



Noteworthy

New technology used in cancer treatment unveiled at Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre

Minister of Health and Community Services Gerald Smith joined representatives from the Give to Feel Good Campaign and The Power of Life Project, May 20, to unveil the province's first CT Simulator.

The CT Simulator was purchased through a generous gift from the Power of Life Project to the Give to Feel Good Campaign. Newfoundland Power, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Canadian Cancer Society-Newfoundland and Labrador Division and the Newfoundland Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation (NCTRF) launched this project last year, in an effort to promote cancer awareness and education.

"The CT Simulator joins a long list of equipment and technology purchased through generous donations and the support of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. To date, more than \$16 million in equipment has been purchased," said Vic Young, chair, Give to Feel Good Campaign.

The provincial government has committed an unprecedented 2:1 matching gift program for all donations to the Give to Feel Good Campaign. "In *Healthier Together*, our province's strategic health plan, we recognize that the quality, accessibility and sustainability of the health and community services system must be improved. Providing up-to-date diagnostic equipment such as the CT Simulator is a key part of achieving this goal," said Minister Gerald Smith.

The CT Simulator is state-of-the-art and according to Dr. P. K. Ganguly, director of radiation oncology, NCTRF: "This technology increases the precision of radiation therapy by constructing a three-dimensional image of the area to be treated. With more precision we have a better view of the patient's tumor, increasing accuracy and reducing the risk of harming healthy tissue."

This is another significant milestone for the Give to Feel Good Campaign. The campaign has raised in excess of \$9.5 million towards its \$10 million goal. ❏

Premier Grimes signs on to Suzuki Nature Challenge

Premier Roger Grimes has signed on to Taking the Nature Challenge, an initiative of the David Suzuki Foundation. Premier Grimes accepted the challenge during a meeting with Dr. Suzuki, May 13.

"I have made the personal commitment to complete some simple actions over the next year in an effort to protect nature for the future," said Premier Grimes. "It is amazing how easy it is to become better stewards of our environment by making simple changes to the way we do our every day activities."

Taking the Nature Challenge asks Canadians to choose at least three of 10 actions to become part of the challenge. "I encourage all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to make their own personal commitment to choose actions which are appropriate to their own lifestyles," said Premier Grimes. The Premier's commitment supports various programs which have been initiated by the Department of Environment.

"While the challenge speaks to a personal commitment, many of these actions can be applied to how this government can operate in a more environmentally-friendly manner," said Premier Grimes. "In the coming weeks, we will announce several initiatives which will continue government's commitment to environmental sustainability." ❏

Decision on Hibernia Production Rate Increase

In December 2002 Hibernia Management and Development Company (HMDC) made application to the Canada-Newfoundland Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NOPB) to increase the annual oil production rate for the Hibernia oil field.

In response on, May 16, 2003, the C-NOPB announced its conditional decision to increase the annual oil production rate

for the Hibernia field from 180,000 barrels per day (65.6 million barrels per year) to 220,000 barrels per day (80.4 million barrels per year), effective from March 26, 2003.

Since production at any point is subject to reservoir performance and good reservoir practice, the actual level of production on any given day may vary up to maximum rates approved. ❏

