

<p>Land Acknowledgement: We respectfully acknowledge that we gather today on behalf of MNL's members - communities located all the way from the traditional southern territories of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk, to the northern homelands of the Innu, Inuit and their ancestors. We will strive for respectful relationships with all peoples as we commit ourselves to collective healing, true reconciliation, and the honouring of this beautiful land. All my relations.</p>	
<p>AGENDA: FRIDAY, March 28</p>	
<p>8:30 AM – 9:00 AM (30 mins)</p>	<p>Registration & Networking Coffee and tea service provided by the Town of Marystown.</p>
<p>9:00 AM – 9:15 AM (15 mins)</p>	<p>Opening Business (Mayor Craig Scott, UMC Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Land Acknowledgement (see above) • Welcome from Mayor Brian Keating (Vice President, MNL) • Round of introductions • Approval of agenda • Review of last meeting minutes* • Election of UMC Vice Chair for 2025
<p>9:15 AM – 10:00 AM (45 mins)</p>	<p>Economic Stability for the Burin Peninsula: Learning from the Marystown Example Presented by Mayor Brian Keating, Marystown.</p>
<p>10:00 AM – 10:15 AM (15 mins)</p>	<p>Networking & Nutrition Break Refreshments provided by the Town of Marystown.</p>
<p>10:15 AM – 11:25 PM (70 mins)</p>	<p>Exploring Rural Economies: A Discussion on Labour Market, Productivity and Rural/Regional Development Capacity This session will be presented by the Hon. Fred Hutton, Minister of Rural Economic Development and Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Robert Greenwood, Deputy Minister of Rural and Regional Development and Engagement and Chief Economic Development Officer - Executive Council, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.</p>
<p>11:30 AM – 12:15 PM (45mins)</p>	<p>Investment Attraction This session will provide an overview of the newly established Investment Attraction Division within the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Industry, Energy, and Technology, outlining the Division's strategy for attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). The presentation will also introduce a new initiative aimed at identifying, assessing, and cataloging Crown land, private land, and vacant properties with strong potential for commercial and industrial development. Representing the department will be Deidre Murphy, Manager, Investment Attraction, and Trina Keough-Hackett, Economic Development Officer.</p>
<p>12:15 PM – 1:15 PM (60 mins)</p>	<p>Lunch & Networking Catering provided by the Town of Marystown.</p>

<p>1:15 PM – 1:40 PM (25 mins)</p>	<p>Progress Report on MNL Advocacy MNL will provide updates on MNL’s 2024 Resolutions and 2025 Advocacy Days, highlighting issues of importance to urban municipalities including wastewater, WSER, and more.</p>	
<p>1:40 PM – 2:35 PM (55 mins)</p>	<p>Housing Approvals: Overcoming Community Pushback, Unlocking Funding, and Maximizing Community Benefits With the growing urgency to expand and diversify housing supply, Tract Consulting will share insights on how municipalities can leverage new legislative changes to unlock community benefits and public pushback. Through case studies of successful approvals from across Canada, we will illustrate effective strategies for overcoming challenges and driving positive outcomes.</p>	
<p>2:35 PM – 3:00 PM (25 mins)</p>	<p>Networking & Nutrition Break Refreshments provided by the Town of Marystown.</p>	
<p>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM (30 mins)</p>	<p>Manufactured Homes: A Smart and Sustainable Housing Solution Join Linda Mansfield, representative of Homeworx, for an insightful presentation on the benefits and impact of manufactured home construction. Linda will provide an overview of Homeworx’s success in the industry, highlight recent advancements in production capacity, and explore how manufactured homes can be a strategic solution to the housing crisis in your community. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about innovative approaches to housing development.</p>	
<p>3:35 PM – 5:00 PM (85 mins)</p>	<p>Concurrent Session for Council Members: UMC 2025-2026 Planning Elected officials will review upcoming UMC meeting dates and locations*, identify priority conversations and presentation themes for the year ahead, and review the proposed Terms of Reference* revision.</p>	<p>Concurrent Session for EDOs and CAOs: Housing Workshop Presented by MNL staff Ben Noseworthy and Brian Coleman, this session will provide EDO’s and CAO’s with an update on MNL’s work on the Housing Capacity Building project. Participants will execute a SWOT analysis exercise and engage in informative discussions on housing.</p>

<p>5:30 PM – 7:00 PM (90 mins)</p>	<p>Happy Hour Social Join your colleagues for an informal social gathering at PJ Billington’s (Marystown Hotel); the Town of Marystown will provide light appetizers, and drinks will be available for purchase.</p>	
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AGENDA: SATURDAY, March 29

<p>8:30 AM – 9:30 AM (60 mins)</p>	<p>Study Tour Join your colleagues on a tour of the YMCA facility located at 2B Harris Drive. The site includes an aquatics area with a 25-metre competition-ready pool (accessible), a shallow water leisure pool with a small water slide (accessible), a unisex steam room, male and female change rooms, family change room with cubicles for parents with opposite-sex children or for adults who require assistance in changing either from a partner or a care giver, an indoor walking track, a strength and conditioning centre with cardio equipment, resistance training machines and free weights, a multi-purpose gym (half-court) with a sprung hardwood floor and an adjacent kitchenette area, a</p>	
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	small multi-purpose room (child-minding service), a double-height main entrance lobby with a pool viewing area, some office space and EV charging stations. The facility received LEED Gold in 2019.
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM (60 mins)	Tomorrow's Towns: It Starts Today This workshop will demonstrate how MNL's new Tomorrow's Towns Program empowers your community to become more sustainable, resilient, and vibrant. We will help you launch impactful projects and seize new opportunities, while also recognizing your efforts to strengthen and give back to your municipality. Presented by Rudy Norman, Tomorrow's Towns Project Coordinator.
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM (15 mins)	Networking & Nutrition Break Refreshments provided by the Town of Marystown
10:50 AM – 12:15 AM (85 mins)	Roundtable Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NL Municipal Elections: discussion on MNL's role in the Oct 2 elections, including overview of the 'Make Your Mark' campaign • Economic Development & the TLSD Act: discussion on the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act and its impact on economic development in the province • MNL Advocacy: discussion on key MNL advocacy items and next steps
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM (15 mins)	Closing: Meeting Recap MNL staff will provide an overview of the key discussions from the meeting, revisit the challenges noted by municipalities, and recap key action items

* These documents will be included in meeting package sent to meeting registrants prior to the event.

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