



Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation

ACTIVITY PLAN

April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008





Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation

Chairperson's Message

March 26, 2008

Honourable Kathy Dunderdale
Minister of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Building
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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to submit a Transitional Activity Plan for the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation, as a category three entity under the *Transparency and Accountability Act*. This plan covers the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

The corporation recognizes the vision and mission of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency and is committed to its role to provide support to the farm industry in the province. The corporation has reviewed all strategic directions from the Minister of Natural Resources and has prepared this plan to support sustainable resource development in a manner consistent with the corporation's mandate.

My signature below is on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation and indicative of the corporation's accountability for the achievement of the planning and reporting commitments contained in this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Smart
Chairperson

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Overview

Section (3) of the Farm Products Corporation Act permits the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint not fewer than 5 nor more than 9 members to the corporation. One person is to be chairperson. The members of the corporation, with the exception of the chairperson, shall be appointed for 1 year and are eligible for reappointment.

The current members of the corporation are Mr. Robert Smart (chair), Mr. John Bennett (secretary), Mr. Sid Blundon (treasurer), Mr. Earl Saunders (member), and Mr. Pierre Tobin (member).

The corporation commenced privatizing its operations in 1996. It is currently inactive. However, the board continues to remain in place to address any administrative issues which may arise related to previous activities.

Mandate

The corporation has a mandate to establish abattoirs, cold storage plants, warehouses, packing and processing plants and other buildings and establishments of every kind necessary and suitable for the handling, preparation, processing and storage of farm products of every kind both animal and vegetable for the purpose of facilitating the development of farm products in the Province. Associated activities may include: making advances of livestock to farmers and livestock keepers, either for cash or on credit; employing instructors to instruct farmers and livestock keepers; purchasing, storing, processing, packing and selling farm products of every kind; and handling, storing and selling or advancing on credit animal feeding stuffs of every kind.

Values of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency

The Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation can perform its duties within the core values established by the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency:

- Integrity - Each individual will be honest, dependable, fair, credible and trustworthy. They will openly acknowledge mistakes, seek to correct them and learn from them.
- Respect and Professionalism - Each individual will apply departmental legislation and policies equitably to stakeholders. They will serve our client groups to the fullest extent possible.
- Timeliness - Each individual will meet specified deadlines in accordance with departmental priorities and follow through on their commitments.
- Collaboration - Each individual will seek the opinions and ideas of others in the application of departmental legislation and policies.
- Innovation - Each individual will demonstrate initiative and flexibility in responding to challenges and change.

Primary Clients

The clients of the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation are members of the farming industry.

Vision and Mission

Given its primary clients, the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation contributes to the vision and mission of the Forest and Agrifoods Agency by ensuring that members of the farming industry have the supports to pursue sustainable development opportunities.

Vision of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency

The vision of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency is of a province that is realizing the full benefit from the use of its forest and agrifood resources in a sustainable manner.

Mission of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency

By March 31, 2011, the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency will have identified and facilitated further opportunities for resource development and optimized the benefits received from these resources.

Planning and Reporting

The Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products completed selling its assets in 1997, and it is inactive. The corporation will not prepare an annual report for the April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 period. A notation in the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency's annual report will reference any activity of the corporation.

Conclusion

While the Newfoundland and Labrador Farm Products Corporation is inactive, it has a broad mandate to provide assistance to the farming community in the province and can be reactivated to support the strategic direction of the Minister to pursue sustainable development initiatives in the province.

Appendix A

Strategic Directions

Strategic directions are the articulation of desired physical, social or economic outcomes and normally require action by more than one government entity. These directions are generally communicated by government through platform documents, Throne and Budget Speeches, policy documents and other communiqués. The *Transparency and Accountability Act* requires departments and public bodies to take into account these strategic directions in the preparation of their performance-based plans. This action will facilitate the integration of planning practices across government and will ensure that all entities are moving forward on key commitments.

Title: Sustainable Resource Development

Outcome: Effective and efficient management of our natural resources to ensure that they are utilized in a sustainable manner such that the resources and the economic benefits from these resources are optimized. This outcome supports government direction as outlined in Government’s 2003 Policy Document and the 2004 and 2005 Speech from the Throne.

Focus Areas of the Strategic Direction	Being addressed by other entities reporting to the Minister	This Direction is addressed in the Corporation’s
		Activity plan
2. Agrifoods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Agricultural Production • Secondary Processing and Diversification • Land Development and Sustainability • Research and Development • Food Safety and Quality 	* * * * *	