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ELECTION PLATFORM  
2015**



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# Message from **EARLE MCCURDY**

**This election the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are ready for a new government.**

But will a Liberal government be much different from the Tories? Since Confederation, the only difference between the two traditional parties has been the colour of their lawn signs. Same ideas, same principles, same friends.

**The people of this province deserve better.**

I believe that everyone should be given a fighting chance to realize their dreams and aspirations—not just those at the top of the ladder. I've worked hard all my life in pursuit of these values.

The NDP's vision for our province is about fairness. It's about striking the balance between economic development and social equality. It's about recognizing that a strong economy is dependent on communities where everyone has an opportunity for success.

Our platform will deliver the change that the people of Newfoundland and Labrador deserve, including:

- ✓ Respect and support for families and seniors;
- ✓ Expanded prescription drug coverage;
- ✓ An increase to the minimum wage;
- ✓ Better benefits for new parents;
- ✓ Educational and economic opportunities for young people;
- ✓ Elimination of the small business tax;
- ✓ Steady jobs and a stronger, more stable economy;
- ✓ A healthy environment; and
- ✓ Inclusion so nobody is left behind.

Every New Democrat elected to the House of Assembly is a win for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. You can count on us to be on your side, fighting for your priorities and progressive solutions for a prosperous future.

**On November 30th, vote for the party that's always on your side. Vote NDP.**

Sincerely,

Earle McCurdy  
Leader, Newfoundland and Labrador NDP

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## Treating seniors with dignity.

Many seniors face the difficult choice between entering long-term care or staying in their homes but requiring frequent visits to the doctor and ER. Many more must decide between making ends meet or buying the prescription drugs they need. Treating seniors with dignity means expanding access to quality, affordable care and helping more seniors age comfortably in their own homes.

After decades of cuts to public services by Progressive Conservative and Liberal governments, more and more seniors are falling through the cracks. The crippling cost of prescription drugs is unfair to seniors and ultimately adds undue pressure on our health care system. Instead of providing seniors with better options to stay in their homes for longer, the PCs squandered the economic good times by failed to invest in the wellbeing of our communities.

Earle McCurdy and the NDP will fight for what matters most: better home care and housing for seniors, more affordable prescription drugs, and stronger pensions. We will also create an independent Seniors Advocate to fight for better seniors' policies and programs. Our solutions will deliver positive change for seniors across Newfoundland and Labrador.

**To ensure seniors get the health care they deserve, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Expand prescription drug coverage to an additional 8,750 seniors by investing a further \$10 million into the Seniors Drug Card;
- ▶ Extend coverage for expensive medical supplies that people rely on daily, including insulin pumps and glucose test strips; and
- ▶ Address the needs of our aging population by recruiting more gerontologists and increasing gerontology training in the medical school.

**To improve housing options for seniors, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Improve home care by investing \$2 million annually to fund more home care spaces and to provide grants to home care workers that want to upgrade their skills to provide more acute care for home care patients;
- ▶ Invest \$500,000 to create a Seniors Portable Rental Assistance Program that

helps seniors find accommodation and provides a portable rental allowance they can take with them if they need to move closer to family or services; and

- ▶ Create fairer policies that allow more couples to live together in nursing and long-term care homes.

**To strengthen seniors' benefits and ensure the provincial government is looking after our aging population, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Create an independent Seniors Advocate to monitor and report on the status of seniors and advocate for policies and programs that will benefit them;
- ▶ Lobby the federal government to enhance CPP, OAS, and GIS benefits and reverse the former Conservative government's misguided decision to raise the age of retirement from 65 to 67; and
- ▶ Enhance retirement security by bringing in legislation to protect private pensions in the event of a company's bankruptcy.



## Making everyday life more affordable.

Families in Newfoundland and Labrador work hard to make ends meet. But it's hard to get ahead when you're struggling to cover the basics. You deserve a government that understands this and will fight to make life more affordable for you and your family.

Dwight Ball and the Liberals are out of touch with the challenges facing you and your family. Instead of helping people make ends meet, the Liberals voted with the PCs against the NDP's plan to raise the provincial minimum wage. And previous Liberal governments cut public services and halted the construction of affordable housing units.

After a decade of Progressive Conservative neglect, it's time for an NDP government that will fight for everyday families. We will tackle sky-high childcare costs and power bills, and expand coverage for expensive medical supplies and access to safe, affordable housing. We are the only party that will raise the minimum wage for workers in our province.

**To raise incomes and make life more affordable, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Raise the minimum wage by a dollar an hour in 2016, and work toward a living wage. Our plan will increase the wage from \$10.50 an hour to \$11 on June 1, and then to \$11.50 on December 1;
- ▶ Provide new parents with an additional \$1,000 a month by topping up parental leave benefits to 80%. This EI top-up replaces the current parental benefit of \$100 a month and will put more money in parents' pockets so they can afford to spend more time at home with their new child and cover the expenses of a growing family;
- ▶ Develop a plan for a provincial childcare program that provides more quality, affordable childcare spaces;
- ▶ Create a new "Keep the Heat" home retrofit program so that more homeowners can reduce their power bills and improve the efficiency of their homes; and
- ▶ Expand the Residential Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) for low-income homeowners by investing \$2 million to retrofit an additional 500 homes per year, saving each homeowner an average of \$800 annually in energy costs.

**To tackle the high cost of health care and medical expenses, and to save on long-term costs by embracing preventive health care, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Cover the cost of insulin pumps for people with type 1 diabetes aged 25 and older. Insulin pumps give people with diabetes more freedom by helping to stabilize symptoms. But their high upfront and out-of-pocket costs mean many low and modest income people simply can't afford them;
- ▶ Cover the cost of glucose test strips for uninsured people living with diabetes. Glucose test strips allow people with diabetes to manage their disease and prevent future complications;

- ▶ Enhance the Adult Dental Plan to make it more comprehensive by raising the spending cap and covering cleanings; and
- ▶ Expand the Medical Transportation Assistance Program by doubling coverage for Labrador families and removing the co-payment for families on the Island. This will help more patients and their families who are struggling to pay for out-of-pocket expenses as they seek medical treatment.

**To tackle the lack of affordable housing in our communities, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Create an all-party committee on affordable housing to consult with communities on how to address issues of affordable housing, housing shortages, homelessness, tenants' rights and the lack of accessible housing for people with disabilities;
- ▶ Provide resources for community and government agencies to implement a "housing first" policy and create housing for homeless adults, transitional supportive housing for homeless youth, and a support system for at-risk youth;
- ▶ Address the housing crisis in Labrador by doubling the Rent Supplement Program;
- ▶ Freeze the sale of all real estate owned by the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation until a plan is developed to re-use some of these properties for affordable housing and other community purposes;
- ▶ Strengthen rental housing standards by adding a minimum housing and health standards regulation to the Health and Community Services Act, which will be enforced by both regular and complaint-driven inspections; and
- ▶ Review the Provincial Home Repair Program, which assists low-income homeowners who require repairs to their homes, to ensure it is reaching those who need it the most and to allow clients to re-apply more often.



## Creating opportunities for young people.

A strong education system is the foundation of our province's future success. We owe it to our kids to invest in quality education and keep post-secondary tuition affordable. By investing in arts and culture, we can drive economic growth and create more opportunities for young people to prosper here at home.

**The Liberals talk about young people's priorities, but how can they be trusted when they voted against raising our province's minimum wage? After a decade of PC government, there's a lot of damage to fix. Their deep, short-sighted cuts have hurt our children's education. They also cut programming, laid off teachers and raised tuition fees.**

**Earle McCurdy and the NDP will reverse the PC's harmful education cuts and reinstate the tuition freeze for Memorial University. We will also invest in strengthening our arts and culture sector, which will create more jobs, provide better incomes for artists and preserve our rich cultural heritage.**

**To improve education for our children, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Restore \$7 million in funding for teaching positions that were cut by the PC government;
- ▶ Ensure that full-day kindergarten is adequately resourced with classroom space, teacher allocations, and after-school programs;
- ▶ Invest \$7.5 million annually to bring the ratio of school counsellors and psychologists to the recommended levels of support for students; and
- ▶ Reinstate funding for school arts programs to ensure that all students have access to arts training and artistic productions.

**To make post-secondary education more affordable and help more young people get ahead, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Protect the tuition fee freeze and roll back the plan to increase graduate and international graduate student tuition fees next year. We will also roll back the plan to increase residence fees at Memorial University in 2016; and

- ▶ Restore funding to community-based literacy groups, and implement multi-year funding, so that more Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can get the education they need for today's workforce.

**To strengthen our arts and culture sector, which drives economic growth and celebrates our rich and diverse heritage, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Immediately reverse the PC's cuts to the Arts Council by increasing funding for the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council by \$300,000;
- ▶ Consult with Aboriginal organizations on ways to support and raise the profile of Aboriginal art and artists;
- ▶ Restore the Cultural Connections funding that was cut by the PC government to ensure that youth have exposure to Newfoundland and Labrador's unique art, music, and arts culture.



## Building stronger public services and infrastructure.

Our communities urgently need new and upgraded infrastructure. And with an aging population and growing health care needs, now is not the time to cut the services people rely on. To face these challenges head on, we must invest in keeping our communities strong.

The PC agenda of slashing public services and cutting taxes for their wealthiest friends has failed our province. The Liberals talk about fixing the damage, but when they were last in power, they tried to privatize our hydro and cut public services. Now, they're using buzzwords like "performance-based infrastructure" to disguise their plan for privatization.

The NDP will stand up for Newfoundland and Labrador by stopping the privatization of our parks and public infrastructure, renewing our democracy and bringing greater transparency to government. Our plan invests in better primary health care, more mental health and addictions services, and initiatives that build a more just, equitable and inclusive province.

**To strengthen health care services for people in our province, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Tackle ER wait times by investing in patient navigators and more diversion programs for seniors;
- ▶ Embrace midwifery services becoming part of our public health care system and ensure the midwife registration and training process moves forward; and
- ▶ Expand services for children and adults with autism (ASD) to bring the level of service up to meet the ever-growing need.

**To improve mental health care and addictions services, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Replace the Waterford Hospital once a comprehensive plan is devised, based on extensive consultation with all stakeholders and best practices, for modern mental health facilities that include an acute care mental health facility;
- ▶ Provide resources that will allow as many services as possible to move out of the Waterford Hospital building and into the community, while maintaining the best services possible for acute care at the hospital;
- ▶ Immediately increase the number of community mental health workers, focusing on communities that are currently the most underserved;
- ▶ Ensure all mental health and addiction services are based on the recovery model and practised with a harm reduction approach;
- ▶ Develop a comprehensive ten-year action plan to improve mental health and addiction services for communities including children and youth, seniors, women, Aboriginal, LGBTQ and people with disabilities; and
- ▶ Continue to support the all-party committee on Mental Health and Addictions as it prepares to report to the House of Assembly with recommendations for the improvement of mental health and addictions services.

**To strengthen protections for workers, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Review and modernize our province's labour laws through a stakeholder-based committee;
- ▶ Allow all workers exposed to asbestos to be compensated for all asbestos-related cancers that they develop; and
- ▶ Protect front-line emergency workers by making PTSD a presumptive diagnosis for first responders and improve services for those suffering from work-related PTSD.

**To build safer communities and fight for greater women's equality, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Invest \$500,000 towards replacing the Corner Brook Transition House, which provides invaluable support to women and children in need. The 70-year-old transition house is in a state of disrepair and must be replaced to ensure it can continue serving Corner Brook and the surrounding area;
- ▶ Provide \$200,000 in additional funding for women's centres across the province by reinstating the annual 5% increase and introducing a three-year funding cycle to allow for long-term planning and staff retention;
- ▶ Strengthen the role of the Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women as an independent advocacy group;
- ▶ Support the permanent Domestic Violence Courts at three sites and ensure they have the treatment and counselling resources they need;
- ▶ Introduce pay-equity legislation to ensure that women workers are paid equally for equal work of equal value; and
- ▶ Work with teachers to identify and plan for the introduction of more school-based violence prevention programs that teach social and emotional learning and healthy relationship skills.

**To protect our public parks and build infrastructure that communities rely on, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Cancel the PC government's plan to privatize our parks system and ensure that parks are protected for all families to enjoy;
- ▶ Improve drinking water in rural communities by investing in municipal water infrastructure by immediately investing \$5 million into urgent infrastructure projects;
- ▶ Work with municipalities, as equal partners, to develop a five-year plan for the maintenance and upgrading of ferries, highways and roads;
- ▶ Improve regional public transit and strengthen municipal public services by working collaboratively with all levels of government; and
- ▶ Invest in the East Coast Trail system for much needed maintenance and upgrades.
- ▶ Implement a long-term plan for maintaining and upgrading provincial historic sites, and work with heritage organizations, municipalities, and other stakeholders on strategies to better protect properties with heritage value.

**To increase government transparency and build a more vibrant democracy where more people feel engaged, the NDP will:**

- ▶ In consultation with young people, work to increase youth voter turnout and political participation by developing a youth voter strategy;
- ▶ Modernize and strengthen the House of Assembly by:
  - ▶ Making all-party standing committees—that examine, debate, and hold public hearings on important issues including resource use, financial management, social and health services, and democratic renewal—a permanent fixture in our democracy;
  - ▶ Conducting an open, transparent review of the standing orders;
  - ▶ Increasing the minimum number of sitting days to 60 per year;
  - ▶ Finally accepting electronic petitions, empowering more people to engage with their government on issues of concern;
  - ▶ Adopting a fair allocation of time to all parties in Question Period; and
  - ▶ Adopting a lottery system to order the Private Members' Bills to be debated and voted on in the House of Assembly.

“ The NDP has a proven track record of holding the government accountable and speaking up for the people of this province. **We’re on your side.** ”

— Earle McCurdy





## **Sustainably developing our natural resources.**

In Newfoundland and Labrador, many of our jobs and livelihoods depend on the long-term sustainability of our natural resources. With responsible management, we can create new green jobs, grow the economy and protect our environment.

**After a decade of Progressive Conservative government, people are ready for change. The PCs and Liberals have proven time after time, they can't be trusted to create economic growth while protecting our environment.**

**The NDP will ensure our natural resources are used sustainably to create good value-added jobs. We will reduce our reliance on oil and gas revenues by diversifying our economy and investing in strategic sectors like forestry. We will put ordinary people's priorities first by creating a cleaner environment and fighting for a fair share of the resources we own.**

**To ensure fair and sustainable development of our natural resources, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Lobby the federal government to return to Newfoundland and Labrador our federal offshore holdings, including the 8.5% share of Hibernia oil returns held by the federal government;
- ▶ Improve oversight of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project by bringing Nalcor under the purview of the Public Utilities Board and the Auditor General to ensure that the project is in the best interest of the people of this province;
- ▶ Create an independent offshore safety authority, as recommended by Robert Wells in his Offshore Helicopter Safety report, to oversee both worker and environmental safety; and
- ▶ Work with communities and businesses to create a strategic long-term plan for mining and exploration that puts the interests of the people of our province first.

**To protect our land, air, and water, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Ban fracking in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- ▶ Protect our lakes, rivers, and other natural water bodies by banning the dumping

of mining and industrial waste. We will also conduct a proper assessment of contaminated sites that the province is responsible for cleaning up;

- ▶ Support the creation of marine protected areas for communities that wish to establish them. By protecting our most precious marine environments, we can preserve Newfoundland and Labrador's unique beauty and ecological diversity; and
- ▶ Preserve areas representing our province's 35 eco-regions by implementing the Protected Areas Strategy.

**To diversify our economy and strengthen our forestry sector, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Create and protect forestry jobs by diversifying domestic and export markets;
- ▶ Implement the Sustainable Forest Management Strategy; and
- ▶ Review forest ecosystem management regulations for harvesting and silviculture to ensure biodiversity is upheld. This will help ensure successful forest regeneration and long-term sustainability.



## Supporting our communities and growing the economy.

**Our province's long-term prosperity relies on building strong, thriving communities centred on fairness of opportunity, the sustainable use of our natural resources, respect for the environment, and a determination to provide opportunities for young people to put down roots and raise families here at home.**

**Successive Liberal and PC governments have failed to improve opportunities for families in Newfoundland and Labrador. Instead, the Progressive Conservatives focused on cutting corporate taxes for their rich friends, while the Liberals voted against stronger rural representation in the House of Assembly.**

**The NDP has a bold plan to eliminate taxes for small businesses, create good jobs in our fisheries and other strategic sectors, and build sustainable prosperity across our province. Unlike the PCs and Liberals, we're not afraid to ask the wealthy to pay a little bit more in taxes so we can make the investments our communities need.**

**To grow the economy and create good jobs, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Help small businesses grow and create good local jobs by eliminating the small business tax;
- ▶ Ensure that the development of Labrador's resources, including Muskrat Falls, are sustainable, transparent and beneficial for the people of the province, especially the people of Labrador;
- ▶ Stand up for workers by bringing in pension insurance legislation to protect private pensions in the event of a company's bankruptcy. Workers deserve stronger protections when companies close their doors so they're not left out in the cold;
- ▶ Invest in good green jobs by expanding our province's home energy efficiency industry; and
- ▶ Invest \$300,000 to expand access to reliable high-speed internet to more rural schools and communities.

**To raise government revenues so we can invest in our communities while being fiscally prudent, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Increase the corporate income tax by 1.5%, contributing an additional \$40 million a year to government revenues;

- ▶ Raise the personal income tax rate for the wealthiest by increasing the rate of the top tax bracket, for those making over \$175,000 a year, to 17.3%; and
- ▶ Cut political spending on costly government photo-ops, travel, and pet projects by:
  - ▶ Reducing ministerial office spending by 10%;
  - ▶ Reducing executive council spending by 10%; and
  - ▶ Reducing advertising and communication expenses by 6%.

**To revitalize the cod industry and sustain good fishing jobs, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Work with industry to build slush ice facilities and other key infrastructure in support of a revived cod industry that is focused on quality and sustainable growth;
- ▶ Create a fisheries marketing strategy and work with industry to ensure we get the best dollar for our products in the global seafood market;
- ▶ Support small producers and maximize marketing opportunities by establishing a Seafood Branding and Marketing Council;
- ▶ Make the Fisheries Technology and New Opportunities Program permanent and

invest \$2 million annually to support harvesting, processing, and marketing;

- ▶ Ensure our fisheries policies complement the owner-operator and fleet separation policies, and are guided by the principle of adjacency and historical attachment; and
- ▶ Improve workers' safety by requiring that fish processing companies participate in the establishment and ongoing operation of a Fish Plant Safety Sector Council.

**To strengthen local agriculture and food security, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Develop a provincial food security plan to stimulate the growth of the agrifoods sector;
- ▶ Support farmers by providing more training, research, and land development opportunities;
- ▶ Expand local markets and provide greater food security by creating an agency that links small farmers with restaurants, stores, and consumers;
- ▶ Establish farmers' co-operatives to share processing facilities and marketing efforts; and
- ▶ Develop programs that encourage and support new and young farmers.

**To build a stronger Labrador, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Expand the Medical Transportation Assistance Program by doubling coverage for Labrador families from \$1,000 to \$2,000. No one should be left footing the bill for thousands of dollars in medical bills just because they live in Labrador;
- ▶ Take the politics out of paving and prioritize the repair of our roads and ferries in Labrador;
- ▶ Ensure Occupational Health and Safety Officers are permanently stationed in Labrador West by training out-of-work Labradorians; and

- ▶ Help more families with the high cost of living by doubling the Labrador rent supplement program.

**To better support Aboriginal communities and to build a respectful relationship with Aboriginal governments, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Work for a joint agreement with Aboriginal governments and organizations to develop, through meaningful discussion of issues, a process for addressing the concerns and needs of Aboriginal peoples;
- ▶ Lobby the federal government to expedite outstanding land claims of Aboriginal groups in the province; and
- ▶ Take action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations on a priority basis established in consultation with Aboriginal communities and others.

**To encourage more people to make Newfoundland and Labrador their new home, the NDP will:**

- ▶ Protect the tuition fee freeze for all international students in college or university;
- ▶ Assist new Canadians to start a business by eliminating the small business tax;
- ▶ Lobby the federal government to make it easier for international graduates to immigrate to the province after they complete their studies; and
- ▶ Work with local groups such as the Multi-Cultural Women's Organization of NL, Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Council, Association of New Canadians, and other ethnic community groups to identify the needs of new comers to the province and encourage immigrants to settle in rural communities.



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# NDP COSTING CHART

<b>NEW REVENUES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Raising the corporate income tax by 1.5%	\$40,000,000.00
Increasing the rate of the tax bracket for those making over \$175,000 a year	\$24,000,000.00
<b>Total New Revenue</b>	<b>\$64,000,000.00</b>
<b>NEW SAVINGS</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Reducing executive council spending by 10%	\$12,000,000.00
Reducing minister's office spending by 10%	\$450,000.00
Reducing advertising and communications expenses by 6%	\$19,458,240.00
<b>Total New Savings</b>	<b>\$31,908,240.00</b>
	<b>\$95,908,240.00</b>
<b>NEW INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>SENIORS</b>	
Improving homecare worker training and compensations, and implmenting new enforcable standards	\$2,000,000.00
Seniors Rental Assistance Program	\$500,000.00
Independent Seniors Advocate	\$1,000,000.00
Providing all seniors with the NLPDP 65+ drug card	\$10,000,000.00
Recruiting and training of more gerontologists	\$50,000.00
<b>Total Seniors</b>	<b>\$13,550,000.00</b>
<b>AFFORDABILITY</b>	
Glucose test strips for the uninsured people with diabetes	\$2,000,000.00
Expanding Insulin pump coverage to people with type 1 diabetes 25 years old and over	\$1,300,000.00
Enhanced Adult Dental Plan	\$2,000,000.00
Expanding the home retrofit program (REEP)	\$2,000,000.00
All-party committee on affordable housing	\$50,000.00
Implementing "housing first" policy	\$100,000.00
Doubling the Rent Supplement Program for Labrador	\$100,000.00
Toping up parental leave benefits	\$23,000,000.00
Keep the Heat program	\$6,000,000.00
<b>Total Affordability</b>	<b>\$36,550,000.00</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>	
Reversing PC's cuts to teaching positions	\$7,000,000.00

Increasing the number of school counsellors	\$7,500,000.00
Maintaining tuition fee freeze and rolling back increases in graduate, international, and Memorial residence fees	\$4,500,000.00
Developing adult literacy plan	\$500,000.00
Increasing the NL Arts Council budget.	\$300,000.00
Restoring funding to NL Arts Council for school arts programs	\$100,000.00
Restoring the Cultural Connections funding for school arts programs.	\$126,000.00
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>\$20,026,000.00</b>
<b>SERVICES</b>	
Investmenting in municipal water infrastructure	\$5,000,000.00
Establishing and supporting three permanent Domestic Violence Courts	\$500,000.00
Annual 5% increase and a three-year funding cycle for women's centres	\$200,000.00
Replacing the Corner Brook transition house	\$500,000.00
<b>Total Services</b>	<b>\$6,200,000.00</b>
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	
Funding East Coast Trail maintenance and upgrades	\$100,000.00
<b>Total Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>COMMUNITIES AND THE ECONOMY</b>	
Getting NL back in the cod business	\$750,000.00
Annual funding to make the FTNOP permanent	\$2,000,000.00
Funding for an NL Seafood Branding and Marketing Council	\$2,000,000.00
Ensuring high-speed internet access for all schools and communities	\$300,000.00
Increases to the Medical Transportation Assistance Program	\$1,700,000.00
Eliminate the small business tax	\$12,000,000.00
<b>Total Economy and Communities</b>	<b>\$18,750,000.00</b>
<b>Total New Investments</b>	<b>\$95,176,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	
<b>2016-17</b>	
Total New Revenue & Savings	\$95,908,240.00
Total New Investments	\$95,176,000.00
<b>Additional Deficit Reduction</b>	<b>\$732,240.00</b>
<b>Reduction in Accumulated Deficit</b>	<b>\$732,240.00</b>
<b>Government Budget Balance</b>	<b>\$889,000,000.00</b>
<b>Our Budget Balance</b>	<b>\$888,267,760.00</b>



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