

Advocacy Report



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St. John's Director

MNL's advocacy work continues to result in success. Throughout 2023 and 2024, we worked with our partners to deliver on things that you need:

- Our municipal operating grant advocacy resulted in an additional \$3 million dollars for municipalities in 2024, resulting in a total of \$28 million per annum.
- Our advocacy for support for municipal fire departments in 2024 to receive additional funding for response to emergencies outside of municipal boundaries was successful. We received an additional commitment for \$60,000 to support outreach and research to municipal fire departments, in partnership with Professional Municipal Administrators and the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services.
- Our housing advocacy work helped to secure funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the department of Immigration, Population, Growth and Skills to support the hiring of two Housing Capacity Building Officers in 2024, who have already assisted numerous members in their housing funding applications.
- After five years of advocacy, consultation and extensive work with Environment and Climate Change Canada, along with our partners, amendments to the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations – driven in large part by the needs of our municipalities communities – have come into force.

MNL is committed to advocating for solutions to support our members. We are a strong voice for municipalities in our province; we are a respected partner, and an organization with an impressive track record.

To the right you will find additional status updates on key advocacy priorities and our 2023 resolutions. We look forward to continuing the great work that we do on your behalf.



Advocacy Goals 2024



- Work with NLAFS on benchmarking survey.
- Recommendations and tools to support physician recruitment and retention
- Present findings on housing and homeless research initiative.
- Establish a municipal housing working group.
- Status: Complete



- Develop a template for working with and guiding post-secondary students through MNL Asset management resources and 7 steps toolkit.
- Status: Complete.



- Advance initiatives on EDI and anti-racism.
- Initiate a collaborative working relationship with Indigenous groups.
- Status: Complete



- Develop a plan to support a regional approach.
- Status: In Progress



- Preliminary report on state of infrastructure.
- Active role in shaping CCBF
- Status: In Progress, Complete

