





MNL Update

Central Regional Meeting
March 21-22, 2024



Roadmap

- Provincial Budget Update
- 2024 Strategic Plan Update
- Symposium Planning
- Housing Projects
- Regional Economic Development
- Advocacy
- Membership Services
- Operations

STRATEGIC ADVOCACY

CURRENT PRIORITIES

SUSTAINABLE MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Advance approach to water and wastewater infrastructure based on right-sized innovative solutions + promote asset management.

A REGIONAL APPROACH

Ensure regional government implementation moves forward consistent with MNL approach + promote regional approach to challenges/solutions.

MUNICIPAL FISCAL STABILITY

Reignite municipal-provincial fiscal framework advocacy + support research on alternate sources of revenue.

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EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Lead municipal reconciliation and anti-racism efforts + promote, encourage, and support greater equity, diversity and inclusion across the sector.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY

Support members to address health and safety challenges in their communities through research and advocacy + lead sector-wide housing and public transportation conversations.

SEAT
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TABLE

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CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Revitalize climate change and climate resilience conversations as per historical MNL work in this area + use and update the 7-steps toolkit as foundation.

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Budget requests

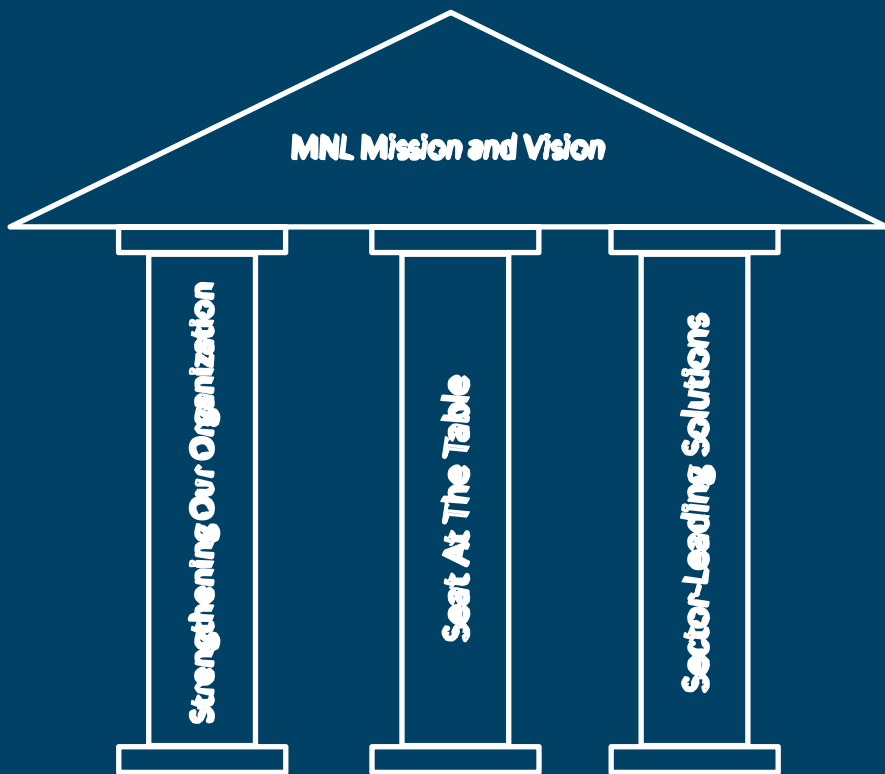
- Increase funding to support municipal fire departments (additional \$340k for response outside municipal boundaries and \$60k for research/outreach)
- Increase funding for municipal training (additional \$412,500).
- Address lost municipal revenue because of outdated Taxation of Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act.
- Support larger municipalities (7 without access to MOGS) to access increased funding under the Multi-year Capital Works program.
- Discuss options for revenue sharing.

Budget announcements

Communities

- \$50 million over five years to support water and wastewater projects.
- \$3 million increase in base funding for Municipal Operating Grants bringing the total annual budget to \$28 million. This represents a nearly 30 per cent increase in funding within the last two years.
- \$400,000 increase for municipal training opportunities. This reflects a doubling of funding available for municipal training.
- \$400,000 increase for municipal fire departments to support their response to incidents outside their municipal boundary.
- More than \$36 million over four years to build more than 100 new provincial-housing homes in Corner Brook, Central Newfoundland, and Labrador West.
- Over \$13 million for the Transitional Supportive Living Initiative in St. John's.

2023-25 Strategic Plan



Mission: Empower and support local governments to build vibrant communities

Vision:

We are providing the tools to transform challenges into sector-leading solutions.

We are measuring and reporting our impact to the Board, membership and public.

We have a formalized, actionable seat at the table when issues of concern are addressed.



Strengthening Our Organization – Priority Areas

- Governance
- Evaluation
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Organizational Sustainability
- Leveraging Partnerships



Seat At The Table – Priority Areas

- Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure
- A Regional Approach
- Municipal Fiscal Stability
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Community Health and Safety
- Climate Resilience



Sector-Leading Solutions – Priority Areas

- Labour Market Analysis and Development
- Sector Capacity
- Knowledge Sharing and Best Practices
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Climate Resilience
- Local Democracy



2024 SYMPOSIUM PLANNING

- May 2-4 in Gander
- Registration is Open!

Agenda will include:

- ATIPPA
- Climate Action
- Housing
- Legislation
- Municipal Elections Preparation
- Regional Economic Development
- Municipal Funding



HOUSING

Two key projects:

- 1) Housing Report with Choices for Youth – released March 13th
- 2) Housing Capacity-Building Officers
 - Two Regional
 - Begin within weeks

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Workshop

Join us for this working session
to develop tangible "next steps"
to advance the recommendations
of the Regional Economic
Development Task Force.

**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
REQUIRED!**

Mon. Dec. 11, 2023
8:30 am to 4 pm
Emera Innovation Exchange
Signal Hill Campus

Limited seats available
Register at www.mun.ca/harriscentre

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- RED Task Force Report released in Fall 2022
- RED Workshop held in December 2023
- Finalizing report on workshop and planning next steps
- CBDC presentation here
- RED Panel at May Symposium
- Next steps



MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

- Implementation of the MNL Pooled High Interest Savings Account (5.4%)
- New MOU with Memorial University
- Renew MOU with College of the North Atlantic
- Kevin College Partnership (AI and Digitization)
- Expansion of Canoe Procurement Group initiative to NFP partners and charities
- TxtSquad Partnership



OPERATIONS

- Management Team is working with financial advisor on LT planning
- 3-Year Cash Flow Analysis and 2024 Budget approved by the Board
- 2023 Audit is underway
- 79 Mews Place is 100% occupied
- Renewed the mortgage for 24 months at 6.22%
- 2024 Committees were announced and next Board meeting in May

Thanks!

Any questions?

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