

# Budget 2013

## A Sound Plan, A Secure Future

On March 26, the Dunderdale Government delivered Budget 2013: A Sound Plan, A Secure Future which outlines a long-term sustainability plan based on three vital pillars:

- A more efficient government;
- Protection of programs and services that are important to the people of the province, including health care and education; and,
- Investment in diversified growth, innovation and a vibrant economy.

### ***Strategic investments that matter to you and to the future of Newfoundland and Labrador include:***

#### **Providing quality health care services.**

- \$2.9 billion in health spending, including \$6.1 million for a new Paid Family Caregiving Option, increasing to \$8.2 million annually next year.
- \$227 million to design and start construction of a new acute care facility in Corner Brook.
- \$9.2 million to address growth and the need for additional resources in the Home Support Program.

#### **Investing in Education, Children and Families.**

- Over \$840 million for K-12 education, including \$102 million for new and ongoing school infrastructure projects.
- \$537 million for teachers' salaries, substitute teachers, students assistants, professional development, and various services for teachers.
- An overall investment of \$185.3 million to improve essential program areas for families and children, such as child protection, youth services and child care.

#### **Building a Skilled Workforce and Making Post-secondary Education Accessible and Affordable.**

- \$466 million to support the delivery of post-secondary education, including a continued tuition freeze for all students at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic.
- More than \$42 million in new funding to support skills training, advance apprenticeships, and secure more skilled workers for employers.

#### **Stimulating Business Growth and a Sustainable Economy.**

- Over \$200 million to support economic growth in all regions of the province, encourage private sector investment, attract external investors to encourage new business activity, and foster a competitive tax regime.
- This includes \$47 million to support a renewed suite of business and regional development programs.

#### **Investing in Communities and People.**

- \$230 million to support strong, safe and sustainable communities through initiatives such as robust capital works programs.
- Approximately \$149 million to support the Poverty Reduction Strategy to improve health, living conditions, education, incomes and overall well-being for vulnerable people throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.