

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 ensure a vibrant social and economic future for all Labradorians include:

Completing the Trans Labrador Highway.

- Budget 2013 allocated \$39 million to complete the last full season of paving of Phase I of the Trans Labrador Highway.
- Through a joint federal-provincial multi-year commitment of \$85 million, work is expected to begin this construction season to widen and pave Phases II and III.
- Since 2004, approximately \$450 million has been invested to build this vital transportation link.

Providing quality health care services.

- \$14.4 million for the continued construction of the Labrador West Health Centre.
- \$500,000 to begin planning for the extension to the Happy Valley-Goose Bay long-term care facility, as a result of the Hebron Benefits agreement.

Other Budget 2013 investments in Labrador include:

- \$4 million to continue work towards the construction of a new arena in Makkovik and \$1.5 million to continue work toward a multi-purpose facility for Hopedale as part of a total three-year investment in both facilities of \$12.8 million.
- \$3.9 million to rebuild classroom and administrative spaces at William Gillett Academy in Charlottetown.
- \$3 million to support ongoing environmental remediation at the former US military site in Hopedale. This funding marks the third year of a three-year funding commitment of \$6.3 million.
- \$730,000 for the Labrador Travel Subsidy Program, which creates hundreds of opportunities each year for Labrador athletes and sports teams to travel to the island for competitions and training.
- \$382,000 to complete the final year of the three-year Labrador Caribou Initiative valued at \$1.9 million, aimed at mitigating to the greatest extent possible, the recent decline of the George River Caribou herd.
- \$380,000 to continue with the purchase of staff housing in Labrador to build upon the recruitment and retention of staff in the region.
- \$200,000 for the Aboriginal Women's Violence Prevention Grants.
- \$125,000 to continue the Inuit Women's Capacity Building Project.