

Decision / Direction Note
Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Title: Adoption of St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment 10, 2023, redesignating land regionally from Rural to Urban Development, proposed by the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's to enable local redesignation/ rezoning from Agricultural to Residential.

Decision / Direction Required:

- Whether to adopt a proposed amendment to the St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan (SJURRP) required to accommodate proposed amendments to the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's (the town) Municipal Plan and Development Regulations.
- It is recommended that the Minister sign the attached document (Annex A), Resolution to Adopt SJURRP Amendment No. 10, 2023, in accordance with section 16 of the **Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000** (the Act). Please find a map illustrating the proposed amendment to the SJURRP map in Annex B. The map does not require signature and is for information only.

Background and Current Status:

- The SJURRP is a statement of provincial policy for which the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs (MAPA) is the authority. The SJURRP applies to all lands within the St. John's Urban Region Regional Planning Area including the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.
- The Town has requested an amendment to the SJURRP to accommodate redesignation and rezoning from agricultural to residential to accommodate a proposed fully serviced residential subdivision.
- The subject land was previously designated as an Agricultural Development Area (ADA) under the **Lands Act, 1991**; however, that designation was repealed in 2008, and the lands were removed from the provincial ADA and reverted to the Rural regional designation.

Analysis:

- Municipal plans prepared by municipalities under their authority from the Act and within the St. John's Urban Region must conform to the SJURRP.
- The proposed amendment to the SJURRP would redesignate lands on the SJURRP map from Rural to Urban Development and would accommodate the Town's proposed mapping amendments to its municipal plan and development regulations.
- The Minister previously agreed to the Town's request to initiate the amendment process.

- The Town's amendments and this SJURRP amendment would be processed concurrently.

Alternatives:

1. Adopt St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment No. 10, 2023 in accordance with section 16 of the Act by signing the attached documents **(Recommended)**.

Advantages:

- MAPA can proceed with the amendment process related to the proposed regional plan amendment (SJURRP Amendment 10, 2023) and a public hearing can be arranged as per sections 18-23 of the Act.

Disadvantages:

- None identified.

2. Refuse to adopt St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan Amendment No. 10, 2023 **(Not recommended)**.

Advantages:

- No further action would be required of MAPA.

Disadvantages:

- Without SJURRP Amendment 10, 2023, the Town cannot proceed with proposed amendments to its municipal plan and development regulations.
- The Town Council may be dissatisfied that MAPA did not support its initiative.

Prepared/Approved by: C. Hardy / K. Blanchard/ L. Evoy/ G. Clarke / J. Hearn

Ministerial Approval:



September 5, 2024

ANNEX A
(Resolution to Adopt)

URBAN AND RURAL PLANNING ACT, 2000
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
ST. JOHN'S URBAN REGION REGIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT No. 10, 2023

Under the authority of Section 16 of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*, the Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs hereby adopts St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan, 1976 Amendment No. 10, 2023.

Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

Signed and sealed at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

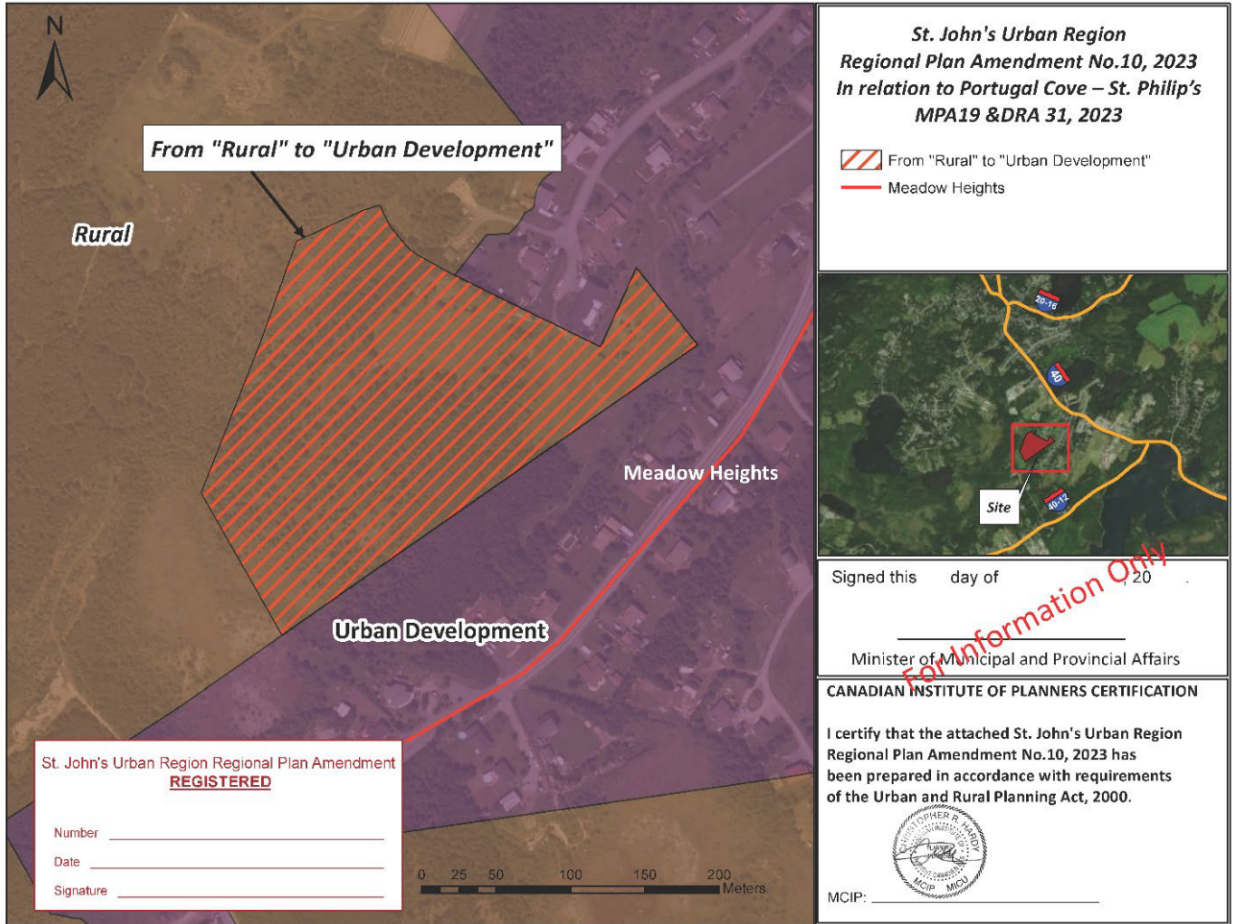
this ___ day of _____, 2024.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS CERTIFICATION

I certify that the attached St. John's Urban Region Regional Plan, 1976 Amendment No. 10, 2023 was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*.



ANNEX B



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Information Note
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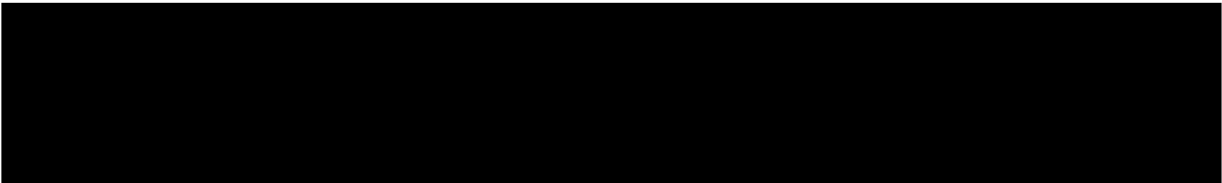

Title: 2024-25 Community Enhancement Employment Program (CEEP) Allocations

Issue: To inform the Minister of CEEP allocations for 2024-25.

Background and Current Status:

- CEEP is a provincially funded program that assists eligible workers in becoming eligible for Employment Insurance benefits while providing a benefit to their community.
- The Department issued its annual news release announcing the acceptance of CEEP applications on June 24, 2024. Projects are expected to commence in late September and October and must be completed by February 21, 2025.
- Once submitted applications are reviewed and ranked, the MHA for each electoral district is sent a listing of the approved applications for their district along with the total district funding allocation for the fiscal. The MHA is invited to review the projects and project rankings for their district and make recommendations to MAPA for funding.
- In 2023-24, CEEP provided funding for 152 projects, supporting approximately 713 workers.
- The 2024-25 CEEP has a budget of \$4,964,700 less a carry forward from 2023-24 of \$21,460 due to late submissions of final reports and missing support documentation from sponsors.

Analysis:

-  s.29(1)(a)
s.35(1)(g)
- This year's allocations are similar to previous years in that they are based on a two-year average of expenditures (sufficient to hire a minimum of two workers for the currently required 470 hours for EI eligibility), with an adjustment to ensure no district receives less funding than their previous year's actual expenditures.
- The allocation approach has resulted in some districts not receiving enough funding to properly administer a project. The formula has been adjusted for 2024-25 allocation calculations to ensure all districts received enough funding to cover a minimum of two workers for the maximum hours required to be EI eligible, currently 470.  s.29(1)(a)

Action Being Taken:

- The 2024-25 CEEP district allocations may be found in Annex A.
- The project approval notification process will remain unchanged for 2024-25 with MHAs receiving a single letter containing a listing of project approvals two-three days prior to the Department notifying the sponsors.
- Once sponsor applications have been reviewed and ranked, letters will be sent to each MHA outlining their district's budget and project listings with a request for their project funding recommendations.

Prepared/Approved by: R. Hibbs/ G. Clarke /J. Hearn

Ministerial Approval:



September 3, 2024

Annex A

District	2022-23 Expenditures	2023-24 Expenditures	2024-25 Allocations	2023-24 Allocations
Baie Verte – Green Bay	\$ 374,607	\$ 375,003	\$ 484,327	\$ 441,742
Bonavista	\$ 220,694	\$ 198,541	\$ 270,870	\$ 283,575
Burgeo – La Poile	\$ 140,080	\$ 93,254	\$ 150,758	\$ 203,651
Burin – Grand Bank	\$ 256,111	\$ 218,074	\$ 306,374	\$ 303,950
Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde	\$ 183,317	\$ 149,815	\$ 215,238	\$ 228,647
Cartwright – L'Anse au Clair	\$ 105,658	\$ 88,433	\$ 125,403	\$ 121,534
Conception Bay East - Bell Island	\$ 13,527	\$ 8,581	\$ 24,015	\$ 13,527
Exploits	\$ 76,905	\$ 42,644	\$ 77,241	\$ 96,067
Ferryland	\$ 95,926	\$ 109,987	\$ 133,042	\$ 139,203
Fogo Island - Cape Freels	\$ 179,175	\$ 208,535	\$ 250,502	\$ 240,417
Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune	\$ 174,428	\$ 121,119	\$ 190,955	\$ 190,218
Gander	\$ 8,047	\$ 1,731	\$ 24,015	\$ 8,047
Grand Falls-Windsor - Buchans	\$ 104,244	\$ 94,079	\$ 128,138	\$ 123,241
Harbour Grace - Port de Grave	\$ 57,105	\$ 45,917	\$ 66,563	\$ 66,013
Harbour Main	\$ 52,518	\$ 66,805	\$ 77,095	\$ 80,186
Humber – Bay of Islands	\$ 152,913	\$ 155,703	\$ 199,399	\$ 187,284
Humber - Gros Morne	\$ 312,455	\$ 260,308	\$ 370,065	\$ 372,437
Labrador West	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lake Melville	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lewisporte - Twillingate	\$ 293,495	\$ 323,819	\$ 398,850	\$ 424,134
Placentia - St. Mary's	\$ 244,482	\$ 198,730	\$ 286,362	\$ 262,181
Placentia West - Bellevue	\$ 179,053	\$ 185,824	\$ 235,749	\$ 233,226
St. Barbe – L'Anse aux Meadows	\$ 347,204	\$ 344,903	\$ 447,174	\$ 466,982
St. George's – Humber	\$ 64,662	\$ 38,982	\$ 66,965	\$ 70,463
Stephenville – Port au Port	\$ 87,805	\$ 93,344	\$ 117,041	\$ 94,986
Terra Nova	\$ 112,816	\$ 100,099	\$ 137,566	\$ 157,142
Torngat Mountains	\$ 49,832	\$ 42,490	\$ 59,650	\$ 56,831
Total	\$ 3,887,059	\$ 3,566,720	\$ 4,843,356	\$ 4,865,684
Net Allocation Budget			\$	

s.35(1)(g)