



Noteworthy

Agricultural Policy Framework information now available to farmers in the province


Program information and proposal guidelines under the Agricultural Policy Framework (APF) Implementation Agreement for Newfoundland and Labrador have been finalized and are being distributed to farmers and other industry stakeholders.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle Vanclief and Rick Woodford, Minister of Forest Resources and Agrifoods, made the announcement.

“This is an important day for the agriculture and agrifood industry in Newfoundland and Labrador,” said Mr. Vanclief. “These programs are the product of a lot of hard work by governments and industry and demonstrate a strong commitment to making Canada the world leader in food safety and quality, environmentally sustainable production and agricultural innovation.”

“We are pleased that APF programs are now available to industry, allowing farmers and industry to review details and decide which programs best suit the needs of their agrifoods operations,” Minister Woodford added.

“I am confident industry will be pleased with the programs and services delivered under the APF, which reflect this province’s priorities, needs and challenges. Getting to where we are today is the result of hard work, cooperation, commitment and full consultation with all players in the industry.”


The ministers agreed the APF programs will allow the Newfoundland and Labrador agriculture industry to continue to diversify and strengthen its contribution to the provincial economy. They added the industry is now better positioned to build on its achievements to date and move forward. 

Premier officially opens Red Bay-Cartwright highway

Premier Roger Grimes will officially open the Red Bay to Cartwright section of the Trans-Labrador Highway September 13, marking the beginning of some great opportunities for the south coast region of Labrador. The Premier is holding ribbon cutting ceremonies at various locations along the route to mark the event.

“This is such a significant milestone for Labrador, and really, for the entire province,” said the Premier. “This is not just a highway; it is a door that has opened to economic development for another rural region of the province.”

Construction of the Red Bay to Cartwright section of the Trans Labrador Highway began in the summer of 1999. Government invested \$135 million into constructing the highway and access roads to St. Lewis and Charlottetown – a total of 410 kilometres.

“This is a significant event for the people of southern Labrador and, indeed, the entire province,” said Minister Andersen. 

Another banner year for provincial parks

Julie Bettney, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, announced today the success of the 2003 camping season in our provincial parks. Registered camping units increased approximately 13 per cent over last season, resulting in a two-year consecutive increase of 29 per cent since the 2001 season.

“This has been a very successful season for our provincial parks system,” said Minister Bettney. “Our natural beauty and pristine environment are all essential elements of our tourism product. It is our responsibility to protect our natural environment and contribute toward its sustainability. The overseeing of our parks system is one way we live up to this responsibility.”

The minister also provided an update on the closing dates for the provincial parks. Eleven camping parks will be open for camping until September 15. These parks include: Barachois

Pond; Butter Pot; J T Cheeseman; Dildo Run; Frenchman’s Cove; LaManche; Lockston Path; Notre Dame; Pinware River; Pistolet Bay; and Sandbanks. Chance Cove Park will remain open to campers until October 6 and Cape St. Mary’s Ecological Reserve will remain open to visitors until October 13.

Although all of the province’s parks will soon close for the season for camping, unmotorized access will continue to be permitted. Park users are reminded that they may continue to enjoy activities such as hiking, bicycling on park roads, bird watching, and the like.

Groomed cross-country ski trails will be available in Butter Pot this coming winter. Furthermore, camping is also available at Butter Pot and Notre Dame this winter season. 