

Budget2015

Balancing Choices for a Promising Future

Labrador

By the end of this fiscal year, the Provincial Government will have invested a total of \$5.5 billion in Labrador since 2004. Budget 2015 continues the focus on strategic investments in Labrador which benefits transportation, infrastructure, communities and families. These investments support economic growth and a sustainable future for the people of Labrador.

Transportation and Housing

Budget 2015 will include a series of investments which focus on improvements to transportation and infrastructure in Labrador. These include:

- \$55 million for the continued development of the Trans Labrador Highway. This builds on the \$510 million that has been invested in upgrading more than 500 kilometres forming a critical link between communities in Labrador.
- Approximately \$31 million to continue to deliver commercial and passenger ferry services to Labrador.
- Approximately \$1.9 will be invested in Happy Valley-Goose Bay through the 2014-19 Affordable Housing Agreement, a partnership between the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and the Government of Canada.
- \$1.3 million in tax expenditures for the Labrador Buildings Material rebate.
- \$600,000 for teacher housing in Rigolet and Nain.
- \$351,000 for the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy which maintains a quality winter snowmobile trail network.
- \$250,000 for the Provincial Home Repair Program to help lower income households in Labrador to make home repairs.
- Approximately \$104,000 for rent supplement subsidies to serve lower-income households in Labrador.

LABRADOR SPENDING HIGHLIGHTS



Transportation
and Housing
\$90.5 million



Health and
Social Supports
\$9.2 million



Communities,
Recreation and Youth
\$3 million

Health and Social Supports

Budget 2015 includes funding for initiatives to support health and social well being. They include:

- \$5.8 million for continued construction of the long-term care facility in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
- \$1.8 million, through the Supportive Living Program, to provide supports to non-profit, community-based groups to help individuals with complex needs in Labrador find housing and maintain long-term housing stability.
- Approximately \$500,000 to establish a new oncology suite at the Labrador West Health Centre that will create a setting and atmosphere to help chemotherapy patients and their families receive the treatment they need.

- \$475,000 for the creation of six additional frontline Child Youth and Family Services positions in Labrador.
- \$278,600 to continue a mentoring program for Sheshatshiu. Introduced in 2014, the program involves experienced child protection social workers serving as mentors to new social workers.
- \$202,000 to create three youth outreach worker positions, one each in the communities of Nain, Hopedale and Sheshatshiu. These youth workers will engage youth in culturally-relevant community activities to promote mental well-being, reduce substance abuse and prevent self-harm and suicide.
- \$100,000 to research and develop a culturally and regionally tailored model for a Domestic Violence Court in Labrador.
- \$86,000 for the continuation of the functional design of a new wellness centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. This represents the remaining provincial commitments associated with this \$200,000 initiative.
- Continuation of the Community of Natuashish Service Enhancement Program, which provides a consistent presence of frontline workers and greater interaction with families in Natuashish. The program consists of additional social work teams who fly in on a two-week rotational basis to support the permanent staff that live and work in the community.

Communities, Recreation and Youth

Budget 2015 will include a series of investments which focus on improvements to communities and families in Labrador. These include:

- \$1.7 million to continue with the \$6 million second phase of site remediation at the former United States military site in Hopedale. To date over \$10 million has been spent on remediation of this site.
- \$500,000 to support the 2016 Labrador Winter Games in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
- \$320,000 to continue to fund a monitoring and research program for the George River Caribou Herd under the Labrador Caribou Initiative. By the end of 2016-17, a total of \$975,000 will have been invested to gather data on the declining herd and develop a management plan in cooperation with the Government of Quebec.
- \$175,000 for enhancements at the Point Amour Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site.
- \$150,000 annually for Destination Labrador to implement marketing, product development and market readiness programs and work with the Labrador tourism industry.
- \$100,000 in operational funding for the Combined Councils of Labrador.
- \$50,000 to continue the Air Foodlift Subsidy which helps offset air freight costs on fresh milk and perishable food items shipped to isolated Labrador communities.
- \$43,000 to enable youth delegates from Labrador to attend the annual Youth Council Convention.