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A LEADER YOU CAN TRUST

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TRUSTED LEADERSHIP

Our platform is about leadership.

Our party has stepped forward to make things better for people, better for communities and better for families in our great province. We have done great work – employment growth, higher incomes, new schools, new roads, new health facilities and services and a new pride in ourselves and this great place we call home.



Our accomplishments are many, but there is always more to do.

We're ready to break the mold, to try new things, to fix what's not working and to build the kind of society that we all deserve.

Leadership is our foundation. On it, we have four pillars to build a better society.

The first pillar is HEALTH – programs and services to address our mental and physical health needs, when and where we need them, and a renewed focus that enhances access to the food and fitness that we need to live healthier lives.

The second pillar is OPPORTUNITY – investing in employment growth, small business, rural enterprise, innovation, all the things that create jobs.

The third pillar is PEOPLE – families, child care, education, apprenticeships, affordable housing, long-term care, affordable living for seniors, and poverty reduction.

The fourth pillar is our ECONOMY – a renewable five-year roadmap through the immediate fiscal challenges and back to surplus – a progressive fiscal plan that doesn't involve deep cuts.

Personally, I've already faced seemingly insurmountable challenges. And I've triumphed over them. I've done it with the help of a great team of partners. I don't get intimidated. I won't be outworked. I don't back down on something I believe in.

We are on the cusp of the greatest growth Newfoundland and Labrador has ever experienced. You can believe that our PC Team will deliver for you and for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

The provincial election on November 30 is about leadership!

It's about leadership you can believe in and a leader you can trust.



“ *Bold thinking. New partnerships.
Leadership that will stand up
for the interests of our province
and for the interests of our people.* ”

– PAUL DAVIS


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THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PAUL DAVIS GOVERNMENT



On September 26, 2014, Paul Davis was sworn in as the 12th Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. In his first speech as Premier, he promised to lead by listening, to work by partnering, to plan strategically for long-term results, and to spearhead real changes to build on the rock-solid social and economic foundation that has been established in Newfoundland and Labrador over the past decade. Throughout the first year, the Davis Government continued rolling out its plan for Newfoundland and Labrador. Those actions, accomplishments and forward-looking initiatives are defined in many documents, including those linked below.

120-DAY REPORT

http://www.premier.gov.nl.ca/120_day_report.pdf

This report highlights key actions taken by the Davis Government during the Premier’s first 120 days. He delivered on four specific commitments he promised to act upon within his first 120 days in office. He convened the Premier’s Summit on Health Care; he appointed a Premier’s Youth Advisory Committee; he established an Advisory Council on Crime and Community Safety; and he introduced reforms to the House of Assembly in three specific areas: reduction in MHAs; reform of MHA pensions; and review of committee structures and roles of individual MHAs. The Premier also led the campaign to demand that the federal government honour a fisheries funding agreement it made with this province related to the trade agreement between Canada and the European Union.

DAVIS GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT ATIPPA RECOMMENDATIONS

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0601n03.aspx>

The Davis Government accepted recommendations to reform the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and brought forward amendments to give effect to the changes, which came into force on June 1, 2015. The new legislation makes Newfoundland and Labrador a leader in Canada and internationally. The legislation contains a number of measures to improve the oversight and user-friendliness of the act, helping to make it the strongest access to information and protection of privacy legislation in Canada. These

measures include shorter timelines and a time-limited review process for access requests; elimination of application costs and reduction of other costs; an expanded role for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, including changes to review powers relating to access requests as well as a requirement for public bodies to notify the commissioner of all privacy breaches; and broader circumstances under which individuals can be charged for intentionally breaching an individual's personal information. The Davis Government is also making the access to information application process more user-friendly by launching a new online ATIPP application form.

2015 SPEECH FROM THE THRONE
<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0421n06.aspx>

BUDGET 2015 – BALANCING CHOICES FOR A PROMISING FUTURE
<http://www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/speech/default.htm>

Highlights:

- 1. We Will Cultivate a Culture of Cost Management**
- 2. We Will Refocus to Strengthen Health Services**
- 3. We Will Ensure Trades Education is Industry-Driven**
- 4. We Will Develop an Attrition Plan**
- 5. We Will Adopt Longer-Range Infrastructure Planning**
- 6. We Will Focus on Regional Clusters**
- 7. We Will Implement a Strategic Deficit Reduction Plan**
- 8. We Will Establish a Generations Fund**

Five-Year Fiscal Recovery Plan
The Decision to Avoid Precipitous Cuts

Fact Sheets:

Health –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Health.pdf

Education and Early Childhood Development –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Education_and_Early_Childhood_Development.pdf

Encouraging a Diverse Business Climate –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Diverse_Business_Climate.pdf

Investing in Healthy, Age-Friendly, Inclusive Communities –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Investing_in_Healthy_Communities.pdf

Infrastructure –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Infrastructure.pdf

Labrador –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Labrador.pdf

Stronger and Safer Communities –
www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Stronger_and_Safer_Communities.pdf

SOLID INVESTMENTS IN PROVINCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, 2004-05 - 2015-16

<http://www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/factsheets/Infrastructure.pdf>

http://www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2015/infrastructure/Infrastructure_Overview.pdf

Nearly \$6 billion has been invested by this government since 2004 to enhance a wide variety of infrastructure throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Projects include new and renovated schools, new health care facilities, upgraded road infrastructure, new and enhanced municipal infrastructure and targeted aquaculture investments. In addition, the provincial government has invested in other forms of infrastructure throughout the province, including Muskrat Falls, fire and emergency services equipment and technology initiatives.

PLAN FOR EXPANSION OF LONG-TERM CARE BEDS

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0428n02.aspx>

The Davis Government will provide a total of 360 new long-term care beds on the island portion of the province. Premier Davis made the announcement on April 28, 2015. The new facilities will be built in four locations: Corner Brook, the Grand Falls-Windsor area, the Gander area, and the Northeast Avalon. The Corner Brook facility will be built on the site that has been prepared for the new Corner Brook Hospital as part of the previously announced hospital complex model.

NEW COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERSHIP

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/ma/1022n05.aspx>

The Davis Government announced on April 29, 2015 the outcomes of the fiscal framework review – a new community sustainability partnership. This partnership is more than just fiscal in nature; it will enhance supports to communities and strengthen the social and economic fabric of our regions. These initiatives will support all regions of the province, especially rural communities, as they develop social and economic activities and initiatives to support, maintain and grow their communities.

2015 SPRING SITTING OF THE LEGISLATURE

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/hoa/0624n07.aspx>

On June 23, 2015, the spring sitting of the House of Assembly concluded with several new acts and amendments being passed, most notably regarding protection of privacy, teachers' pension sustainability and changes to the House of Assembly Act.

PREMIER DAVIS LAUNCHES POPULATION GROWTH STRATEGY

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0625n03.aspx>

On June 25, 2015, the Davis Government released “Live Here, Work Here, Belong Here, A Population Growth Strategy for Newfoundland and Labrador, 2015-2025“. The strategy is a government-wide approach for supporting individuals and families who choose Newfoundland and Labrador as their home. Through four five-year action plans focused on workforce, families, communities and immigration, the strategy will highlight everything that Newfoundland and Labrador has to offer.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ON ENERGY

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0717n07.aspx>

A significant milestone was achieved on July 17, 2015 as the Premiers of Canada agreed to the terms of a Canadian energy strategy. The announcement was made by Premier Davis in his capacity as Chair of the Council of the Federation during the COF meeting in St. John’s. During its development, the Premier worked to ensure that the strategy supported provincial priorities – most significantly, the inclusion of goals, actions and initiatives that addressed the transportation and transmission of energy across provincial, territorial and international borders. In addition, he worked to ensure the strategy acknowledged the important role that the development of the province’s renewable and non-renewable resources plays in the economy and in the national energy security.

APPRENTICESHIP MOBILITY AGREEMENTS SUPPORT POPULATION GROWTH

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0716n04.aspx>

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0716n10.aspx>

The Davis Government signed an Atlantic Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Apprenticeship Mobility during the Council of Atlantic Premiers’ meeting in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Apprentice Mobility Agreement provides seamless mobility for apprentices, making it easier for them to gain access to on-the-job training and work experience needed to complete their certification and helps to meet labour demands. The agreement is the first of its kind in Canada and has generated national discussions on apprentice mobility.

On July 16, 2015, Premier Paul Davis and British Columbia Premier Christy Clark signed an agreement in principle to enhance workforce cooperation and mobility of skilled workers between both provinces. Through the MOU, apprentices from both provinces will be able to record workplace skills and hours of employment completed to ensure they receive credit toward Journeyman certification; information will be shared in both provinces of employment opportunities; recruitment will be facilitated for in-demand occupations; both provinces will share labour market information such as workforce demand projections, initiatives to support sector-based workforce planning and best practices in labour market

	<p>data analysis; and both provinces are committed to supporting efforts to making it easier for skilled workers to find work across their respective jurisdictions. Improvements to labour mobility between the two provinces will be in place until a similar labour mobility agreement signed by Premiers at the Council of the Federation meetings on July 16, 2015 is implemented.</p>
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STUDENT LOANS BECOME NON-REPAYABLE GRANTS

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/aes/0731n05.aspx>

Newfoundland and Labrador is again leading the country with progressive student aid. As of August 1, 2015, work will be completed to replace provincial student loans with up-front needs-based grants. To further advance the Davis Government's commitment to affordable, accessible post-secondary education, Budget 2015 provides \$66,000 to launch a Part-time Incentive Grant Program to assist residents pursuing part-time studies in the province. The Part-time Incentive Grant Program builds on a series of initiatives the province has introduced over the past decade to reduce student debt. These include the tuition freeze at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic; the elimination of interest on the provincial portion of the student loan; and the replacement of provincial student loans with non-repayable grants. Since 2005, the province has invested approximately \$337 million to support the tuition freeze for students at Memorial University and College of the North Atlantic. Nearly \$15 million has been invested to complete the two-year process of eliminating provincial student loans and replacing them with up-front non-repayable grants.

OPEN GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/0928n03.aspx>

The Davis Government released a draft Open Government Action Plan on September 28, 2015. The draft plan features a variety of actions based on key issues and priorities identified by the public during the province-wide engagement process, which generated over 2,500 unique ideas from more than 700 participants. Along with implementing recommendations brought forward through the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act review, the action plan will demonstrate ongoing leadership, create awareness and provide impetus for cultural change and actions required by all departments and agencies.

NEW VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/1006n01.aspx>

On October 6, 2015, Premier Davis released 'Working Together for Violence Free Communities: An Action Plan for the Prevention of Violence in Newfoundland and Labrador 2015-2019'. The action plan is part of the Davis Government's continued commitment to building safe, violence-free communities in Newfoundland and Labrador. "This comprehensive action plan reflects our government's commitment to the prevention of violence against all at-risk populations. It is critical for us to continue working together to

	<p>address the root causes of violence so that all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians can live, work and learn in violence-free communities,” said Premier Davis. The action plan commits \$9.5 million over the next four years to implement 67 strategic actions that will raise awareness about violence and its devastating impacts, expand engagement to involve more people in the prevention of violence and strengthen policies, programs and services related to violence prevention.</p>
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PAID FAMILY CAREGIVING HOME SUPPORT	
	http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/health/1016n07.aspx

	<p>The Davis Government is broadening the eligibility requirements for the Paid Family Caregiving Home Support Option to include clients who currently receive subsidized home support services. The Paid Family Caregiving Home Support Option allows individuals to hire a family member to provide their care when eligibility requirements are met. “In keeping with the Provincial Government’s Close to Home strategy for long-term care and community support services, the Paid Family Caregiving Home Support Option empowers individuals to remain in the comfort of their own homes and communities, while receiving supports and services necessary for their health and wellbeing,” said Minister Steve Kent. Launched in 2012, the Provincial Government’s Close to Home: A Strategy for Long-Term Care and Community Support Services was created to strengthen long-term care and community support services throughout the province. In line with this strategy, Budget 2015 includes an investment of approximately \$700 million for long-term care and community support services, including home support and personal care homes.</p>
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NL HAS THE LOWEST LEVEL OF POVERTY IN CANADA	
	http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/1016n01.aspx

	<p>The latest data from Statistics Canada’s Low Income Cut Offs – After Tax (LICO-AT) shows our province now has the lowest level of poverty in Canada. “In fact, there are almost 38,000 fewer people living in poverty in this province than there were in 2003 – and the percentage of our population receiving income support, at 6.4 per cent, is the lowest ever recorded in this province. This is an incredible achievement, by any measure, and one in which we are justifiably proud,” said Premier Davis. The province’s Poverty Reduction Strategy, released in 2006, has seen more than \$1.2 billion invested in programs and initiatives designed to prevent, reduce and alleviate poverty in Newfoundland and Labrador. Some initiatives that have had a positive impact on poverty include actions with respect to the Child Care Services Subsidy; income support; increased support to community partners; K-12 textbooks; the Low Income Seniors Benefit; Low Income Tax Reduction; the minimum wage; the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program; the Supportive Living Program; and Transition to Employment.</p>
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PREMIER ANNOUNCES DOWN-PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/1022n08.aspx>

Premier Davis has announced a \$2.5 million investment for a new Down-payment Assistance Program for first-time homebuyers. The two-year pilot program, administered by Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, provides first-time homebuyers with low-to-moderate incomes the opportunity to qualify for down-payment loan assistance to purchase a home.

STUDENTS “START RIGHT NOW” TO INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/1026n02.aspx>

The Davis Government is partnering with Canadian Tire Corporation, ParticipACTION, School Sports Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District to promote and increase physical activity opportunities for school-aged children. Premier Davis was at Paradise Elementary on October 26, 2015 to encourage students to “start right now” to increase their daily level of activity through newly expanded programs such as Active Schools and Participation Nation.

SOLUTIONS TO END HOMELESSNESS

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/swsd/1029n09.aspx>

The Davis Government is developing a 10-year strategy to end homelessness in Newfoundland and Labrador, with several initiatives already underway. Work on the strategy is being informed by recommendations contained in an independent consultant’s report entitled “A Roadmap for Ending Homelessness in Newfoundland and Labrador”, released earlier this year.

CHILD CARE ENHANCEMENTS

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/edu/1029n14.aspx>

Enhancements to the 10-year child care strategy, Caring For Our Future, will further address and strengthen the quality, sufficiency and affordability of the child care system in this province. The improvements include changes to the operating grant program, equipment grant funding and the Early Learning and Child Care Supplement for Early Childhood Educators in regulated family child care homes.

REPORT ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES

<http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/exec/1102n07.aspx>

On November 2, 2015, the Davis Government released the fourth annual progress update as committed to in the 2011 Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Action Plans. The Action

	<p>Plans establish the government’s strategic approach for adapting to the impacts of climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and generating a major shift in the uptake of energy efficiency. In addition, as part of its commitment to advance action to tackle climate change and engage the public on this important issue, the Davis Government has released a report that examines electric vehicle technology, infrastructure requirements and market developments.</p>
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OFFSHORE OIL ROYALTY FRAMEWORK	
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	<p>http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2015/nr/1102n06.aspx</p>
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	<p>The Davis Government has announced the framework for its enhanced generic offshore oil royalty regime. The government will continue to secure local benefits for all projects. Benefits agreements, which will be negotiated for individual projects, will be in the best interest of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Costs associated with local benefits, like other project costs, will be fully royalty deductible in the enhanced regime where eligible. The new regime will apply to all new production licences, including production licences issued based on existing exploration and significant discovery licences and on future exploration and significant discovery licences obtained through the scheduled land tenure system, including the land sale on November 12, 2015. There will be no retroactive application of the new regime to existing projects where regulated or negotiated royalty terms are in place.</p>
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PHASE 2 OF OUR PLAN FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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Supplemented with information online at Davis15.ca

PAUL DAVIS ON LEADERSHIP

You don't always get to pick the moments when you can be a leader. Sometimes the moments pick you. For me, leadership has always been looking past the storm to the bright horizon, and having a plan to get there. Leadership is listening before you act. It's knowing when to extend a hand, and when to fight. Never quit. Never give up. I've never been outworked, and I'm not about to be. The fact is, leading our province and our people is a privilege, and I work to earn that every day.

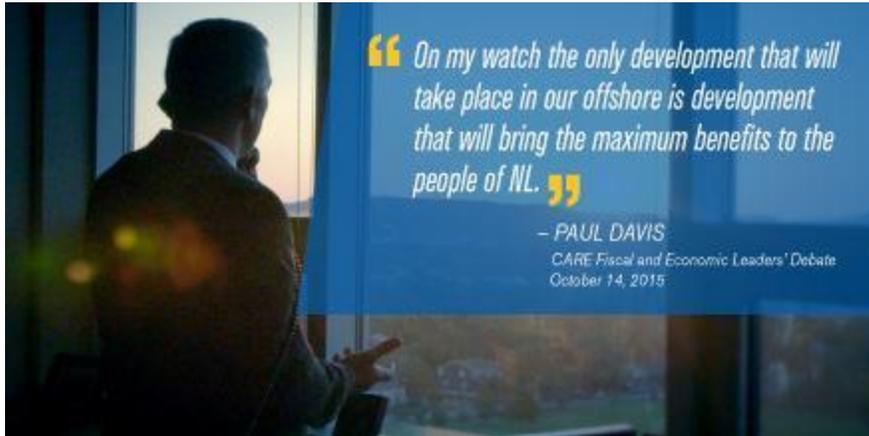
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A Paul Davis PC Government puts Newfoundland and Labrador first.



We will guarantee that the only development that will take place in our offshore is development that will bring the maximum benefits to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. With every new deal, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians will be the winners, or there will be no deals.

We recognize that a strong economy depends on affordable and reliable energy supplies. The future growth of Newfoundland and Labrador's economy is inextricably connected to the renewable and non-renewable energy business.

We will establish a Newfoundland and Labrador trade presence in Boston. We will conduct an international search to staff the office with expertise with responsibility to:

- Advance the next phase of development of the province as an energy warehouse for North America,
- Expand markets for seafood products, especially soon to re-emerge groundfish opportunities, and
- Promote provincial IT capability and expand international markets for Newfoundland and Labrador high tech industries and their products.

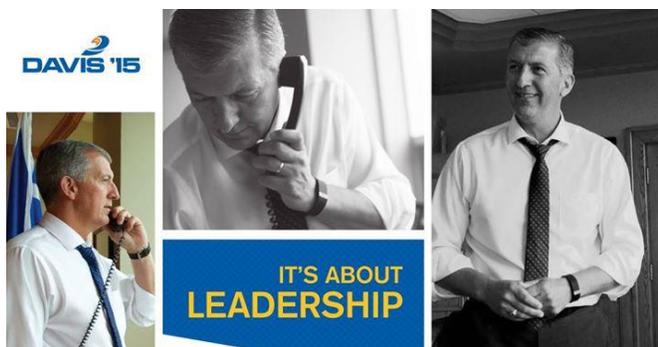
We will continue to drive exploration and development through the people's energy corporation, Nalcor Energy.

We will market our skills and fabrication facilities around the world. Energy is a policy. We are ready to lead.

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A Paul Davis PC government will be a strong and unwavering voice for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians on the national stage.

We recognize that a new government in Ottawa signals a new era in Canada. We are committed to forging a good working relationship with Prime Minister Trudeau. We also expect that issues of importance to the province will receive appropriate attention from our elected MPs. However, should the federal government undertake policies or actions that are against the best interests of our province, as has happened too often in the past, a PC provincial government will take up the fight on behalf of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.



We have already reached out to Prime Minister Trudeau to outline issues requiring immediate action from Ottawa. They include:

- a stronger search and rescue presence in Newfoundland and Labrador,
- reform of regulations regarding fishing vessel size to put safety first,
- reform of food fishery regulations to emphasize fairness and safety,
- a greater role in the management of our fisheries, including in determining quotas,
- immediate suspension of the last in, first out policy related to the shrimp fishery,
- immediate transfer to the province of \$280 million, the federal government's share of the \$400 million CETA Innovation Fund to build our province's fishery of the future,
- immediate reinstatement of the Marine Rescue Substation,
- immediate action to fully remediate the *Manolis L* site, and
- immediate suspension of the \$25 million import tariffs on our two new provincial ferries.

We will fight for improved marine safety in waters off Newfoundland and Labrador. There is no reason why we can't aspire to be a global leader in marine safety.

We will fight for energy transmission access, transportation, health transfers and other important social support programs.

We will ensure that the Aboriginal people of Newfoundland and Labrador are consulted and duly represented.

We will continue to be a strong voice for Newfoundland and Labrador on the Council of the Federation, at First Ministers' Meetings, and in talks with other governments and industry leaders.

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A Paul Davis PC Government recognizes that easy access to all government services is desired by Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

We will reform motor vehicle registration services. We will use technology and alternative methods of service delivery to make vehicle registration easier, more readily available, effective and customer-friendly.

We will further enhance one-stop shopping through Service NL, making access to all government services easier for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

We will make the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador an employer of choice for our brightest and best graduates, recognizing that the largest enterprise in our province is the running of our multi-billion-dollar government.

We will continue to lead in open government initiatives while protecting personal privacy.

We will work towards becoming Canada's most open and accessible government, continuing the work that resulted in the most progressive access to information laws in Canada under the leadership of Premier Davis.

We will complete the three-part reform to the House of Assembly that we commenced this year with the redistribution of seats to 40. The next phase will involve expanding the role of MHAs and committees, as well as reforming the MHA pension plan.



PAUL DAVIS ON HEALTH

Can our province improve on its ranking on national measures relating to personal health? I know we can. And I believe we must. We have some of the best professionals in Canada working right here in our health care system. We should aspire to become the healthiest people in Canada, both in terms of our physical and our mental health. In my vision, we should consider health and wellness in the planning and delivery of all government planning and activities.

HEALTH

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A Paul Davis PC Government recognizes that delivery of health care services should be undertaken through a process of continuous improvement.

We will establish a Newfoundland and Labrador Heart Institute, a cardiac care centre of excellence. The mandate will be to improve the overall cardiovascular health status of residents in Newfoundland and Labrador. It will partner with key stakeholders to streamline the referral, evaluation and treatment processes, reduce wait-times, decrease the need for cardiac surgery and help train medical professionals and technologists, strengthening our capacity and reputation for excellence in cardiac medicine.

We will address the urgent need for new long-term care and continue the plan to immediately develop 360 new beds in St. John's, Corner Brook, Gander and Grand Falls-Windsor.

We will continue the program of reforms to primary health care.

We will develop and introduce a multi-year strategy to systematically address diabetes. The plan will be developed by experts in diabetes care from the community and from within government. The plan will lay out priorities related to diabetes, identify and tackle the most pressing problems. And we will commit resources toward those priorities that demonstrate the best value for the investment.

We will continue to provide affordable prescription drugs for thousands of our people and expand offerings where required and possible.

We will take a lead role nationally in advocating for national prescription drug improvements.

We will explore innovative ways to expand dialysis services throughout the province, including home dialysis.

We will improve ambulance services and enhance the role of EMS professionals.

We will enhance physician recruitment and work to ensure that all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have ready access to a family physician.

We will become a world leader in rural health care, capitalizing on our experience and strengths.

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A Paul Davis PC Government understands that the key to a healthy life is a healthy lifestyle.

We will establish a program to directly support 50+ Clubs and the vital services they provide to seniors throughout the province.

We will continue to have a Minister Responsible for Seniors in the provincial cabinet.

We will work with organizations and provincial schools to expand programs that ensure all school-age children have daily access to healthy foods.

We will make food security a provincial priority.

We will collaborate with the NL Federation of Agriculture and farmers to increase the amount of local food available.

We will encourage new entrants to the farming industry.

We will work with farmers to facilitate succession planning to sustain family farming operations.

We will protect and expand farmland and relax Crown lands policies for farm use.

We will remove the restriction on farmers relative to selling timber cleared from their land.

We will partner to grow the "Agriculture in the Classroom" program and the Young Farmers' Forum.

We will capitalize on opportunities to expand primary production of berries, beef, lamb and pork, and harness that growth to drive value-added processing.

We will promote and invest in local farmers' markets.

We will continue to support affordable, healthy food for northern and remote communities.

We will promote balanced food choices, and work with mental health professionals to ensure our healthy eating strategy is sensitive to those who suffer from eating disorders and body image issues.

We will demand and support a national Canada Disabilities Act that establishes national standards.

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A Paul Davis PC Government will make Newfoundland and Labrador a national leader in mental wellness.

We will introduce a multi-year plan for mental wellness that will ensure the province’s approach to mental health, mental illness and addictions is adapting and improving to better meet the needs of the population. The new plan will follow on investments over the past five years of \$60 million in the mental health and addictions system. The new plan will include the immediate enhancement of the integrated network of services to better serve the patients of the Waterford Hospital.

We will expand access to addictions treatment services.

We will expand access to school counsellors and mental health professionals in the K-12 system.

We will collaborate with students and teachers on campaigns to promote understanding of mental health issues and mutual support.

We will develop mental health curriculum for students and training to equip teachers with the skills for early intervention.

We will continue to tailor our Violence Prevention Plan (phase 2) and our Safe and Caring Schools program to reduce bullying and promote sensitivity and tolerance.

We will develop mental health and addictions support and programming for the incarcerated.

We will develop mental health services for residents of long-term care homes.

We will develop mental health services for residents of foster homes.

We will enact legislation containing a presumptive clause with respect to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for people employed in various frontline emergency services professions.

PAUL DAVIS ON OPPORTUNITY

Government needs to be more nimble, to plan strategically and then respond quickly, and execute those plans more responsibly. In my vision, government must move at the “speed of business”. We should be a bridge between great business ideas and economic prospects and jobs. With all that we have going on for us here in Newfoundland and Labrador, there’s no reason why we cannot aspire to become one of Canada’s employment and economic powerhouses.

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7 CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS

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9 TOURISM

A Paul Davis PC government recognizes that small business is the engine of economic growth.



COMPETITIVENESS

“Eight out of ten new jobs are being created by small businesses.

Under my vision, we’re committed to giving Newfoundland and Labrador small businesses the lowest tax rates in all of Canada.”

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We will reduce Newfoundland and Labrador’s small business taxes to make them the lowest in the country.

We will help first-time entrepreneurs access the funding they need to get off the ground.

We will help local enterprises prepare to capitalize on the opportunities for export trade.

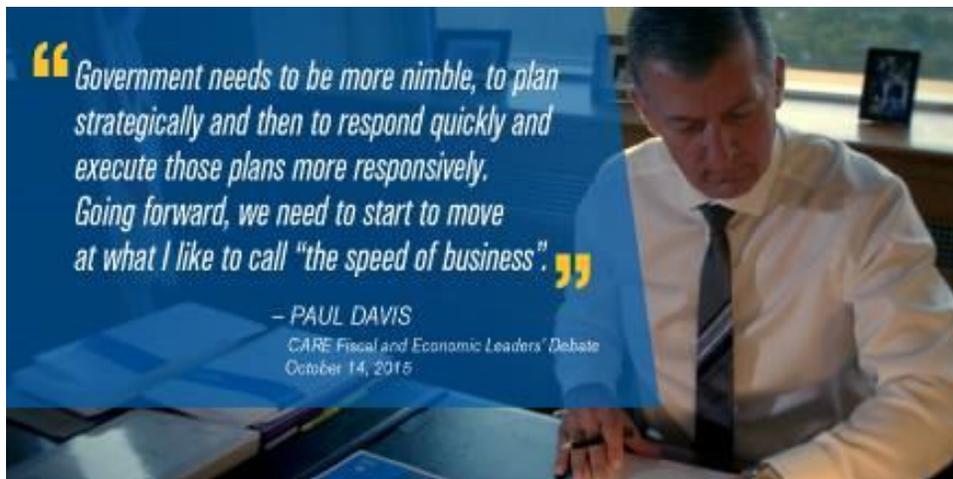
We will continue the progressive process to reform public sector procurement.

We will continue to expand access to venture capital through the two funds we have established.

We will continue to expand opportunities for women entrepreneurs through partnerships with NLOWE and other organizations.

OPPORTUNITY	
7	CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS
8	THE SPEED OF BUSINESS
9	TOURISM

A Paul Davis PC Government will create a crown corporation, led by experienced professionals from the business world, to manage the entire government business portfolio. It will be a business, run by businesspeople for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. And it will run with “the speed of business”.



We will adjust our approaches to become more nimble and responsive – a bridge between great business ideas and economic prospects and jobs.

We will continue the essential task of reducing government red tape.

We will establish a blue-ribbon panel of technology leaders to advise us on policies and opportunities that will make Newfoundland and Labrador a national leader in innovation.

We will work with industry to encourage the expansion of cellphone coverage.

We will work with Memorial University to enhance the status of the Marine Institute as a world leader in Arctic, cold ocean and fisheries studies.

We will work with the fishing industry to develop markets for cod and other emerging products.

We will continue to drive aquaculture growth.

We will drive growth and innovation in mining, forestry, agrifoods and other industries, both traditional and nontraditional, in rural Newfoundland and Labrador.

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OPPORTUNITY	
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A Paul Davis PC Government recognizes the importance of tourism to economic development and economic diversification.

We will collaborate with Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador to deliver a new tourism strategy that sets the boldest growth targets this province has ever aspired to achieve.

We will maintain the largest tourism marketing budget in all of Atlantic Canada.

We will continue to invest in arts and culture events and artists.

Our Key Policies on **TOURISM**



- Bold growth targets developed in collaboration with Hospitality NL
- The largest tourism marketing budget in all of Atlantic Canada
- High standards for product quality and developing new products
- A “Pristine NL” campaign to discourage littering, encourage regional beautification initiatives, and penalize polluters



PAUL DAVIS ON PEOPLE

Our people are our greatest asset. We're doers and thinkers. We're practical and prudent. We're creative and innovative. And we are resilient. To be truly successful, though, we need the proper conditions. We need to support our great schools and our great teachers. We need well-fed, healthy students who are physically and mentally ready to learn. We need affordable and abundant child care. We need superior postsecondary opportunities that will enable us to successfully compete in the global economy. In my vision, there's no reason why we can't aspire to have the best education and educational support system in Canada.

PEOPLE

10 FAMILIES

11 EDUCATION

12 HOUSING

A Paul Davis PC Government will make child care more affordable and accessible to parents. We will build on our programs that provide among the highest child care subsidies in the country and review the income threshold for the program.

We will implement full-day Kindergarten in 2016.

We will continue to address the shortage of early childhood educators.

We will streamline the adoptions process and promote the adoption of older children.

We will provide greater support and facilitate adoptions for foster parents.

CARING FOR VETERANS

If re-elected to government, we will bring forward legislation to **establish an Office of the Veterans' Advocate** as an independent Office of the House of Assembly.

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We will implement the many sweeping commitments of our new Population Growth Strategy.

We will demand higher quotas from the federal government for immigration.

We will further our investments in policing resources to combat child exploitation and abuse.

We will establish a veterans' advocate.

We will enact legislation containing a presumptive cancer and cardiac clause for firefighters.

We will phase out, over time, the requirement for seniors to utilize their liquid assets when admitted into the government long-term care system.

PEOPLE	
10	FAMILIES
11	EDUCATION
12	HOUSING

A Paul Davis PC Government will continue its efforts to make Newfoundland and Labrador a national leader in education in terms of curriculum, access, outcomes and support.

We will continue to focus on improved performance in math, science, computing, technology and language arts.

We will identify best practices nationally and globally, and enable teachers to bring those advances to our own classrooms.

We will deliver more guidance and counselling resources to students.

We will collaborate with teachers, professional associations, business groups, labour unions, postsecondary educators and others on the development of modern, accurate career planning curriculum and resources.

We will improve students' financial literacy.

We will continue with the initiative to replace the "IQ 70" standard by which autism and intellectual disabilities are measured, and give our educators and support personnel access to a new online Autism Spectrum Disorder training program.

We will follow our multi-year schools infrastructure plan (a key component of Budget 2015).

We will continue to invest in state-of-the-art schools, classrooms, laboratories and technological resources; in distance education in rural and remote communities; and in new curriculum, new technologies and skilled trades programming.

We will continue to support the most competitive postsecondary tuition fees and student aid programs in the country.

We will work with our public and private college system in collaboration with the private sector to deliver programs responsive to the needs of industry.

We will improve labour mobility for apprentices as part of our roadmap for apprenticeship renewal.

We will work to keep international students in Newfoundland and Labrador and make it easier for them to achieve permanent resident status.

PEOPLE	
10	FAMILIES
11	EDUCATION
12	HOUSING

A Paul Davis PC Government will continue the significant progress made towards addressing the need for affordable housing throughout the province.

We will move forward on our pilot project to provide down-payment assistance for low income purchasers of new homes.

We will continue to advance our nation-leading Poverty Reduction Strategy which has enabled the province to improve from having the highest rate of poverty in the country to now having the lowest.

We will expand our programs that enable family members to provide care for seniors in their own homes.

We will advance new programming in the area of social housing.

We will help seniors make the transition from their own homes to smaller accommodations.

We will implement a Housing First policy to address homelessness.



PAUL DAVIS ON ECONOMY

Our province is blessed with natural resources. But resource prices are determined by factors far from our shores and beyond our control. That's why our sustainable prosperity relies on prudent, long-term planning like we presented in Budget 2015. My vision was to introduce for the very first time in Newfoundland and Labrador a five-year sustainable fiscal approach. It includes benchmarks and other measures of accountability. It sets firm targets and goals. Renewable every year, the five-year plan enables us to factor in changing world conditions. It's our visionary roadmap through the immediate fiscal challenges and back to surplus.

ECONOMY

13 MULTI-YEAR BUDGETS

14 MUNICIPALITIES

15 ENERGY

A Paul Davis PC Government will continue to prudently manage our economy and use rolling, five-year budget plans with benchmarks and measurable targets that are renewable every year.

OUR 5 YEAR ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN



- New road repair technology and practices like nighttime maintenance
- Province-wide action hotline for road maintenance issues
- A task force to study a Northeast Avalon public transit network

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We will create a five-year roads infrastructure plan, similar to our long-term schools infrastructure plan, and commit to issuing road tender calls no later than March 31 of each year.

We will pilot the use of new road repair technology and practices that ensure safety while enabling fast attention to emerging road maintenance issues.

We will develop progressive partnerships that link the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

ECONOMY	
13	MULTI-YEAR BUDGETS
14	MUNICIPALITIES
15	ENERGY

A Paul Davis PC Government will build on the groundbreaking Municipal Fiscal Framework introduced in 2015 to ensure that communities throughout the province can thrive as the province’s economy grows in the years ahead.

We will develop a broader accountability framework to ensure that new funding for municipalities supports investments in priority service areas.

We will develop a provincial municipal asset management framework.

We will advance regional governance and service sharing.

We will continue to improve the delivery of safe, potable drinking water to all communities.

We will follow through on the community sustainability partnership that we have negotiated with municipalities to enhance supports to communities and strengthen the social and economic fabric of our regions.



We will use the Lands Act to create reserves that will assist municipalities in acquiring Crown lands at market value in a phased approach for development.

We will work with Municipalities NL to develop a new progressive tax regime for our communities.

ECONOMY	
13	MULTI-YEAR BUDGETS
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15	ENERGY

A Paul Davis PC Government recognizes that a strong economy depends on affordable and reliable energy supplies.

We recognize that the future growth of Newfoundland and Labrador’s economy is firmly linked to the renewable and non-renewable energy business.

We will continue to use revenues from non-renewable resources for strategic investments to support the growth of the Newfoundland and Labrador knowledge economy.

We will ensure that all energy projects in our jurisdiction are developed in the best interests of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

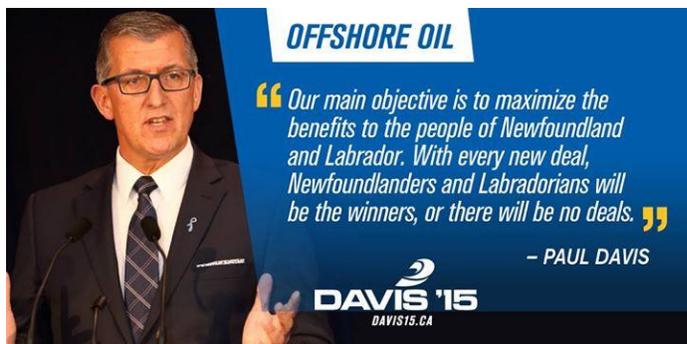
We will ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador’s electricity rates are among the lowest in the country.

We will use income from the export sale of Muskrat Falls hydro power to subsidize electricity rates for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

We will continue the effort that was initiated by Premier Davis when he led Canada’s other Premiers in developing the National Energy Strategy in the summer of 2015. The strategy guarantees fair access for all energy transmission across provincial boundaries.

We will update the province’s comprehensive energy plan, which includes:

- Future development of Gull Island power, wind power and other energy sources,
- Preparation for the Upper Churchill return in 2041,
- Preparation to meet the energy needs of coastal Labrador, and
- Continuation of net metering and other energy innovations.



We will continue the implementation of the generic royalty regime. The regime removes fiscal uncertainty for industry from all future oil and gas developments.

We will set aside for future generations of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians a portion of our offshore oil and gas revenue – **The Generations Fund**.

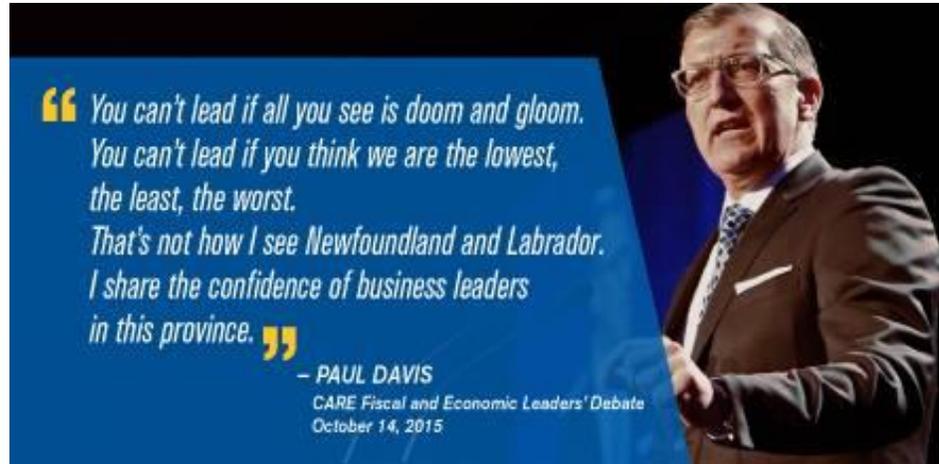
We will co-operate with the federal government in establishing responsible greenhouse gas reduction targets and facilitate their implementation through progressive policies.

COSTING OUR PLAN

A Paul Davis PC Government will manage the provincial treasury responsibly and sustainably.

We will continue to live within our province's means, implementing our policies as the fiscal circumstances allow.

Through internal reviews, external audits and examinations of best practices, we will achieve greater value for the public money we allocate.



We will demand accountability while respecting and supporting the excellent work of our public employees.

We will continue to work collaboratively with public employees to improve the operations of our government.

Costing

[The first new initiatives will be introduced starting in the 2016-17 budgetary planning cycle. The rollout of all initiatives is anticipated to be undertaken during the term of office of the new government. Fiscal capacity will be a major determinant in spending and project priorities. All spending estimates are annual, except where otherwise indicated.] [EBE = Existing Budgetary Envelope; RGO = Revenue Generating Offset; CN = Cost Neutral]

LEADERSHIP

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| • Trade presence in Boston | \$750K |
| • Motor Vehicle Registration reform | RGO |
| • Service NL one-stop shopping enhancements | EBE |
| • GNL “employer of choice” | EBE |
| • Open government | EBE |
| • House of Assembly reform | EBE |

HEALTH

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| • Newfoundland and Labrador Heart Institute | \$2M |
| • Long-term care | CN |
| • Reforms to primary health care | EBE |
| • Diabetes strategy | \$2M |

- Rx EBE
- Expand dialysis services \$1M
- Improve ambulance services/EMS roles EBE
- Physician recruitment EBE
- Rural health care leadership EBE
- 50+ Clubs \$500K
- Minister Responsible for Seniors EBE
- Expand school food programs \$2M
- Food security EBE
- Farming initiatives EBE
- Northern and remote communities food subsidy EBE
- Multi-year plan for mental wellness (new spending) \$12.5M (\$50M over 4 years)
- Violence Prev. Plan (phase 2), Safe & Caring Schools EBE

OPPORTUNITY

- Reduce small businesses taxes \$12M
- First-time entrepreneurs funding EBE
- Export trade supports EBE
- Public sector procurement reform EBE
- Venture capital EBE
- Women entrepreneurs EBE
- “Speed of Business” crown corporation EBE, RGO
- Reduce government red tape EBE
- Blue-ribbon innovation panel EBE
- Fishing industry groundfish marketing EBE (CETA)
- Aquaculture EBE
- Growth and innovation in mining, forestry, agrifoods EBE
- 2025 tourism strategy EBE
- Tourism marketing EBE
- Arts and culture, artists EBE

PEOPLE

- Affordable child care \$5M
- Full-day Kindergarten EBE
- Early childhood educators EBE
- Adoptions & fostering improvements EBE
- Population Growth Strategy EBE
- Immigration EBE
- Child exploitation EBE
- Veterans’ advocate \$600K
- Senior liquid assets & LTC \$10M
- Education curriculum, access, outcomes EBE

- Career planning EBE
- Students' financial literacy EBE
- Multi-year schools infrastructure plan EBE
- Postsecondary tuition fees and grants EBE
- Labour mobility for apprentices EBE
- New home down-payment assistance program EBE
- Poverty Reduction Strategy EBE
- Seniors family home care EBE
- Social housing EBE
- Seniors transition to smaller accommodations EBE
- Housing First policy EBE

ECONOMY

- Five-year budget planning EBE
- Five-year roads infrastructure plan EBE
- Road repair technology and practices (pilot) \$1M
- Municipal Fiscal Framework EBE
- Advisory committee regional government EBE
- Lands Act reforms to assist municipalities EBE
- Non-renew resource rev innovation investment EBE
- Export revenue MF subsidize NL electricity rates RGO
- National Energy Strategy free energy transmission EBE
- Update NL Energy Plan EBE
- Generic royalty regime EBE
- The Generations Fund CN



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