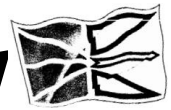


# Noteworthy



## Youth Advisory Committee

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The provincial government is establishing a new Youth Advisory Committee, announced Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education Minister Sandra C. Kelly. Membership on the committee will be representative of all regions of the province, the aboriginal and special needs communities and be gender balanced. Membership is for a two-year term.

"This announcement of the new Youth Advisory Committee shows that government is listening and acting," said Minister Kelly. "This is a very exciting time for me and our newly created Department of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education."

The mandate of the Youth Advisory Committee is two-fold. The committee, with a membership comprising 15 young men and women aged 15 to 29 and four adult mentors, will provide a forum for the open discussion of key issues affecting young people in Newfoundland and Labrador. In addition, the committee will advise the minister on government's youth-related programs and policies.

"I encourage young people throughout the province to consider membership on the Youth Advisory Committee. This is their opportunity to play an active role in determining the direction of programs and initiatives, particularly those related to post-secondary education, training and employment in our province," said the minister.

Young people interested in sitting on the committee may submit their names for consideration by contacting the Department of Youth Services and Post-Secondary Education. ☞

## Increase in recycling rate — for beverage containers

Recycling rates for beverage containers increased 32.4 per cent in May 2001 compared to the same month last year, according to the Multi-Material Stewardship Board (MMSB). Recycling rates were also up for March and April. For the year, recycling rates were up almost eight per cent from January to May over the same five month period in 2000.

The MMSB will introduce new programs in the coming months to assist residents, businesses, fund-raising groups and Green Depots in their recycling efforts for beverage containers. One such program is the summer events recycling program which will run from June to the end of August 2001. This year, the MMSB has committed \$55,000 to Green Depot operators to establish recycling programs at special events in their communities this summer.

The MMSB is currently responsible for the beverage container recycling program, a pilot household hazardous waste collection program and the administration of the Newfoundland and Labrador Waste Management Trust Fund. As a Crown agency, the MMSB was established by the Department of Environment to develop, implement and where appropriate, manage a variety of waste diversion programs in the province. ☞

## New silviculture agreements announced

Government, Abitibi-Consolidated and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper have reached new silviculture agreements, announced Forest Resources and Agrifoods Minister Rick Woodford. More than \$32.5 million will be invested in silviculture over the next five years, with each agreement worth \$16.25 million.

"Silviculture is key to the overall management of our forest ecosystem and plays a critical role in helping sustain our forest resources for future generations and providing meaningful employment in rural areas of our province," said Minister Woodford. "These new five-year agreements also demonstrate effective partnership and cooperation between government and industry in advancing sustainable forest management."

The silviculture initiatives will focus on pre-commercial thinning and tree planting and will take place throughout the province. The provincial government will contribute seedlings from its nursery, as well as cost-share \$200,000 worth of innovative silviculture research and development projects. These projects will enhance growth, quality and yield of silviculture treatments.

In addition, the provincial government will be investing approximately \$25 million in silviculture on Crown lands over the next five years. Silviculture initiatives create approximately 800 seasonal jobs each year. On average, 10,000 hectares of trees are planted annually through these initiatives. ☞

