

AGENDA

AVALON & EASTERN REGIONAL MEETING

Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2, 2024
Clarenville Inn, 134 Trans Canada Hwy, Clarenville NL

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration and Coffee/Tea Service
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks, introductions, Land Acknowledgement, and mental health moment
9:15 AM – 10:10 AM	Community Business Development Corporations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how CBDCs interact with municipalities, and how they can support regional economic development, presented by Mark Whiffen from CBDC Central
10:10 AM – 10:30 AM	Nutrition Break - Sponsored by Pat Curran + Associates
10:30 AM – 11:40 AM	Regional Service Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about the role of regional service boards (including an overview of current programs and services), as well as a discussion of the vision for regional service boards in the future; presented by Joe Pittman and Harold Murphy (from Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board), and Steve Tessier and Lynn Tucker (from Eastern Regional Service Board)
11:45 AM – 12:40 PM	Best Practices in Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation exploring best practices in procurement and an overview of cooperative purchasing through Canoe Procurement Group of Canada, presented by Frank Butler (Director of Strategic Sourcing), Public Procurement Agency, and Bradley Power (Director of Programs), MNL
12:40 AM – 1:25 PM	Luncheon - Sponsored by the Town of Clarenville
1:25 PM – 2:55 PM	Regional Caucus Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitated by Rob Nolan (CEO) and Bradley Power (Director of Programs), MNL; Avalon and Eastern to meet separately
3:00 PM – 4:10 PM	Towns and Local Service Districts Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act, presented by Christopher Stamp and Lori Evoy from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs
4:15 PM - 5:10 PM	Property Tax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the steps required to transition from poll tax to assessment-based taxation, presented by Don Hearn (CEO), Municipal Assessment Agency
5:10 PM – 7:00 PM	Free Time
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Trivia / Social Night - Sponsored by Progressive Energy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light appetizers will be served; cash bar service will be available

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024	
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee/Tea Service
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM	Opening Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome, overview of the day, and mental health moment.
9:05 AM – 9:35 AM	Operating Your Municipal Council and Committees More Effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of municipal council committee structure, and information on best practices, liabilities, and functionality, presented by Bradley Power (Director of Programs) and Rob Nolan (CEO), MNL
9:40 AM – 10:40 AM	Emerging Considerations for Municipal Capacity and Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">The increasing focus on local capacity, new pressures for social investment and emerging opportunities for development mean municipalities must look to develop new ways to provide strategic leadership within their communities. Pat Curran, Lead Consultant of Pat Curran + Associates will highlight emerging needs around strategic planning and long community benefits and how to best prepare your community to meet these new challenges and opportunities.
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Nutrition Break - Sponsored by Pat Curran + Associates
11:00 AM – 11:55 AM	MNL Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of MNL's strategic plan and 2024 activities, presented by Rob Nolan (CEO), MNL
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Roundtable
12:35 PM – 1:00 PM	Wrap-Up and Adjournment