federal government to fast track projects of national importance and provide a more streamlined process through the Major Projects Office.

However, regulatory road blocks like the Greenhouse Gas Emissions cap remain in place. A re-elected Hogan Government will advocate for the removal of the federal emissions cap. We will demand that our industries receive regulatory certainty from Ottawa and that unnecessary red tape is removed.

Our government will also advocate for the introduction of an investment tax credit, similar to the Atlantic Investment Tax Credit, to apply to future oil and gas developments in Newfoundland and Labrador—including Bay du Nord.

## ***Developing Our Critical Minerals***

With the development of new technologies and increased electrification across the globe, critical minerals are of vital importance. Newfoundland and Labrador has an abundance of critical minerals and is positioned to be a major hotspot of mining activity.

Building on our Critical Minerals Plan announced in 2023, we will continue funding the Junior Explorers Assistance program. A re-elected Liberal Government will continue to fund Critical Mineral Geoscience and provide regulatory certainty to potential proponents through our new Major Projects Office.

## ***Growing Our Renewable Energy***

Newfoundland and Labrador has all of the right elements to develop a thriving renewable energy industry. With an abundance of fresh water, large amounts of developable land, high wind speeds, deepwater ports and close proximity to Europe, our Province is primed to be a major provider of renewable energy.

Our government will continue to support the development of a renewable energy industry by providing regulatory certainty and a clear fiscal framework for energy development. We are committed to using our resources in a way that ensures our Province is the primary beneficiary by creating quality employment opportunities for our residents.

## ***Sustainable Forestry***

Our Province has a strong forestry sector. We will support reforestation and forest improvement through silviculture and research activities and continue to advance sustainable forest management. We will also work with industry and stakeholders to maximize the sustainable use and value from our forest resources.



## ***Supporting Our Small Businesses***

Small businesses are a pillar of our economy, particularly our rural communities, and employ thousands of people across our Province. We know that small business owners make a valuable contribution to our Province and that is why Our Government lowered the small business tax rate from 3.0% to 2.5%.

Our 2025 Budget also provided \$10 million for restaurant loan guarantees, as well as \$10 million for a new Venture Capital Fund for new technology companies. We also committed \$1 million to give bigger wholesale pricing discounts on liquor for restaurants and bars, and \$800,000 to increase compensation on products sold by brewers' agents and liquor express retailers.

A re-elected Hogan Government will invest the \$400,000 we committed to continue the Business Navigator Service to ensure businesses are connected to the correct Government programs, resources and supports.

# **SUPPORTING OUR FISHING AND AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY**

For generations in Newfoundland and Labrador the fishery has been the backbone of coastal communities, and a major contributor to our Provincial economy. Today, it remains one of our Province's most important industries, generating thousands of jobs in harvesting, processing, and exporting world-class seafood around the world.

We have also seen a modern Aquaculture industry grow rapidly, producing high-quality seafood for a range of markets, both here at home and abroad. A re-elected Hogan Government will be committed to supporting our vital Fisheries and Aquaculture industry, and the communities and livelihoods it sustains.

## ***Protecting and Growing Our Fishery***

At the outset of a new mandate, we will fulfill our Government's commitment to conduct a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary review of the industry to ensure that it remains fair, sustainable and beneficial to all parties. The review will begin before the end of the year, with a final report to be tabled in the House of Assembly by December 31, 2026.

In Budget 2025, your Liberal Government announced an additional \$5.75 million for the Seafood Marketing Support Program to diversify our seafood markets. We also invested an additional \$4 million in the Atlantic Fisheries Fund to support infrastructure, innovation and science partnerships.

A re-elected Liberal Government will build on these investments by continuing to invest in Market Diversification and assistance to harvesters and processors who want to export to new markets, or to transition to new species such as lobster. We will be there every step of the way to support harvesters, processors and plant workers as they look to produce the best products they can for the highest return.

We are also committed to continuing our work with the FFAW to implement our joint 10-point plan for improving market access for harvesters and their raw materials.

A Hogan government will continue to support the Harvester Enterprise Loan Program (HELP) and the principle of Free Enterprise for harvesters.

We will also continue working with the Federal Government and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure that our fisheries are managed sensibly, based on the best available scientific data, as well as key input from the harvesters and communities who are out on the water every day. To that end, we will continue to pressure the Federal Government to allow formal joint management of our fisheries.

We will also continue to work with the Federal Government to develop a response and provide mitigation to our harvesters for the impact of Chinese and US tariffs, in particular for Newfoundland and Labrador's lobster exports.

## ***Responsibly Developing Our Aquaculture Industry***

A re-elected Hogan Government will work with our world-class aquaculture industry to protect jobs and existing aquaculture projects while promoting responsible growth in the industry, and also addressing the concerns of coastal communities regarding marine health, conservation and protection.

Specifically addressing the South Coast NMCA: while we support efforts to protect our environment, it cannot come at a cost to our fishery, the aquaculture industry and those who make their livelihood from the waters off the south coast of Newfoundland. The communication from Parks Canada to communities and industry around the current conservation map has caused a lot of concern.

A Liberal Government will ensure that responsible consultation and clear communication results in a resolution that minimizes impact to our environment and continues to support our world-class industries. We are not prepared, as a government, to see the economic viability of our coastal communities become threatened because of this action.

# GROWING OUR TECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Newfoundland and Labrador's technology sector has experienced rapid and substantial growth in the last number of years. In 2023, the sector contributed \$1.8 billion to Provincial GDP, an increase of 24% since 2016. With increasing numbers of good, well paying jobs that have incentivized many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to return home, our Liberal Team remains committed to supporting this vital industry.

That's why our Liberal Government invested \$23 million in the VentureNL fund, which so far has helped home-grown technology companies attract \$165 million in private investment to the Province. Our 2025 Budget included an additional \$10 million capital investment fund for local technology companies to help them accelerate growth and attract more investment. We also invested \$4 million over 5 years for the Sandpiper Ventures Fund II to specifically support women-led technology companies.



## *Promoting Our Technology Innovators*

We will continue to support our technology sector to reach the goal of a total GDP contribution of \$2.5 billion by 2030. To achieve this target, a re-elected Liberal government will create the Provincial Technology and Innovation Strategy. Technology and innovation will elevate all industries in our Province, increasing competitiveness, productivity, and employment.

As our technology ecosystem evolves and local companies grow, startups require investment to scale up, create more jobs, and reach their full potential. As a key element of the strategy, our Liberal Government will also complete a review to ensure our funding programs are designed to meet the needs of the growing ecosystem.

Based on industry feedback to date, and through further consultation, this strategy will centralize all programs and funding support available through the provincial government, and provide assistance to leverage private investment and funding from other levels of government. The strategy will also provide transparent funding eligibility criteria, and help applicants meet those criteria and receive quicker decisions.

A re-elected Liberal government will also introduce a policy requiring the provincial government and crown corporations to prioritize local technology companies where possible, and to help ensure they are in a position to respond to requests for proposals and procurement.

We will also continue to work with our provincial counterparts to further reduce interprovincial barriers in the technology sector, particularly as it relates to health care related innovations. Our Liberal team will also continue to invest in e-learning and other technological innovations in our schools, and provide additional classes and support for students to learn the fundamentals of coding and developing technology.

Our Liberal Government will also elevate the profile of the emergent defense sector. Canada and its allies are entering a dramatically new landscape as it pertains to defence investment, including increasing commitments made at the 2025 NATO Summit. This serves as a generational opportunity to build upon Newfoundland and Labrador's location, assets and capabilities to support Canada's position in global defence.

Now is the time to position Newfoundland and Labrador as a critical contributor to all allied efforts in deterrence, military readiness, and defence capabilities by availing of the Province's unique geography and mobilizing Newfoundland and Labrador's strategic bases, deep water ports, aerospace capabilities, ocean technology, and innovation ecosystem to meet growing defence commitments.

Our Liberal Government will create a new Breakthrough Task Force on Defence and Arctic Opportunities to lead the Province's growing role in Canada's national security and Arctic strategy. The committee will bring together government, industry, and strategic partners to identify and advance defence-related opportunities for Newfoundland and Labrador, and will engage with Indigenous communities. This initiative will ensure a coordinated, proactive approach to attracting investment, securing federal procurement opportunities, strengthening local supply chains, and positioning Newfoundland and Labrador as a key hub for Arctic operations and innovation.

The Task Force will base its work around four pillars: Military Capacity and Infrastructure, Business Development and Investment Attraction, Research, Innovation and Development, and Trade Promotion in Global Markets.

Our Government will leverage existing provincial funding programs by aligning efforts with national and international defence-related funding pools, and implement targeted marketing and communications strategies to brand Newfoundland and Labrador as a defence hub through outreach and trade promotion in global markets that attract global attention and investment.

As the Federal Government invests massively in Canada's defence capabilities, our Liberal government will advocate to secure further financial support for Newfoundland and Labrador's world-class defence and dual-use technology companies. We will also push the federal government for specific technology sector tariff relief measures.



# MAKING SURE EVERYONE HAS A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Your Liberal Team understands that buying a home in our Province today has become increasingly difficult due to a combination of rising real estate prices, high interest rates, and limited housing supply. In our larger cities, average home prices are above what most households can afford, even as borrowing costs have surged following multiple interest rate hikes. This has pushed monthly mortgage payments to record highs, making homeownership unattainable for many first-time buyers.

At the same time, housing inventory is limited in our urban areas, leading to intense competition and still higher costs. As a result, too many people in our Province are being forced to delay buying a home, settle for smaller properties, or remain in the rental market indefinitely.

That's why our Liberal Government has continued to make significant investments to improve housing, including:

- An \$82 million Affordable Rental Housing Program to build 800 housing units.
- A \$36 million 4-year plan to build provincial housing in Western and Central Newfoundland, and Labrador West.
- A further \$26 million for repairs and upgrades for NL housing units.
- A \$23 million rental assistance program supporting 2,600 families.
- \$4 million for the Secondary and Basement Suite Incentive Program, to provide forgivable loans of up to \$40,000 for homeowners to create an affordable home within their existing property.
- \$3 million for repairs and upgrades to homes in Makkovik, Hopedale and Nain.
- More than \$3 million for the HST rebate on rental properties.
- A further \$225,000 to continue the First-Time Homebuyers Program, which has helped over 240 families buy their first home.

## ***Making Home Ownership More Affordable***

To help make it easier for you and your family to buy a home, a re-elected Liberal Government will modify the First-Time Homebuyers Program so that applicants with a combined family income of less than \$95,000 are able to qualify for the full amount of the loan, while families with a combined income of \$105,000 or more can qualify based on a sliding scale of assistance.

A Liberal Government will also begin providing developers with a low-interest financing program that provides capital to assist with the construction of purpose-built rental housing, including modular construction projects, and conversions of existing non-residential structures into rental properties.

We will also implement the 10-year, \$125 million agreement signed with the Federal Government through the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF) aimed at existing municipal infrastructure needs and those associated with future housing developments.

A re-elected Liberal Government will review its Crown Lands inventory to identify areas of the Province for new housing development opportunities, and will use the funds from the lease or sale of crown lands to build affordable housing.

## ***Increasing and Improving Rental Supply***

We know that finding affordable rental properties can be a challenge, and that we need to increase the availability of quality rental properties. We also know that many renters, such as those with young children, disabilities or pets often face discrimination from landlords.

To help address these issues, a re-elected Hogan Government will work with municipalities and developers to review zoning requirements and existing regulations to encourage more multi-unit and mixed use construction projects to increase density and availability of rental and affordable housing units.

In addition to continuing the \$4 million Secondary and Basement Suite Incentive Program that provides up to \$40,000 for homeowners to create an affordable home within their existing property, we will also introduce tax incentives for homeowners who already have un-rented apartments to list them on the market.

A Liberal Government will also require developers of multi-unit housing projects receiving government assistance to have a minimum number of accessible units for persons with disabilities, as well as for families with children. We will also require a minimum number of units to be designated as pet friendly.

## Addressing Homelessness

Addressing the challenge of homelessness requires a balanced approach that ensures vulnerable individuals have access to safe, supportive housing while also recognizing and responding to the concerns of residents in the neighborhoods where homelessness occurs, and where support services are located.

Our 2025 Budget also included \$13.6 million to build the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Hub, which will combine housing, health, treatment and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness in the region.

A re-elected Hogan Government will maintain the transitional housing initiative, and will continue to support emergency shelter beds, with over 120 new beds added since 2020. We will also work directly with organizations like the Transition House Association of Newfoundland and Labrador to explore both immediate and long-term funding solutions in order to provide stable, predictable support for their important work.

We will also continue work with End Homelessness St. John's to expand its HomeConnect program, which connects tenants who have experienced homelessness with participating landlords.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also create a new homelessness taskforce to bring together NL Health Services, community organizations, law enforcement and members of the community to identify recommendations for the Government to decrease the number of persons experiencing homelessness while also addressing the concerns of impacted communities.



# IMPROVING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Newfoundland and Labrador's education system is the bedrock of our society, culture and identity, and it is the key to our Province's future prosperity. Over the past number of years, your Liberal Government has made huge investments in our education system, through the construction of new schools, the introduction of \$10 a day child care, the hiring of more teachers, and the expansion of technology and e-learning systems. While these investments have been significant, we can and will do more to make sure that our education system is among the best in the country.

## *Upgrading Our Schools*

We know that students need safe, clean and well equipped schools to maximize their learning potential and well-being. That's why we are committed to continuing to invest in our infrastructure across the Province to modernize and upgrade existing schools, and to build new ones as required.

That's why your Liberal Government invested more than \$89 million for construction on the new Gander Academy, Paradise Intermediate, Paradise High School, Bay Roberts Primary and St. Alban's K-12 schools, which all opened in 2021.

We have additionally allocated \$127 million for new school projects in Kenmount Terrace, Portugal Cove – St. Phillip's and Cartwright, and a redevelopment in Pilley's Island. A re-elected Hogan government will complete these projects.

## *Supporting our Teachers and Students*

Our Liberal team understands that Newfoundland and Labrador's teachers and early childhood educators play a critical role in shaping the future of our Province by educating and inspiring our children. They foster curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, and resilience, all while equipping students with the critical skills they need to succeed.

Our teachers and early childhood educators are also pillars of their communities, acting as mentors and role models, and often providing emotional and mental health support to our students. They also routinely go above and beyond to support extra curricular activities and experiential learning. By supporting our teachers, we can ensure that our Province is giving our children the best chance in life to grow and thrive.

To further support our education system, we will build on the 400 education resources hired under Budget 2025 by hiring an additional 100 education resources, including teachers and student assistants, across the Province over the next two years. Our Government will also decrease the standard class size by 2 students in grades 1-9.



To further support our teachers and to maintain a conducive learning environment, we will continue the ban on cell-phones in all classrooms, and ensure that administrators have the disciplinary tools necessary to enforce it.

We will also improve teacher and student safety by working with the RNC and RCMP and schools across the Province on incident prevention, planning and response.

## *Rejuvenating our Curriculum*

We know that when our students go on to post-secondary education or enter the job market that they are expected to compete in an increasingly complex and digital world, while still being able to understand and navigate their day-to-day lives. Many of our students are thriving, but we know that absenteeism persists, and that too many are frustrated and lacking the skills they need to succeed when they graduate.

To make sure that more of our students stay, find their passions in school, and learn the skills they need, a re-elected Hogan Government will:

- Continue the comprehensive curriculum reform undertaken in the past several years to improve digital skills and literacy, decrease absenteeism and ensure that our grade outcomes meet and exceed national and international levels.
- Continue the introduction of computer science programming at all levels.
- Increase exposure to skilled trades and apprenticeships in lower grades and provide renewed support to hands-on courses in junior high and high schools.
- Introduce mandatory civic education and financial literacy education to ensure all students understand the political, legal and economic system in which they live.
- Introduce an Indigenous history, language and culture module for elementary and junior high students, and a mandatory Indigenous history and reconciliation course for high school students.

## ***Continuing Access to Affordable Child Care***

Ensuring access to affordable child care has been a signature initiative of your Liberal government for the past number of years. In close collaboration with the federal government, we have created the Province's first affordable child care program, with currently more than 11,200 spaces now available, costing parents \$10 per day.

Our government is committed to adding an additional 2,000 new spaces by the end of this school year, and will continue to work with the federal government to further expand this program.

A re-elected Hogan Government will continue to grow the affordable child care program in consultation with the federal government, which is why we signed an extension of the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Early Learning and Child Care Agreement until at least March 31, 2031. This agreement ensures predictable and sustainable support for early learning and child care, and gives parents peace of mind for years to come.

Of course these child care spaces wouldn't be possible without our Province's dedicated Early Childhood Educators, who are essential to shaping our children's development. Every day they create safe, supportive environments tailored to each child's learning needs. That's why we have expanded the number of Early Childhood Educators to more than 1,800 across the Province. A re-elected Liberal government will work to continue creating day care spaces and to hire the additional Early Childhood Educators needed to fill those positions.

## ***Providing Free School Supplies and Lunches***

As we continue to invest in our schools and teachers, we recognize that preparing for a new school year can be expensive. For many families, the cost of annual school supplies puts a burden on their budget. We sometimes see our teachers going above and beyond by paying out of pocket for supplies for their students, and this is not right.

A re-elected Liberal Government will give parents and teachers a financial break and peace of mind by providing free school supplies for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6, beginning in September 2026.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will work with NLSchools and Le Conseil scolaire francophone provincial, in consultation with educators, to issue bulk requests for proposals from retailers to provide standardized school supplies for students across the Province. Schools will then distribute supplies as required throughout the school year. By ordering in bulk, we will be able to keep costs low while delivering high quality supplies to every student in the Province.

This will cost an additional \$3 million per year, and directly helps families in Newfoundland and Labrador with the cost of living.

We also know that students will be able to use those supplies to their fullest potential when their bellies are full of healthy, nutritious food. That's why last year we were the first province in Canada to join the National School Food Program to provide lunches to thousands of children across the Province.

Under Budget 2025, we announced another \$24 million to continue expanding our school food programming for Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 9 schools. By the end of this 2025-26 school year, it is anticipated that approximately 40,000 students will have access to the pay-what-you-can school lunch model.

A re-elected Liberal Government will further expand the school lunch program to cover all Newfoundland and Labrador Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 9 students under this program by the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

With the added revenue from the new Churchill Falls MOU, our Liberal Team will be able to further address affordability and invest in our children. Together, these measures will help save money for parents and teachers, and improve overall student well-being and learning potential.

## ***Supporting Post-Secondary Education***

We know that pursuing post-secondary education is an important driver of economic growth and individual success. At the same time, we know that many students—particularly from rural and remote communities—struggle with the costs of tuition and living costs away from home.

That's why this year we increased weekly provincial student loan and provincial student grant limits by 20 per cent, from \$100 per week to \$120 per week, and made corresponding increases for Faculty of Medicine students at Memorial University and increased loans for out-of-province students by 20%. This change gives more money to students who are currently receiving the maximum allowable financial aid.

Our Government also increased the per-course value of the Memorial University Tuition Relief Grant, from \$345 per course to \$420 per course, and lowered the program duration eligibility threshold for the NL Debt Reduction Grant Program, from 80 weeks to 60 weeks. This allows students in 60-week or longer programs to become eligible for debt reduction.

We know that moving to attend post-secondary education is in and of itself an expensive undertaking. To support students from rural areas who want to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador and the College of the North Atlantic, a re-elected Liberal Government will introduce a one-time moving allowance of up to \$500 per student to assist with moving costs and getting settled in their new homes. This will be available to income and residency tested students of Newfoundland and Labrador moving from a rural region of the Province to attend full-time post-secondary studies.

Our Liberal Team will also continue to invest in both Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the College of the North Atlantic, while ensuring that they remain financially responsible and sustainable.

# BUILDING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Using the additional revenue from a renegotiated Churchill Falls Agreement, a re-elected Hogan Government will continue to make generational investments in key infrastructure across the Province. This includes new schools, hospitals and recreation facilities, as well as upgrades to roads, highways and bridges. We will also work to make it easier for local communities to complete smaller but impactful infrastructure projects, and ensure that our Province receives our fair share of increased federal infrastructure investments.

## ***Making Major Capital Investments***

We know that making sure that our Province's roads, schools, hospitals, bridges and essential services are maintained and modernized is a top priority for all communities. That's why we have made major investments in key infrastructure across the Province, and will continue to do so.

Under our 2025 Budget, we announced investments of more than \$1.1 billion in total infrastructure construction and upgrades, which together will generate an additional \$690 million in economic activity and thousands of jobs in trades and construction. This includes \$40 million in hospitals and health infrastructure, \$70 million for schools and education facilities, and more than \$317 million for roads, highways, bridges, ferries and heavy equipment.

By leveraging our income from our strong energy sector, and increasing revenue through the renegotiated Churchill Falls agreement, a re-elected Liberal Government will continue to make major capital investments in our hospitals, schools, highways, municipalities and more.

## ***Improving Highways and Public Transportation***

Newfoundland and Labrador's transportation network includes approximately 10,000 kilometres of Provincial highways and roads. Our Liberal Team knows that as our Province continues to grow, we need to invest in our transportation infrastructure. That's why our 2025 Budget laid out \$317 million for pothole repair and paving across the Province, as well as brush clearing, moose fencing, and new culverts and bridges.

We also invested an additional \$37 million as part of the multi-year investment to replace older heavy equipment/snowplows, which help maintain our 24 hour snow-clearing on the most traveled routes in the Province.

On the Northeast Avalon, home to 3 of our Province's top 5 fastest growing communities of Paradise, Conception Bay South and Portugal Cove – St. Phillips, we know that traffic congestion and road access are major concerns for residents. That's why we also allocated \$19 million in Budget 2025 for the final completion of the Team Gushue Highway, and \$5 million for the Trans-Canada Highway twinning project.



This is in addition to the \$306 Million for twinning on the Trans Canada Highway, including a 15km stretch between Bishop's Falls and Grand Falls-Windsor and a 40 km section on the Avalon Peninsula west of Whitbourne.

A re-elected Liberal Government will continue our work to address traffic and congestion in Paradise and Portugal Cove – St. Phillips by constructing a new interchange on the outer ring road to connect with Trails End Drive, and a further road connection to St. Thomas Line. These measures together will relieve pressure on Topsail Road, and allow for safer, faster commutes for residents of Topsail, Paradise and Portugal Cove – St. Philips. By helping traffic run smoothly in these communities, it in turn helps residents of Conception Bay East and beyond.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also commit \$2 million to support new Northeast Avalon integrated public transportation. This plan will seek proposals for the expansion of public transportation partnerships in the Northeast Avalon, and could be expanded around the Province where there is demand.

This is in addition to the \$300,000 our Liberal Government announced for the Community Transportation Program in Budget 2025 to improve accessible transportation, and the additional \$400,000 for the Accessible Vehicle Funding Grant and Accessible Taxi Program.

We will also continue our \$2.1 million free and subsidized Transit Passes Program under our Poverty Reduction Plan, and maintain our \$100,000 annual support for GoBus Accessible Transit services.

Budget 2025 also provided \$90.6 million to support the operation of our ferry system, and \$13 million in contingency for unplanned maintenance and repairs. In July, Our Government also issued a Request for Information from market suppliers to identify suitable ferries that could supplement the existing Provincial fleet. A re-elected Liberal Government is committed to maintaining our vital ferry links to the communities that depend on them most.

## ***Upgrading Our Defence Infrastructure***

A re-elected Liberal Government will work with the Federal Government to ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador receives a share of the significant increase in infrastructure spending for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces. This includes advocating for upgrades to CFB Goose Bay, CFB Gander, CFS St. John's, HMCS Cabot and the Canadian Coast Guard.

Our Government will also work with the Federal Government to identify key dual-use infrastructure and potential upgrades, as well as new development opportunities to support Canada's national security and economic prosperity.

## ***Supporting our Communities***

Our Liberal Government has invested significantly in our Municipalities and Local Service Districts. This year, that included over \$187 million for funding and grants, including Municipal Operating Grants, Special Assistance Grants, the Community Enhancement Employment Program, and the Canada Community Building Fund.

In our 2025 Budget we announced further investments of \$3.8 million for volunteer fire department equipment and \$225,000 for volunteer firefighter training. We also provided \$508,000 for drinking water improvement and \$100,000 for wastewater monitoring.

The Special Assistance Grant Program provides financial aid to support communities and related organizations in response to emergencies related to health and/or a life safety nature, as well as assistance to communities experiencing financial difficulties, and special initiatives involving Municipalities, Local Service District committees or other entities.

Our Liberal Government will increase this fund by \$3 million, aimed at assisting Municipalities in emerging priority areas. This includes identifying and securing emergency shelter capacity within municipal facilities and community spaces during climate-related emergencies, such as wildfires, floods, and hurricanes.

We will also formalize a prioritization stream for Special Assistance Grants for communities facing immediate water issues, and increase the amounts allowable for this purpose. We understand communities face challenges addressing urgent system issues, and need funds quickly to ensure water supply.

Our Liberal Government will also call on the Federal Government to work with the Province and communities across Newfoundland and Labrador to improve water and wastewater infrastructure. Further, we will consult with Municipalities to develop a long-term Municipal Infrastructure Strategy so communities can sustainably plan for their future.

Many Municipalities and Local Service Districts in Newfoundland and Labrador are working closely with industry to attract and retain business. They are striving to ensure communities have the services and infrastructure to ensure jobs and the required workforce are available. A Liberal Government will work closely with communities striving for economic development to ensure that we cut red tape, fast-track Crown Lands applications, help advocate for Federal funding, and facilitate meaningful engagement with industry.



## ***Internet and Cell Phone Connectivity***

In today's connected world, we know that having fast and reliable internet and cell service is essential not just for individuals, but for schools, hospitals and businesses alike. The importance of being connected is never more acute than during an emergency, and we are committed to ensuring maximum coverage and connectivity across our Province.

That's why Our Government announced \$16.5 million for connectivity initiatives for broadband and cellular coverage expansion, and a plan to connect an additional 300 communities with high speed internet. With an additional \$20 million in funding from Our Government under Budget 2025, an additional 36,000 homes across the Province will be able to connect to high speed internet by 2027.

We will continue to work with cell phone and internet service providers to expand coverage to rural and remote areas, and to use new technology to improve the speed and quality of those connections.

## ***Supporting Our Royal Canadian Legion Branches***

We know that in many communities across our Province, Royal Canadian Legion branches are often key focal points not just for our Veterans, but for events, celebrations and gatherings of all kinds. They bring people of all ages together, and provide programming and services that improve the well-being of their communities. At the same time, we know that aging Veterans and reduced national funding has left many Legion branches in dire need of maintenance and repairs.

In order to help maintain these important community gathering spaces, and to honour the legacy of our Veterans, a re-elected Liberal Government will introduce the Legion Maintenance Allowance. This allowance will provide 20 annual grants of up to \$25,000 per year to Legion Branches for critical maintenance, repairs and upgrades, as well as improved safety and accessibility measures.



PRIORITY AREA

# Strengthening Our *Society* and Our *Values*



# SUPPORTING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE

## *Supporting Our Seniors*

Newfoundland and Labrador's seniors helped build and shape our Province, and they deserve to age well with the best economic, medical and social support we can provide. We know that seniors—particularly those living on a fixed income—have been hit hard by the increased cost of living, energy and medication.

To give our seniors greater financial peace of mind, we recently increased the benefit by 15%. We also indexed this benefit and the eligibility thresholds to the annual rate of inflation. This means 50,000 seniors will be better able to keep pace with the cost of living.

A re-elected Liberal Government will further increase the income thresholds for the Newfoundland and Labrador Seniors' Benefit by 10%, so that even more people are eligible to receive it. This is in addition to many more recent actions to help seniors. We implemented a targeted Basic Income Program for eligible people aged 60 to 64, made the shingles vaccine available to all adults 50 years of age for free, and made driver medical exams free for people over 75.

Your Liberal Team will also support seniors with access to Government services through the creation of travelling Seniors Navigator Teams. These teams will travel around the Province on a pre-published schedule to visit rural and remote communities, where they will set up a temporary service access point where seniors can seek guidance and assistance for provincial services in a stress-free, in-person environment without the need for computers or waiting on the phone. These Seniors Navigator Teams will help ensure seniors are receiving the benefits they are entitled to receive.

Many seniors want to remain in the comfort and familiarity of their own communities and homes, even when they require medical treatment. A re-elected Liberal Government will therefore double both the Aging Well at Home Grant from \$400 to \$800 per year, and the Caregiver Benefit from \$400 to \$800 per month. Seniors will get even more help with the costs associated with living longer at home, such as grocery and meal delivery, health care services, medication and prescription delivery, small home repairs and transportation. And, caregivers will receive more money to help sustain the important support they provide.

We will also create an independent standalone monitoring and licensing body, to monitor Long Term Care and Personal Care Homes for compliance with operational standards, investigate complaints, and impose sanctions for non-compliance. This will ensure seniors receive consistent, quality care throughout the Province.

As people age, they develop chronic and complex medical needs, and require care in their communities. While we have already made massive investments in our health care system to meet this demand, our planned health care investments such as new Mobile Primary Care Teams and more Family Care Teams will further ensure that seniors have timely access to the highest possible level of care.



A re-elected Liberal Government will engage the Federal Government to negotiate a funding agreement to join the National Pharmacare Program. This in addition to the National Dental Program which is presently providing services to seniors in our Province. We will also advocate to the Federal Government for increases to Old Age Security, the Canada Pension Plan, and other critical supports for our seniors.

These newly announced and increased supports will cost \$13 million. With increased revenue resulting from the Churchill Falls MOU, a Liberal Government will be able to do even more for our seniors, to support their physical, mental and financial well-being.

## ***Continuing to Advance Reconciliation With Indigenous Peoples***

If re-elected, Our Government will continue to advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Only by working together, will we foster a future where Indigenous People preserve traditions while creating new opportunities for future generations.

Over the last number of years, we have made significant investments to support both Indigenous communities, as well as the awareness, recognition and inclusion of Indigenous voices in Government and society at large. And, there is a lot more work to do, together.

Recently in Budget 2025, our Liberal Government announced \$5 million for the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System, as well as \$316,500 for Indigenous Violence Prevention Grants, and \$250,000 for Indigenous education resources in our K-12 schools. We also allocated \$133,900 for the Aboriginal Women's Network and continued our core funding for Friendship Centres.

This is in addition to investments year over year since 2015, including \$910,649 for the Office of Indigenous and Northern Skilled Trades in Corner Brook, St. John's and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and \$4.2 million in 2021 for the Inquiry into the Treatment of Innu Children in Care. The Gladue Report Project also received \$225,000 to support its work.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also make Indigenous history and cultural education mandatory for all students across the Province. Education Accord NL is a landmark initiative by the Provincial Government, marking a pivotal moment for Newfoundland and Labrador.

It provides a comprehensive 10-year plan with clear Calls to Transformation or Change, and pathways to effect change. A re-elected Liberal Government supports key recommendations from that report which focus on: embedding Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing in curriculum guides and resources, teaching and learning strategies, assessment and evaluation practices, and school culture; and integrating Indigenous knowledge, perspectives, and ways of being as foundational elements in the delivery of education across early childhood, K-12, and post-secondary systems.

Our Government will introduce an Indigenous history, language and culture module for elementary and junior high students, and a mandatory Indigenous history and reconciliation course for high school students.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also introduce new, modernized Public Safety Legislation. This will bring a framework for policing that emphasizes accountability, transparency, and community well-being. This legislation can also provide a pathway for Indigenous self-policing.

We will continue to work with Indigenous communities throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure better access to housing, health care, and other critical services. We will also continue to advocate to the Federal Government for increases in funding for programs and services that support Indigenous communities such as the Nutrition North Canada program.

While our Government is making progress on this reconciliation journey through listening, understanding and mutual respect, there is still lots more work to do. We remain committed to walking the shared path of reconciliation and continuing to build a strong relationship with Indigenous communities.





## ***Supporting Women, Gender Equality and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Community***

Your Liberal Team remains committed to supporting our Province's women, gender diverse individuals and members of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ who all too often face discrimination and injustice, whether at home, at school or in the workplace.

We recognize the importance of diversity and acceptance, and will continue to work for a more inclusive and just Newfoundland and Labrador where everyone is free to be who they are, and to love who they choose.

A re-elected Liberal Government will continue to support the Office of Women and Gender Equality to provide services and capacity to community groups and individuals.

We will also introduce a new Women and Gender Equality Act to modernize the Status of Women Act, and to include 2SLGBTQQIA+ voices on the Provincial Advisory Council.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also continue working with stakeholders to provide enhanced fertility services in the Province.

We will also provide continuing funding for the Violence Prevention Initiative, as well as providing resources for the RNC's Intimate Partner Violence Unit, and create a joint provincial Victims of Crime Support Unit.

We will also continue our \$4 million funding over 5 years for the Sandpiper Ventures Fund II to specifically support women-led technology companies.

## ***Supporting Persons with Disabilities***

Our Liberal Team values and celebrates the important contributions made to our Province by persons living with disabilities, while also recognizing the obstacles and challenges they still face. We have made significant investments to address many of the physical, economic and social barriers faced by those with disabilities, and a re-elected Liberal Government will continue to do so.

In order to build a more inclusive, accessible and supportive Province, our Government announced a \$26 million investment to introduce a Basic Income Pilot, which provides up to \$400 per month to persons living with disabilities. We also introduced an annual \$1,200 Registered Disability Savings Program.

We also announced \$300,000 for the Community Transportation Program to improve accessible transportation, and another \$400,000 for the Accessible Vehicle Funding Grant and Accessible Taxi Program. This is in addition to the \$2.1 million for free or subsidized transit passes under our Poverty Reduction Plan. Our 2025 Budget also announced a further \$94,500 for ongoing GoBus Accessible Transit services.

To further guide our support for persons with disabilities, a re-elected Hogan Government will introduce legislation during the fall session to create the position of Newfoundland and Labrador Disability Advocate, and will appoint a qualified person to the position by the end of the year.

## ***Responsibly Managing Immigration and Supporting New Canadians***

We will advocate to the federal government for continued Provincial Nominee Program and Atlantic Immigration Program spaces, to ensure the Province has the capacity needed to meet the needs of employers who have demonstrated labour shortages.

We will also continue to welcome newcomers and provide support to partner organizations that provide assistance to new Canadians. We will also continue our work on the Ministerial Committee on Anti-Racism and champion multiculturalism throughout the Province.

## ***Strengthening our Province's Arts and Culture***

Newfoundland and Labrador's arts and culture are a powerful reflection of our identity. From storytelling, music, and theatre that celebrate our rich history, to thriving visual arts, film, and authors that have achieved national and international recognition, the cultural sector preserves our heritage and drives innovation, tourism, and pride in Newfoundland and Labrador's unique place in Canada and the world.

To support this vibrant industry our Liberal Government's 2025 Budget allocated \$10 million in continued support for the Film and Television Equity Investment program.

A re-elected Hogan Government will maintain the Newfoundland and Labrador film and television tax credit to continue developing home-grown talent, as well as to keep attracting world class productions to our shores.

Right across Newfoundland and Labrador, towns and communities celebrate their local culture and heritage through annual festivals and community-based events. Whether it be a small gathering of local residents or larger events that attract tourists from all over, music, people and food are at the heart of celebrating Newfoundland and Labrador's distinct and diverse culture that richly and strongly defines our Province.

To support these community based cultural celebrations, a re-elected Hogan Government will increase The Cultural Events Fund from \$70,000 to \$250,000 so more communities can access much-needed funds to celebrate their community and history.

As the St. John's Folk Festival prepares to celebrate their 50th year in 2026, a re-elected Liberal Government will provide support of \$100,000 to ensure that this cultural institution is able to celebrate this important milestone.

We also know that many arts and cultural organizations struggle with financial and administrative burdens, and an inability to pay for professional services. As such, a Hogan Government will implement a Pilot Project within Government to provide free professional services such as bookkeeping and legal compliance advice to non-profit organizations in the arts and cultural sector who run community programming, events and festivals. If successful the program could be expanded to other non-profit organizations in a range of sectors.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also develop a Provincial Cultural Policy, with measurable targets for employment and growth in the arts and cultural sector. We will further work with arts organizations and businesses to ensure that artists and cultural sector workers receive fair compensation for their work.

Finally, we will ensure that funding requests through the Cultural Economic Development Program provide clear and transparent evaluation criteria, and regular status updates for applications within a reasonable time service standard.

## ***Supporting Our Youth***

Newfoundland and Labrador's youth regularly lead the way on many fronts in our Province, including mental health advocacy, inclusion, and sport leadership. They travel widely across the country, proudly represent us, and consistently achieve success.

Far too often, youth organizations are restricted in the goals that they can achieve due to a lack of available funds. A re-elected Hogan Government will double the funding for the Grants to Youth Organizations to a total of \$552,000. This will allow more youth organizations to access the funds they need to provide valuable programming to young people across our Province, and for athletes and teams to travel to competitions provincially, nationally and internationally.

# SUPPORTING LABRADORIANS

## *Making Air Access More Affordable*

Labradorians are blessed with some of the most stunning natural beauty in the country, and rich natural resources, as well as some of the kindest people in our Province. From Labrador West to the Innu and Inuit communities along the coast, Labrador faces unique challenges with a harsh climate, remote location, and long distances to deliver and access key services.

To help Labradorians with the higher cost of living and travel, our Liberal Government created the Labrador Air Access Program, which provides 175 round-trip tickets per week at a special base fare plus a 30 per cent discount. A re-elected Liberal Government will continue and improve this vital program.

## *Preparing for Economic Prosperity*

On December 12, 2024, the Liberal Government of Newfoundland and Labrador signed an MOU with Quebec to terminate and replace the unfair 1969 Upper Churchill contract.

With major projects expected to develop in Labrador as a result of this new and historic MOU, it is imperative that we take steps to ensure Labrador communities are prepared for the socioeconomic impacts and opportunities. While the entire Province will benefit from the new Churchill Falls agreement and the new hydro developments, Labradorians are uniquely positioned to prosper and grow.

Our strategy will ensure the workforce is ready, local businesses are prepared, and appropriate housing, health care, public safety, transportation and education services are in place. As we continue to correct the mistakes of Muskrat Falls, we will ensure the region is positioned to take advantage of the potential. With a truly community-centred, and proactive, approach we can corral the influx of jobs, opportunity, and money, in a manner that ensures long-term maximum benefit for local and Indigenous communities.

As a key feature of this strategy, a re-elected Liberal Government will establish a Labrador Community Engagement Committee to provide a collaborative forum focused on the social and economic impacts related to the development on the Churchill River and other resulting industrial growth arising from the increased power capacity for Labrador.

The Committee, composed of regional community members, project partners, and representatives from relevant Government departments, will share information, proactively create solutions, approaches and strategies to prepare communities for impacts that may emerge as a result of tremendous opportunities.

Through meaningful dialogue and strong partnerships, the Committee will identify the priorities and expectations of Labrador communities, and consider the region's diverse needs and perspectives, including those of our Indigenous partners.



This strategy will also feature continued direct engagement with Indigenous leadership, Municipalities and other key stakeholders.

A re-elected Liberal Government will also work with industry and NL Hydro to build a transmission line to support industrial, commercial and housing development in the region. This line will transmit electricity that Newfoundland and Labrador will gain from Churchill Falls and the new hydro developments through the new MOU with Hydro Quebec.

Labrador has an abundance of natural resources and a highly skilled workforce. The communities have been home to large-scale mining operations for decades, and there is significant opportunity for further growth and development. Potential expansion of operations at the Iron Ore Company of Canada and Tacora, possible developments at Kami Project, and an undeveloped iron ore deposit at Julianne Lake, provide promise for economic stability in the region.

Right now, these opportunities cannot all become reality because they require more electricity—power that is currently unavailable in Labrador West.

The new Churchill Falls MOU empowers Newfoundland and Labrador to take back control of our energy and benefit from our resources, without financial risk. With access to more power from the existing Churchill Falls plant and increased capacity from new developments, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro will increase available power from 525MW to 1,990 MW, which is almost four times the capacity it has today.

This will allow Labrador West to meet its full potential and is critical to the future success of the communities. This region is already a driving force in Newfoundland and Labrador's economy, strengthening Labrador West's industry and communities will benefit the entire Province.

With increased access to power and \$17 billion in new revenue over the first 17 years of a new Churchill Falls contract, a re-elected Liberal Government will be able to invest more in health care, education, housing and other services for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians

Seniors in Labrador West are choosing to stay in the community they, and their children and grandchildren, call home. To support their desire to age in place, a Liberal Government will also advance plans for 40 seniors units in collaboration with the Town of Labrador City.

Our Liberal team will also continue to work to assess the feasibility of constructing a road connecting the north coast of Labrador.

# TOURISM, VEHICLES, AND LANDS

## *Growing our Tourism Sector*

We Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are blessed to live in one of the most beautiful, enchanting and untouched places on earth. Our unique history, identity and traditions add to the natural wonders found in every corner of our vast home, and have made this Province a world class tourism destination.

To support our thriving tourism sector, our Liberal Government allocated \$15 million for tourism marketing and air access to improve outside connections to our Province.

We also provided \$445,081 in funding for Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador's Exceptional Experiences Program. A re-elected Hogan Government will continue to support this program, and the Tourism Market Readiness Program to provide tourism business operators to increase the quality of their offering and conduct market research.

We will also continue working directly with airlines to increase the number of domestic and international connections serving our airports.

A re-elected Liberal Government will expand the eligibility for the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology's Regional Development Fund to allow applications from tourism businesses, thereby increasing access to critical financial support.

Your Liberal Team will also provide free advertising for tourism businesses on Provincial websites and on highway signs.

## *Making Vehicle Ownership and Operation More Affordable*

We know that getting around our Province means owning a car or a truck, and often relying on ATVs, snowmobiles and boats to access rural and remote communities, or to engage in recreational activities, to fish and to hunt.

That's why Our Government has already reduced registration fees for vehicles by 50%, and announced free driver medicals for people aged 75 and older.

A re-elected Hogan Government will also maintain the \$2,500 Electric Vehicle Rebate and \$1,500 Plug-in Hybrid Rebate, and continue to invest in expanding the network of rapid EV chargers across the Province.

## ***Improving the Management of Crown Lands***

Newfoundland and Labrador is blessed with a vast landscape of rugged natural beauty, and from the Avalon Peninsula all the way to Labrador, much of our Province remains Crown Lands. When individuals, businesses or organizations seek to use Crown Lands, whether to build a home, a cabin, a farm or a business, they must engage the Provincial Government for legal use, whether through a purchase, lease or permit.

Many people across the Province who have properties, structures and businesses have discovered that they are on Crown Lands, often to the surprise of families who have lived in their homes for generations. When they seek a survey for a sale, or to make an insurance claim, many find that they are lacking the required legal documents or status to prove their ownership of their property.

Unfortunately for many, the historic process for acquiring or clarifying Crown Lands title in Newfoundland and Labrador requires individuals to jump through too many hoops. In some cases, land may have been in families for generations, yet the Crown Lands registration process makes it too onerous to prove ownership of the land.

The Liberal Government recently led changes to the Lands Act, which shortened requirements for establishing squatters' rights, and streamlined access to Crown Lands through an online applications and payment portal.

A re-elected Hogan Government will further improve the Crown Lands process by expediting approvals for land and titles that lawyers have already certified as legitimate. We will work with the Law Society to establish title standards. In short, this means reduced red tape and an easier process.

We will also expand the Primary Residence Land Title Program beyond primary residences, including to allow eligibility for secondary residences. This allows Newfoundlanders and Labradorians without the clear title required for a Crown Grant the ability to obtain a quitclaim deed.

Further, a re-elected Liberal Government will review its Crown Lands inventory to identify areas of the Province for new development opportunities. This will include Requests for Proposals for housing developments in high-demand areas, as well as increased draws for cabin development. Crown Lands in our Province is an opportunity to address the pressing need for housing and we must take advantage.

The Liberal Government will help you secure titles where it is fair, and make it easier for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to benefit from the land our Province has to offer.

***With real momentum, energy and leadership, the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador is embracing our Province's tremendous opportunities to deliver a stronger future for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.***

# COSTING

A re-elected government under Premier Hogan's leadership will implement a fiscally responsible plan to manage our Province's finances while improving the lives of all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. The generational opportunity presented by the signing of a new agreement on Churchill Falls will deliver an additional \$225 billion in revenue to this Province, allowing us to make transformative investments while paying down the Provincial debt. The renegotiation of the existing Churchill Falls agreement will also bring in \$1 billion a year in additional revenue for the next 17 years, allowing us to make key investments during the next mandate.

In addition to new estimated spending, many of the ideas in our plan will be funded by Reinvested Savings (RS). Others will use current Government spending more effectively, putting our Existing Budget Envelope (EBE) to better use. Some items will also be Cost Neutral (CN). Unless stated otherwise, all estimates are annual. The estimates are based on rigorous research, consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders, and estimates from similar investments here in Newfoundland and Labrador or in other jurisdictions. For further questions or more detailed information please contact the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador at [info@nlliberals.ca](mailto:info@nlliberals.ca).

Platform Commitment	Estimated Cost
<b>Starting a New Chapter With Churchill Falls</b>	
New Revenue For Our Province	+225 Billion
<b>Protecting Your Health, Your Community and Your Wallet</b>	
<b>Reducing The Cost Of Living</b>	
Making Life More Affordable For You and Your Family	\$70M, EBE, CN
Mitigating American Tariffs	EBE
Reducing Food Insecurity	EBE, CN, \$1M
Expanding the Healthy Living Tax Credit	EBE
<b>Delivering Better Health Care</b>	
Improving Access to Primary Care	EBE
Recruiting and Retaining New Medical Professionals	\$17M, EBE
Medical Transportation Assistance Program	EBE
Supporting Cancer Patients Travelling for Treatment	\$300K
Improving Mental Health Care and Addictions Treatment	EBE
<b>Making Our Communities Safer</b>	
Reducing Crime and Improving Public Safety in Urban and Rural Communities	\$5.6M, EBE, CN
Improving Fire Safety Across Our Province and Supporting our First Responders	EBE, \$3.8M
Taking Action Against Climate Change	EBE

Platform Commitment	Estimated Cost
<b>Building and Educating Our Province</b>	
<b>Growing Our Economy, Industry And Jobs</b>	
A New Deal and a Stronger Economic Outlook to Reduce Provincial Debt	EBE
Creating a Major Projects Office	EBE, CN
Creating a Churchill Falls Jobs Plan	EBE
Incentivizing New Offshore Exploration	EBE
Advocating for Regulatory Certainty from the Federal Government	CN
Developing Our Critical Minerals	EBE
Growing Our Renewable Energy	EBE
Sustainable Forestry	EBE
Supporting our Small Businesses	EBE
<b>Supporting Our Fishing And Aquaculture Industry</b>	
Protecting and Growing our Fishery	EBE, \$1.7M, CN
Responsibly Developing our Aquaculture Industry	EBE
<b>Growing Our Technology Sector</b>	
Promoting our Technology Innovators	EBE, CN
<b>Making Sure Everyone Has A Place To Call Home</b>	
Making Home Ownership More Affordable	EBE, RS
Increasing and Improving Rental Supply	CN, EBE
Addressing Homelessness	EBE, CN
<b>Improving Our Children's Education</b>	
Upgrading Our Schools	EBE
Supporting our Teachers and Students	\$5.3M, EBE, CN
Rejuvenating our Curriculum	EBE, CN
Continuing Access to Affordable Child Care	EBE
Providing School Supplies and Lunches	\$3M, EBE
Supporting Post-Secondary Education	EBE, \$1M
<b>Building Our Infrastructure</b>	
Making Major Capital Investments	EBE
Improving Highways and Public Transportation	\$5M, EBE
Upgrading Our Defence Infrastructure	EBE, CN
Supporting our Communities	\$3M, EBE, CN
Internet and Cell Phone Connectivity	EBE
Supporting Our Royal Canadian Legion Branches	\$500K



Platform Commitment	Estimated Cost
<b>Strengthening our Society and our Values</b>	
<b>Supporting Our Diverse Communities And Culture</b>	
Supporting our Seniors	\$13M, EBE
Continuing to Advance Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples	EBE, CN
Supporting Women, Gender Equality and the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Community	EBE, CN
Supporting Persons with Disabilities	EBE, CN
Responsibly Managing Immigration and Supporting New Canadians	EBE
Strengthening our Province's Arts and Culture	\$280K, EBE
Supporting our Youth	\$276K
<b>Supporting Labradorians</b>	
Making Air Access More Affordable	EBE
Preparing for Economic Prosperity	EBE
<b>Tourism, Vehicles And Lands</b>	
Growing our Tourism Sector	EBE, CN
Making Vehicle Ownership and Operation More Affordable	EBE
Improving the Management of Crown Lands	EBE



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