



Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 10th, 2008 7:00 p.m.
Grenfell Heritage Hotel & Suites
St. Anthony, NL

In Attendance:

Boyd Noel, Mayor, Town of St. Anthony
Charles Reardon, Chairperson, SABRI
Allan Bock, Northern Pen
Caroline Davis, Manager, St. Anthony Seafoods
Janice Pilgrim, Director, NEDC
Tony Randell, Client Services Officer, Nortip CBDC
Cyril Taylor, Chairperson, NEDC
Ray Norman, Vice-Chairperson, NEDC
Dennis Randell, Secretary, NEDC
Doug Mills, Director, NEDC
Collette White, Director, NEDC
Kelly Rumbolt, Manager, Service Canada
Richard May, Executive Director, Nortip CBDC
Nina Mitchelmore, Regional Planner, Rural Secretariat
Rick Pelly, Assistant, MHA Trevor Taylor
Abiel Taylor, Taylor's Souvenir
Ken Loder, Woodward Motors
Ted Lewis, Holson Forest Products
Linda Lewis, Holson Forest Products
Len Budgell, Budgell's Construction
Madeline White, Shoreline Flower's & Crafts
Linda Randell, Executive Director, NEDC
Natasha Way, Executive Assistant, NEDC
Andre Myers, Economic Development Officer, NEDC
Jessica Butt, Planning & Product Development Officer, NEDC

Call to Order / Welcome / Introductions

Ms. Linda Randell welcomed everyone to the 7th annual general meeting. She listed all board members and staff present.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Cyril Taylor at 7:05 PM.

Chairperson's Report (2007-2008)

Mr. Taylor proceeded with his report on the activities of the board over the past year. This report was found in the booklet that was provided to everyone. Mr. Taylor highlighted some of those activities:

- The construction of the Roddickton Natural Heritage Resource Centre. Idea first originated in 1999, with the first proposal being written in 2002.
- Instrumental in the organization and development of the Armistice Park in Bide Arm. Development will be completed this year.
- Fisheries Task Force – Recommendations are reviewed annually and discussed with both levels of government. CURRA, (based at the Marine Biology Station in Norris Point) received approval for \$1 million to conduct biological research related to fishing industry that can lead to business development.
- New partnership with the Western Model Forest Partnership, Red Ochre, and Humber Economic Dev. Board. Planning is underway for a Forest Industry Forum.
- Transportation – partnership with zones 3-7. The role of highways in the region will be analyzed as to how these might affect any future economic development. Highways under construction and those being planned. Perhaps the most important future construction project following the completion of the Trans Labrador Highway is that of the completion of the Quebec Lower North Shore Highway, Route 138. When this is completed it will provide a more direct connection to North American centres by south coastal Labrador communities than that provided by completion of the TLH. Route 138 is likely to impact communities located along Southern Labrador and the Great Northern Peninsula, as it may offer greater accessibility in transporting commodities to and from other North American Centres than is now provided via the Gulf ferries. Other sectors such as tourism, fisheries, manufacturing, mining, and forestry as well will feel the impact.
- Project Team – Put together by the provincial government, on which Nordic has 2 staff. Lists of projects and ideas that were supplied to the GNPJC were reviewed, assessed and prioritized. After hours of discussion and debate the list (well over 150 initiatives) was reduced to the following based on the impact on the region as a whole. Environmental, Tourism, Education, Aquaculture, Oil, Gas & Minerals, Export Development, and the Forest Industry.

To date, there has been a terms of reference created for the Combustible Energy and the Enhancement of Post Secondary Education offerings in the region. The Combustible Energy TOR is being used by Norpen Waste Management to seek funding from the MMSB to complete, in Norpen's effort to reach waste diversion targets.

Statement of Work (2008-2009)

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Statement of Work (SOW) for the next year which is contained in the booklet. Attendees were advised that this is the joint Workplan set out for Nordic by our funding agencies for the next year.

Financial Report

Ms. Randell presented the financial report for 2007-2008; this report is also contained in the booklet. She advised attendees that this is the core funding received from ACOA and INTRD.

She also reviewed the budget for 2008-2009.

Guest Speakers

Ms. Randell introduced our first guest speaker, Mr. Tony Randell.

Tony Randell, 7:35 PM

- Mr. Randell is a youth who moved away for post secondary education and made a choice to return to this region and seek employment.
- He is currently employed as Client Services Office with Nortip, CBDC.
- He spoke to the group on his greatest challenges and accomplishments.
- He mentioned the value of life in economic zone 6.
- He concluded by saying that new opportunities/ideas need to be created. He feels that Nortip and Nordic should stress to youth the benefits of staying in this area.

Ms. Randell introduced the next guest speaker, Mr. Ted Lewis.

Ted Lewis, 7:50 PM

- Mr. Lewis owns and operates one of the 360 businesses in economic zone 6; Holson Forest Products.
- With regards to his business, he does not recognize challenges; he sets goals and moves forward.
- There is a shortage in the labor force in rural Newfoundland.

8:00 Networking Session

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM