

2023 Resolutions Update

1-2023

Town of Harbour Grace

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador shall lobby the Provincial Government to enact legislation such that when towns are forced to remove dilapidated buildings, debris, waste etc. from property they would recover the expenses related to such removal by having the right of first lien on the sale of that property.

Status: Complete

Notes: New legislation addresses aspects of this.

2-2023

Town of Peterview

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador lobby the Department of Finance to amend Section 2(h) of the Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act to include Internet/ Data under the definition of the words Utility so that municipalities of this province are able to tax this utility and gain much needed tax revenue.

Status: In Progress

Notes: Positive response from Finance Minister and commitment to continuing working on this.

3-2023

Town of Gander

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador lobby the provincial government to introduce legislative amendments that empower municipalities to impose a vacant or underutilized property tax specifically applicable to commercial properties.

Status: Complete

Notes: New legislation addresses aspects of this.

4-2023

Town of Gander

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador advocate to the Government NL for the establishment of a comprehensive accommodations tax framework by granting the necessary authority under the Municipalities Act, 1999

Status: Complete

Notes: New legislation addresses aspects of this.

5-2023

Town of New-Wes-Valley

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNL lobby the appropriate Government agencies to provide adequate compensation to volunteer Fire Departments when they are responding to non-traditional firefighting roles.

Status: In Progress

Notes: MNL's survey work with municipal fire departments, in partnership with PMA and NLAFS and supported through the provincial government, will provide evidence for continued advocacy.



6-2023

Town of Gander

Status: Complete

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador will lobby the Department of Justice and Public Safety to consider the financial realities faced by municipalities, and subsequently, to increase the stipend provided to municipalities for their services in responding to highway motor vehicle accidents.

Notes: MNL's pre-budget advocacy work, in partnership with PMA and NLAFS, resulted in more funding for fire departments responding to emergencies outside of municipal boundaries.

7-2023

Town of Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview

Status: In Progress

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT where a Volunteer Fire Department is requested to provide an initial response for an Ambulance Call or where the Fire Department is requested to provide additional support in the execution of a Medical Call that a fee for service be provided to the responding Volunteer Fire Dept for services rendered.

Notes: MNL's survey work with municipal fire departments, in partnership with PMA and NLAFS and supported through the provincial government, will provide evidence for continued advocacy.

8-2023

Town of Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview

Status: In Progress

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Government develop a framework for Regionalization in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, where it makes sense. That the Joint Working Group on Regionalization Report and Recommendations issued to the Government in February 2020 be considered in whole or part in the development of a Regionalization Framework. That an incentivization program be developed as per the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs Mandate by the Premier to support those willing to begin Regional Collaboration.

9-2023

Town of Cow Head

Status: Complete

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador advocates for municipalities across the Province to lobby for an increase in the maximum amount of funding allowed for Municipal Capital Works Projects. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that MNL shall actively engage with relevant government authorities and funding bodies to highlight the challenges municipalities face in executing critical projects with limited funding.

Notes: Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure is aware of infrastructure deficits. Ongoing research work informs advocacy.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall present evidence, including examples like our own experience, to demonstrate the urgent need for an increase in the maximum funding limit.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall emphasize that these increases are essential to enable municipalities to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities to their communities, as mandated by legislation.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall collaborate with municipalities across the province to collectively advocate for this necessary change to ensure that all communities can address their pressing infrastructure and development needs.



10-2023

Town of Cow Head

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) shall actively lobby for additional funding dedicated to training purposes.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall engage with relevant governmental bodies, funding sources, and stakeholders to advocate for increased financial support to address the rising costs of training, including travel, accommodation, and meal expenses.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall work in collaboration with municipalities across the region to collect and present data demonstrating the increased demand for training and the associated financial burden.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall stress the importance of well-trained councillors and staff in delivering effective governance and maintaining compliance with legislative requirements.

FURTHER RESOLVED that MNL shall continue to support and encourage municipalities to facilitate training opportunities for volunteer councillors, ensuring their continued growth and commitment to public service.

Status: Complete

Notes: MNL's pre-budget advocacy work, in partnership with PMA, resulted in increased funding for training.

12-2023

City of St. John's

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT MNL write a letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Newfoundland & Labrador Members of Parliament, Newfoundland & Labrador Senators and the Premier of Newfoundland & Labrador, confirming Council's support for the concept of Guaranteed Livable Basic Income. Furthermore, we call upon the Province to establish the all-party committee, as approved in November, 2021 to thoroughly review the concept of Guaranteed Livable Basic Income.

Status: Complete

Notes: MNL also addressed the provincial All-Party Committee on Basic Income.

Thank you to the Office of Women and Gender Equality for sponsoring the Networking Breakfast for Women and Gender-Diverse Individuals



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