Infrastructure and Economic Stimulus

Budget 2018 invests $619.7 million in new and existing infrastructure including schools, health care facilities, justice and post-secondary facilities and transportation. Over the next five years, more than $2.5 billion will be invested in infrastructure to generate an average of $540 million in economic activity and 5,300 person years of employment per year. This supports our government’s commitment of encouraging economic activity and job creation.

Health Care Infrastructure

Budget 2018 includes investments to build infrastructure to meet our health care needs:

- $8 million for the continued development of the new west coast regional hospital.
- $6.2 million for the development of the Green Bay Health Centre in Springdale.
- $6.1 million towards the replacement of the Waterford Hospital and to expand mental health community support services.
- $4 million for the expansion of the protective care unit at the Dr. Hugh Twomey Health Centre in Botwood.
- $3.7 million for the ongoing development of new long-term care homes in Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor.
- $3.2 million to support the development of new ambulatory care space at Carbonar General Hospital.
- $400,000 to continue construction of a new long-term care home in Corner Brook.
- $45 million for repairs and renovations, and to replace or upgrade medical equipment in health care facilities.

Community Investment

Investments in community infrastructure help provide high quality services and make them attractive places to live and work. Budget 2018 includes:

- $18.8 million to leverage an additional $12.7 million in federal funding under the multi-year Small Communities Fund of the New Building Canada Fund to support clean water and wastewater systems, as well as roads and community centres.
- $11 million, over the next three years, to support construction of the Labrador Wellness Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay with $4.2 million budgeted in 2018.
- $10.6 million through the Municipal Capital Works Program to support water, wastewater, disaster mitigation, and regional development.
Justice Infrastructure
To support safe, efficient and effective policing, corrections, court facilities and legal services, Budget 2018 allocates $1.8 million for renovation projects and planning for new facilities. Budget 2018 includes:

- $1.3 million for renovations and relocation of Family Court to the Argyle Building in St. John's.
- $300,000 for advance planning to replace Her Majesty's Penitentiary.
- $149,000 for renovations to the Supreme Court Trial Division in St. John's.
- $100,000 for planning to enhance the Labrador Correctional Centre.

Post-Secondary Education
Budget 2018 allocates $55.6 million to ensure the continuation of priority projects at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic. This includes:

- $25.1 million for Memorial University’s Core Science Facility.
- $10.8 million for the construction of the Animal Resource Centre at Memorial University.
- $2.4 million for Memorial University infrastructure needs in White Paper funding.
- $433,000 for completion of Memorial University’s Battery Facility.
- $13.6 million for the Centre of Excellence for Heavy Equipment Industrial Trades at College of the North Atlantic (the Motive Centre) – in Stephenville.
- $1.4 million for the Centre for Energy and Thermal Systems at College of the North Atlantic.
- $1.5 million for College of the North Atlantic for infrastructure needs and renewal and modernization projects.

K-12 Education
Budget 2018 commits $43.3 million for new and continuing investments in education infrastructure including:

- $11.4 million for construction of new schools in Paradise and Coley's Point.
- $4.3 million to complete an extension for Mobile Central High.
- $1.4 million to plan for a new Francophone school in St. John's and to plan to replace Bay d’Espoir Academy in Milltown-Head of Bay d’Espoir.
- $15.5 million for repairs and maintenance of existing schools.

Transportation
Budget 2018 allocates $228.9 million for priority infrastructure projects including:

- $83.6 million for paving projects on the Trans Labrador Highway.
- $77.2 million for the Provincial Roads Program.
- $13.7 million for completion of the Team Gushue Highway in St. John's.
- $19.6 million for vessel refits, maintenance of ferries, ferry terminals and wharves.
- $2 million for brush clearing along provincial highways.
- $68,000 for a marked trail along 185 kilometres between Nain, Natuashish and Hopedale, as part of the Labrador Trail Grooming Subsidy.