

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 385

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Nothing other than just another NF celebration of its violent colonial past.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

No as its just another celebration of taking others peoples land.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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| [REDACTED] | Memorial Staff           | [REDACTED] | Alumni           |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Very little. Having an anthem is a nice idea. Having to sing (or act like you're singing, or at least sit through) an anthem that is completely inadequate at representing the province or the University is sad.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely not; see above.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Write a new one. It would be invigorating and inspiring to have a modern anthem.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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It's a beautiful song about this province. [REDACTED] it made me feel like I belong. I can relate to the seasons, the landscape.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely. The ode is about living here, what it means to experience Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is important to me as a Newfoundlander. It is an expression of pride and tradition. It is a peaceful celebration of this land and its people.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

The ode should be played. The name of the university explains the reason.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Do not throw away the past. Do not sacrifice heritage for political whims. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This ode has meaning, has an emotional connection that is valid and powerful today.

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|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A lot, it's a piece of our history. It honor the young men and women that died in wars.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes,

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It's amazing how this is even a survey. It's amazing what we put up with and except these days. It's sickening

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Yes

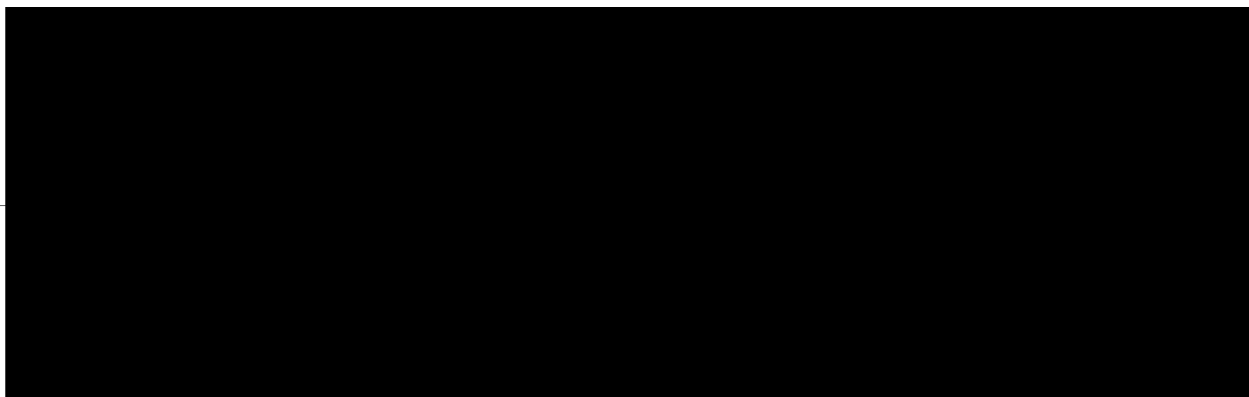
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|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?



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Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

“The Ode to Newfoundland” is unique among “national” anthems. It does not celebrate triumph in battle, vanquishment of oppressors, or vainglorious jingoism. It is rather a love song to the land itself – a land which is sometimes challenging to love. It celebrates the land in all its seasons, realistically embracing with equal fervour this “frozen and wind-swept,” as well as “smiling land.” And it celebrates (in admittedly paternalistic language) those who, across its written history, have embraced living in the shade of its “pine-clad hills”.

Is the language of “The Ode” a product of the time it was written? Of course it is. Is it language we would use today to express the same sentiments? Probably not, though I would hope a present-day anthem writer would aspire to achieving the poetic beauty of its language. Could it be updated? Certainly. In my lifetime as a Canadian, the national anthem has been revised twice in English alone. Words which have acquired different meanings and connotations can be changed. Once widely-held belief systems need no longer be celebrated. Should the lyrics to “The Ode to Newfoundland” be revisited? Certainly. The responsible action the University should have taken instead of banning the singing of “The Ode” at convocation would have been to take the lead in initiating a revision of those elements of its lyrics that are no longer relevant.

Banishing the singing of “The Ode to Newfoundland” as part of a ceremony celebrating one of life’s great moments deprives all of us – Newfoundlanders and Labradorians born and bred, NLBC

(Newfoundlanders-and-Labradorians-by-choice), and those who have chosen to pass a pivotal chapter in their lives here – the opportunity to acknowledge the place that shaped and nourished us, whether for a year or for a lifetime. In the age of rich cultural diversity which we enjoy, the opportunities to join as one are few. The act of communal singing is itself the ultimate act of inclusion. Banishing “The Ode” at convocation denies us the opportunity to stand together and raise our voices as one to celebrate our one commonality: the soil on which we stand.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

How proud we are as Newfoundlanders.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

100% yes. Absolutely ridiculous that it was removed. We are proud people, this is our province, our school, our heritage!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Patriotic song reflecting on a history of proud hard working people

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. Historic song representing Newfoundland presented at a University event. A university formed to memorialize those who fought for Newfoundland as a dominion.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 393

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] I find the Ode to Newfoundland to be the most beautiful anthem I've ever heard. It focuses on loving the place we are in and avoids glorification of violence and competitive patriotism.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, as stated above it is an exceptional anthem and should be embraced. [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED]. If I lived somewhere else I would gladly sing their anthem if it wasn't overtly objectionable in some way.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

There are some small changes that could modernize the anthem to make it more inclusive without changing the spirit of the song. Making it a little bit more accessible so that a few more people love it would be a good thing.

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni |                  |
|           | Memorial Faculty         |        | Community Member |
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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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The Ode to Newfoundland to me means a sense of pride from where I grew up and where I was taught about my heritage and what it means to be a proud Newfoundlander. I have even more of a sense of pride in where I'm from and what it means to be a Newfoundlander. Having a special song like the Ode to Newfoundland is so special since many other places do not have the same pride in where they come from people do not get excited and have that same sense of belonging to their province as Newfoundlanders do to our province. Having a song to bring that together with so much history is so special. To me it means I belong and a song I can always treasure.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes I think this should be included. Memorial holds such a special place in my heart.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

This should be brought back for sure. Bring back some of the special traditions and honours of Newfoundland that make Memorial so special.

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is significant to me given my family's lived experience in Newfoundland.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. It is a part of the culture and tradition and should not be jettisoned.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents our own heritage. It is an important part of who we are and shows a sign of respect.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes!! Traditions are important. People come from all over the world to our university. They chose Newfoundland. We shouldn't have to change our traditions for others. If they want to join or province then be involved and respect our culture.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This is ridiculous that we are even having to do this. Our world is becoming so narrow- minded and needs to begin standing up for our own culture and communities.

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Unlike any other anthem I've heard, the Ode brings visual imagery of our province to life each time it is sung. In a province where intangible cultural heritage is such a large part of who we are, it is a shame to exclude this piece of our heritage from such an important life event as a convocation. This is true for those born and raised here, but also for those who chose to live here, even if just for their time at MUN.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. See above.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am all for some modifications, additions to be more inclusive. We have brilliant songwriters in NL. I'm sure in their capable hands, we can bring the Ode into the modern times, while still keeping the spirit of the song.

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Absolutely nothing, [REDACTED] s. 40 (1)

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

No. The overly glorified pride of this province needs to stop. Please worry more about the physical maintenance of the school. Please hire reputable professors who actually teach the courses we sign up for. Please stop the continual and evident mismanagement of revenue.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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| [Redacted] | Memorial Staff           | [Redacted] | Alumni           |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I am a Newfoundlander but I feel no personal connection to the Ode to Newfoundland.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I do. It is memorial university of Newfoundland. I believe an important part of MUN history is engrained in NL.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 400

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|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
| X | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a beautiful song that brings us together as a community with a deep sense of place and belonging.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, it should be included. I have spoken with many people in the community at large who feel betrayed by the removal of the Ode. For them it feels like a rejection of them, their history, their sacrifices.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I believe that the Ode should be reinstated, AND in its traditional form, without changes to its words. Everything great has cultural specificity. Attempting to avoid that specificity results in empty verbiage. Do not condemn it for being a particular concrete expression of positivity. If everything in our institution that some people find offensive is removed, there will be nothing left.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 401

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] I can say having a provincial anthem that is known and that is sung regularly and that people actually know the words to, is very unique. It speaks to our unique culture, and how NLers are tied to our history (as the oldest province in Canada) in a way that I haven't seen in other provinces. Its nostalgic, as I sung it regularly in public school. It makes our convocation unique. We're not just singing O Canada. People from here feel more strongly that they are NLers than "Canadians". We feel independent and proud of our culture and the ode is a part of that.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. I think this is one of the things that makes our convocation unique. Convocation is also for the parents, grandparents and families who all grew up singing the ode. For students not from here, its experiencing a different culture (which is why they chose to study abroad). I wouldn't like to see "cookie-cutter" convocation that is just like any other university. We should be trying to create a special experience.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would ask that I NEVER again see a decision made in this way by administration ever again. It was shockingly ineptly handled. To be so tone deaf to the reaction people were going to have to the decision, to the pitiful, clearly not well thought out or planned "communication" about the decision (some employees were totally blindsided, finding out via media), the lack of consultation...It was embarrassing.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 402

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| X | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is Newfoundland's National Anthem. It honours our province, its history, and its people. It is a CRITICAL part of our culture and heritage.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, Memorial University of Newfoundland exists as a living memorial to our fallen. Including the Ode to Newfoundland should in Convocation Ceremonies honours THEM. It disgusts and saddens me that the Ode to Newfoundland it was removed, without consultation, and continues to be disrespectfully omitted. I will NEVER attend another convocation as long as this cultural vandalism persists. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Some days I am ashamed to tell people I have any affiliation with an institution that takes public funding from the people of Newfoundland (and Canada) yet has such disdain for them, their traditions, and their cultures.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Yes, having reviewed the minutes of your committee meetings regarding the Ode, I am shocked and disgusted at the extent to which the remaining committee members appear to hate Newfoundland and our University's culture and traditions. The committee member who said the Ode has something to do with the British monarchy is clearly illiterate and has no place on this (or any) committee - learn to read. The way that this committee has tried to hide its deliberations from the public is also disgusting. If you hate Newfoundland and Newfoundlanders as much as you appear to, you should book a plane ticket out of this place and never return. I could say a lot more about how despicable this whole imbroglio is but I fear I'd be wasting my time. I will say in closing, however, that the University Administration has demonstrated its utter incompetence in allowing this committee to continue with its despicable behaviour. Shame on you all!

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 403

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|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a part of our NL heritage and history that I feel proud about

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. It is specific to our province and I grew up with singing it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I was very upset that it was removed from Convocation and other performances. I don't feel that it is harmful to any group within our province.

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Yes

### Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 404

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|           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 405

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents our unique history and place in Canada whilst honouring our ancestors.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, because it represents our province and is an important piece of our heritage - one that encompasses the most populous part of the province, although I think it has included representation of Labrador for quite some time and can continue to do so. Labrador is not excluded from the Ode and how it is used in our province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode should never have been cut, it is part of traditional ceremonies in Newfoundland and Labrador and speaks to the university's origins.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 406

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|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
| X | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an anchor to this special place and its people. Makes you smile remembering the times it was sung at Girl Guides, in school and at special occasions

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes absolutely. For visitors they witness our culture and live of home. This is refreshing in the world we live in today

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[REDACTED]

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

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[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[REDACTED]

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

No

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| X | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means a lot, it brings a feeling of belonging to anyone from Newfoundland and Labrador. It brings a sense of pride anytime I hear it or sing it. I love hearing it and believe it should be sang at many more events in the province.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

100% yes I believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland. I believe it should be included in any major event at this University. This University was named and dedicated to the soldiers of WWII and I think it honors them, as well as other Newfoundlanders and Labradorians any time it is said. It speaks to any Newfoundlander and Labradorian, ones who still live here and others that may have moved away. It brings us all together any time it is heard or sang.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents the fact that we are a province. That we are a diatinr part this country that has faced many a struggle and risen above. Always!

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes! Absolutely. As a Memorial alumni o am disgusted by the decision to remove it. Memorial was founded as a tribute to those who sacrificed so much. For me removing it is a slap in the face to their memories. They left the province under a NL banner. They fought as proud NL'rs. They died as NL'rs. Removing iot was wrong

On so many levels and wjomevwr pushed for this should be ashamed!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Let's hope the senate chooses to act more wisely going forward.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 410

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| [REDACTED] | Memorial Staff           | [REDACTED] | Alumni           |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Proud NL'er. It means a lot.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. The university is named in honour of the people who fought and served in the war.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Terrible that anyone would consider removing it from ceremonies....

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 411

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|---|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| X | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is a part of our heritage and culture. As a Newfoundlander it makes me proud to hear this song no matter where it is being sung.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I believe the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in convocation ceremonies. Memorial University was founded as a memorial to the young men who lost their lives fighting for our freedom in WWI. They were proud Newfoundlanders and I think removing the Ode from convocation ceremonies is a sign of disrespect to their memories. While Memorial University has students from all over the world, it was built first and foremost for Newfoundlanders and should include the Ode to Newfoundland in convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 412

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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|------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| [Redacted] | Memorial Staff           | [Redacted] | Alumni            |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member  |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other: [Redacted] |

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a beautiful piece of music that stirs emotion. It reminds us that despite the challenges we face, we still have so much to be proud of and celebrate.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. It' is culturally significant

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Add a piece of music from Labrador

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 413

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's a song

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Sure

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If there is an ode for labrador, just add that into the program too.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 414

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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I am a proud Newfoundlander. Memorial University was built as a memorial to the many who fought to enable us to live as we do today. [REDACTED] I grew up singing the Ode [REDACTED] It represents who the people of Newfoundland are.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I believe it should be included. As stated before, it is a song that our forefathers who fought in the war sang many a time. Memorial University was built and named for their efforts.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The fact that a “committee” made that decision is ludicrous. Of course, we all know now how that turned out. Get off your high horses, and do what is right for the people of the province. As an alumni and proud Newfoundlander, I am both insulted and disappointed in the lack of foresight and leadership at the university level. The people of Labrador could easily be represented by a song from Labrador during Convocation. Get it right!!!

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

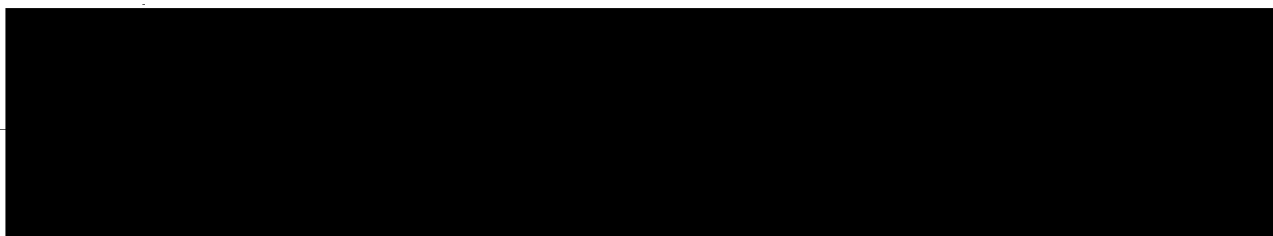
## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 415

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

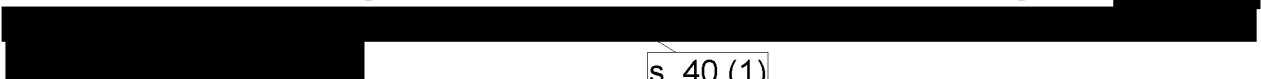
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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?



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What these men went through, and the heartbreak that followed at home is unimaginable. 



s. 40 (1)

We must not forget them.

As Newfoundland and Labrador's only university, Memorial has a special obligation to the people of this province. Established as a memorial to the Newfoundlanders who lost their lives on active service during the First World War and subsequent conflicts, Memorial University draws inspiration from these sacrifices of the past as they work to build a better future.

The Ode to Newfoundland is a reminder of this heritage and is a dedication to the people who laid the foundations that have made possible the privileges and freedoms that we all now enjoy. Those who served in the great war, the thousands who shed blood and the many thousands more who shed tears at home are the cornerstone of this foundation.

The Ode to Newfoundland is part of our cultural identity. It both reminds us and binds us to the past, to the sacrifices of those who came before and to the gratitude that must be respected.

**Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?**

Yes, I strongly believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in the Convocation Ceremonies.

The Ode and the University are explicitly linked. Both are memorials to the sacrifices made by those who built this incredible province. It ensures that the convocation ceremony remains grounded in humility and remembrance.

The singing of the Ode to Newfoundland represents a direct act of gratitude to the people of this province for the sacrifices made that have enabled the Convocation Ceremony to be possible. It reminds each and every graduate of what a true privilege it is to be an alumni of this special institution and how they are now bound to its unique history.

[Is there anything else you would like to add?](#)

The suspension of the playing of the Ode to Newfoundland is a direct result of the far-left ideological capture of the universities. Radical neo-Marxist postmodern ideologies like critical theory, de-colonialism and anti-racism have swept through the institutions creating environments of conformity, intolerance, censorship, political discrimination and fear.

The universities now suffer from a critical lack of viewpoint diversity which threatens to undermine the very purpose of higher education as a truth seeking organization. The absence of divergent opinions in the universities has destroyed the credibility of the peer review system and has led to acute ideological polarization.

There has been an erosion of public trust in our educational institutes as they pursue specific political goals while pretending to be engaged in academic activities. We have been betrayed by academia as they abandon objectivism and continue to slide further and further to the far-left. The suspension of the Ode to Newfoundland exemplifies this ideological slide.

Memorial University has lost its way. I can only urge members of this committee to find the courage to follow their personal convictions and push back against this ideological capture. We need leadership. We need strong voices willing to stand-up for the people of this province and protect our history. The challenge that we face is no less than the preservation of the unique identity of a people and of a culture.

[I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.](#)

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 416

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Whenever I hear or sing the Ode, I feel immense sense of PRIDE and GRATITUDE to live in such a beautiful place. When I have sung the Ode in recent years, I have included labrador at the very end of the Ode. I feel this makes it inclusive to labrador without altering the original song too much.

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It's a very simple thing to do and means so much to the people of labrador.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Memorial University should most definitely include the Ode to Newfoundland in convocation ceremonies. The National Post cites that Newfoundland and Labrador is the only province that entered Confederation in 1949 with a ready-made provincial song. If you have ever witnessed Newfoundlanders and laboradorians singing, the Ode at events, you will notice the love in their eyes and pride in their hearts. Although O Canada has a similar feeling for me, the Ode has a very special place in my heart because this is where I have been born and raised Newfoundland and labrador is a very special place, and I feel that we should honor and respect those who have gone before us and include the Ode in convocation ceremonies, as well as other events in the province, such as sporting and arts events. I trust that the right decision will be made. Best wishes only.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 417

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a statement of our culture and our love of place despite the adversity of our climate. It was written when the term Newfoundland included Labrador.

It makes me feel proud and warms my heart.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. Memorial U of Newfoundland includes Labrador as does the Ode. The university is a memorial to those who fought and died for us in WW1. The Ode symbolizes our culture and resilience and the creation of the University expressed our recognition of sacrifice for that culture.

I have no problem if an Ode to Labrador is included. I have great objection to removing our provincial anthem from our provincial university.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This discussion is largely ridiculous. Newfoundlanders and Labradorians know or should know that the Ode covers the whole Province just like Newfoundland in the university name does.

I can assure you that if the Ode is removed permanently, so will my support of Memorial and I hope, its government support.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 418

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) I am a proud Newfoundlaner. [redacted] I felt pride in myself, my university, and my home when I sang the Ode during [redacted]

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

I do believe that it should be included. We can be proud of our island while also being respectful of other parts of the world as well as Labrador. The Ode should be sung and we can include another cultural relevant and appropriate homage to Labrador. International and Canadian students choose to study at Mun, in part, to learn and experience our culture and traditions. The singing of the Ode is part of that experience. Just as I would expect that a similar tradition be done at other institutions in other parts of the world. [redacted] s. 40 (1) They've told me how the Ode had a new meaning for them as they were becoming Newfoundlanders. Even if they decided to not stay the Ode is a beautiful song and send off, a thank you for their time at Memorial.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Simple adjustments can be made to the song to remove some of the offending lyrics. For example, God guard thee is now We guard thee.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 419

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's a representation of the history here and how we have been a together nation for years. It shows that the NL culture is forever part of the people who are born and raised here, no matter how far you wander NL will always be part of you.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes because it shows such rich NL culture

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 420

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Memorial Staff           | Alumni            |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member  |
| Current Memorial Student | Other: [redacted] |

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode represents the pride Newfoundlanders and Labradorians - those born here & those who choose to be here - have in this place we are privileged to call home. The Ode says it so very well - "We love thee, smiling land."

The Ode speaks of the land. The land that shapes us and makes us who we are. A proud, resilient and welcoming people.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes.

The Ode is the National Anthem of our province and as the only university in Newfoundland and Labrador, it is right to include it in our Convocation Ceremonies along with the National Anthem of our country.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and thank you for your service to this committee and to our university.

The lack of consultation and the lack of consideration of the consequences of removing the Ode to our beloved home from Convocation Ceremonies was unnecessarily bewildering and disheartening.

Please use this opportunity to return the Ode as part of our celebration of our graduates who having lived and studied here are very much part of this place we call home.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 421

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's reflective of the essence of what it means to be a Newfoundlander.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely. This university was built on the foundations of elevating Newfoundlanders and anyone fortunate enough to attend should feel the pride of the province in their accomplishments

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 422

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a celebration of who we are, where our roots come from and what is beautiful about NL. It gives such a sense of pride when heard.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely. MUN is Newfoundland's premier educational institution. It has been built in the backs of the people of this province, has educated many of the province's people and has grown and expanded with the support of government and people of the island.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 423

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|   |                          |  |                  |
|---|--------------------------|--|------------------|
|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
| X | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

████████████████████ the Ode to Newfoundland represents a strong sense of provincial pride and history, but it also highlights the ways in which traditions can persist despite evolving ethics and values. While I appreciate the cultural significance of the Ode to many Newfoundlanders, I am also aware of how non-inclusive it is to Labradorians. I am often taken aback by how historical norms continue unquestioned in this province, even when they do not reflect the increasingly diverse and inclusive society we strive to build.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

No, the Ode to Newfoundland should not be included in Convocation ceremonies at Memorial University. While the decision to suspend the Ode in October 2022 was made without appropriate consultation, leading to reputational harm and administrative costs, its removal was ultimately a positive and necessary change for the institution. Convocation is a celebration of ALL graduates, reflecting the diversity of the university community. The Ode to Newfoundland, while historically significant to the province, simply does not represent all students, faculty, and staff, particularly those from Indigenous, international, and other historically marginalized groups for whom the lyrics may, at best, not be inclusive or reflective of their experiences and, at worst, be disrespectful of the historical wrongs against them. Furthermore, Memorial University, as an institution of higher learning, must be responsive to evolving understandings of inclusivity and reconciliation. The university has a responsibility to foster a welcoming and respectful environment for all graduates. Retaining the removal of the Ode acknowledges the complexity of Newfoundland and Labrador's history and ensures Convocation remains a ceremony that equally honors the achievements of all students. Additionally, the university continues to see an increase in international student enrollment, and as a result, the Ode will only become less and less significant to the graduates it aims to celebrate. Reinstating the Ode would violate the very principles of reconciliation and inclusivity that the university is dedicated to.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode to Newfoundland, with its colonial and religious undertones, does not fully acknowledge the complexities of the province and university's past or the diversity of its present and future. While it may be a cherished tradition for some, it does not resonate with me and many others in the same way, as it feels more like a relic of a past that does not entirely align with contemporary values of reconciliation, inclusivity, and global citizenship. Memorial University, as a leading institution, should critically assess

whether long-standing traditions like the Ode truly serve all members of its community or if they simply endure out of habit rather than meaningful reflection.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 424

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you? s. 40 (1)

It is part of NL history and culture!

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely included! and it saddens me to no end that the Ode is not being sung.

s. 40 (1)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Why oh why was it ever discontinued?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 425

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Culture and connection to our province

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes - perfect place to include it

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 426

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride in our history, optimism towards our future.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. As stated above it represents pride in our history, pride in our place and people and optimism towards a future here.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Removing old items because of small outdated flaws is a modern day mistake that history will not remember us well for. Such actions do little to help anyone. The Ode has some minor outdated wording but like an antique item should be understood as part of its origin. There is nothing that should be of any insult to individuals. The misguided removal of the Ode has been an insult to a large group of people.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 427

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 428

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X                        | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Sense of pride - connection to the province

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 429

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

As a Newfoundlander, the Ode is a tribute to our past and binds us to those who forged our path. The Ode should be sung with pride as it has deep, meaningful connections to our province's history and people.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. Memorial University is our only university and it honours those who fought to protect our rights and freedoms. Singing our National Anthem should remain a part of the convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I truly hope The Ode will remain a part of the fabric of a Memorial University's ceremonies.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 430

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is history and is something special for Newfoundlanders. It's Memorial University of Newfoundland. I do not feel the acronym MUN excludes Labrador in any way nor do I feel the Ode excludes Labrador (see verse #2). [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED] will have the opportunity to do the same. It's a beautiful anthem and a beautiful tradition.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely 100% yes. See answer above.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 431

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Respect. Reflection.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. It is a time to come together and take pride in our province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

N/a

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

### Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 432

#### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

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[Redacted]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[Redacted]

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 433

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I am a proud Canadian but I would identify myself as a Newfoundlander first. I grew up with both the National Anthem and the Ode to Newfoundland. As a proud Newfoundlander I feel a great sense of pride in our “National” anthem and our heritage.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. The Ode should be included. Including the Ode does not in any way ignore Labrador or lessen its importance as a large part of our province. I truly believe the people of Labrador, on the whole, would support the use of the Ode during Convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 434

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Fundamental to the identity of our province and our university and in every way as important as the Canadian anthem. I personally am more inclined to sing along with the Ode at gatherings than Oh Canada, not from any lack of respect for the latter but from the great sense of pride in the former.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely yes. These verses are beautifully constructed and not offensive to anyone as they largely describe the environment and express a people's affection for it. As the institution is in fact a memorial to those who fought and died under this anthem, eliminating it from convocation ceremonies is disrespectful of their sacrifice.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We live in an age of change and while the University must look to the future it would be a mistake to simply blend in and ignore how unique we are as a people. We should never forget that we once were an independent colony equal to Canada, that we fought a war as such, honoured our fallen with a National War Memorial, have our own Unknown and a separate song to honour our place on earth.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 435

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
| X | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland to me, means home. Perseverance. It means respect for those who existed here before us. [REDACTED] We live in a special place that deserves to be honoured in song.

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Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes I do. It honours those who came before us and those who will come after us. It honours the way we live here in treacherous weather together on the land. The Ode has been played at almost every important milestone of my life, and [REDACTED]

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 436

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is about our province, what we are our history and what we represent a Memorial to our lost sons.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. This is the province's only university, and it was built to remember our great loss of a generation of young men. The ode represents the people of the province that pay for this university and the privilege of people to attend a first class educational institution. We are still singing O Canada, to represent our country, we should sing The Ode for our province. We can add the Ode to Labrador to be more inclusive - but students coming to memorial are in our province and receiving our degrees and attend our convocation and are a part of our province even for a short time, the Ode represents this. Add to our convocation ceremony to be inclusive - do not take away and essentially bite the hand that feeds you.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1) [redacted] and Newfoundlander I was disgusted at the decision to remove the Ode - if I went to a university in another country I would fully expect them to play their ceremonial music and respect their traditions. I would not expect the Ode to Newfoundland to be played at my convocation ceremony from Yale but I would expect to here the Star Spangled Banner, and would not dream of it not being included as it would offend me. If I was offended by the traditions and music of a place I would have not chosen to attend university there, or even be in the country. How do we as a university expect to have the support of the people of this province who pay for us with their tax dollars if we are consciously saying we are too good for you? And our lofty ideals are actually excluding the people whom we are supposed to educate and support?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 437

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| s. 40 (1) |  | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|           |  | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|           |  | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Its a part of my heritage. Growing up we sang the ode before any official events. It inspires pride in our natural beauty here, our fortitude as a people and a reminder of the values of the people who live and lived here before us

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

I understand that some folks don't see the value due to a lack of diversity/inclusion. Im not one of those folks. I dont see it as a sign of patriarchal colonization or anything like that. I see it as a song written as an expression of profound love and respect to our Island and the people here.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I love that we are finally addressing the sobering truths of part of our history, and I am generally on board. I dont think white washing our history does us any favors, and its kind of a slap in the face to those of us who dont live in that colonial mindset. We can acknowledge our mistakes in the past while not omitting other aspects of our history. If anything I am more insulted by this notion because it seems like an attempt to re-write history instead of acknowledging the fact that history has many sides to it and some we should be proud of, some we shouldn't. Man is not infallible and mistakes are used as ways of seeing truths and learning. By seeing and acknowledging our truths from our history we have the ability to learn and grow from them, and hopefully not make those same mistakes again. To simply ignore something is more a disservice to us as a society now as it comes with the assumption that a small group of people know what is best for everyone and is unchallengeable due the level of past atrocity. We know what happened in our past, and we are mostly all appalled by it. But it is only a portion of our past and doesn't define where we came from in totality.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 438

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|---|--------------------------|--|------------------|
| X | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland represents a strong pride in our province and holds great historical meaning, of who we are, what we strive to be and the belief of the province

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, the university is named in Memorial of the soldiers that thought in the first world war and beyond, when Newfoundland was a dominion of Britain. The Ode is a symbol of what these soldiers were fighting for, and the freedom they were fighting to keep.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Because the sacrifice these soldiers made, we have the freedoms that we have today. And as we diversify as university, province, and country, we should all be able to take pride in our land, our freedoms, and honor the people who made this happen. We should be proud that today Memorial has graduates from all over the world, and we should take pride in the community and province that makes this accessible for everyone today.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 439

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

As a Newfoundlander and Labradorian it means a great deal to me. It is the song of our people. Also, given Memorial was supposedly formed in honour of soldiers, this is a critical way to honour their contributions. While I appreciate it only references Newfoundland, Labrador has its own ode. Given the robust music faculty we have it is beyond me that performance and merge of these two odes cannot be performed.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, please see the comment above...both should be played. If the root of this is colonization (I am not convinced, given it seemed to be part of the gift of the previous president), there is much more the university needs to tackle to decolonize the university. I doubt the ode is the highest on the priority list.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The removal of the ode has shown its damage, especially in the university's public perception (despite its special obligation to the people of the province), and the fallout has wasted an immense amount of time, resources and money. I hope this epic fail will be a learning moment that removing components of our university's identity should never be decided in a vacuum. Perhaps if a survey had been done when it was put on the table, this whole mess could have been avoided. These decisions should not be made by CFA's who do not understand NL and our unique culture.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 440

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode [to Newfoundland] is an instrumental part of our heritage.

Celebrating where we've been and how far we have come. History is irrelevant if we take away the things that help us reflect upon it.

Though sometimes things may be 'outdated' in ways, doesn't mean it should become obsolete.

We are Newfoundland. We need to have patriotic attitudes. We've lost our identity as province. We either stand for something or nothing at all.

I agree with moving forward and updating and making necessary changes; however, if you remove the things that make us unique, proud Newfoundlanders then what are we?

The ode is a declaration, of beauty, past, present AND future. Sing it loud, sing it proud. Declare the words over the land! Celebrate the future of her people during our convocations.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes;

As we send newly convocated individuals into the world, we need to celebrate the future of her {Newfoundland} people during the ceremonies. A reflection of what drives us to study here, to reside here. The beauty Newfoundland provides, the stories she can tell, the secrets she hides and the future she holds!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I'm just very passionate about the reasons I stated above. We are becoming a Province lacking prayer, pride & perseverance.

Newfoundland has housed a wealth of knowledge, providing safe places and spaces for study, growth and education. We owe her [Newfoundland] and the good Lord who created her; the upmost respect and honour for the Blessing of this Land and the great minds that have been birthed out of it.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 441

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| X | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It shows respect and represents the land which we share, the food it provides that we all enjoy, the clean air, healthy forests and water that we are fortunate to be surrounded with; and the people, of all backgrounds, that inhabit and live in this province together.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

YES. We should, as a collective Memorial to those who fought and died in the great wars so we can live on this land free, show respect by including the Ode in Convocation and in any other ceremonies it was used.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The fact that there is a massive amount of effort to remove the Ode from the MUN ceremonies and equally a massive amount of effort to get the decision reversed, is ridiculous. By looking at the number of meetings and administrative time post-meeting spent on this issue, it would've been better spent on a focused campaign to educate or change the sections of the ode that people find offensive. We would have remained respectful to the province on which Memorial stands and work collectively making reparations going forward. We learn from the past, by not erasing it, rather by learning from it and bettering ourselves for the future.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

### Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 442

#### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| X | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
|   | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 443

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode, to me, is a beautiful historical reminder felt in the present of our island's beautiful landscape, our faith and pride of being here, and our respect for our ancestors who stood where we now stand.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. Memorial University is our provincial university, part of our provincial culture with its community made up of provincial, national, and international people. I consider the Ode to be about place and people, about our great province's past, current, and future. Including the Ode in convocation speaks to Memorial honoring where it is on an occasion of coming together in celebration.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

With respect to Memorial University and its place in Newfoundland and Labrador, consideration should be given to including the Ode to Labrador.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 444

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Makes me proud to be a Newfoundlander!

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes! We are talking about “Memorial” University. The Ode recognizes those who went before, often giving their lives in service to our country. It is closely tied to our University which is a memorial!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Being a Newfoundlander and proud graduate of MUN, I can’t imagine why anyone with a tie to NL, could separate the Memorial and the Ode! Incredible!

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 445

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode symbolizes the province to me. I love that it is nature-oriented, mostly focusing on the weather and the seasons, because those occupy a lot of our thinking too, and certainly did so even more in the past. And with climate change, they are necessarily occupying our thoughts now and will into the future. Yes, it's gendered, makes religious references, and excludes Labrador and Indigenous people, but it's a product of history, as is this island and this province. That doesn't mean it should be thrown away wholesale.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I think the Ode should be included in convocation ceremonies at Memorial. It is a symbol of our province, and this is our province's only university. Taking it away makes our ceremony more bland and generic, so that one could close their eyes and be in any English-speaking university convocation in the world. We are a distinct place and should be proud of it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If the university or those within it object to the lack of Labrador and Indigenous references, then add the Labrador anthem to the convocation ceremony. If people object to the religious and gendered references, lobby the government to update the Ode. Or have some of our fantastic School of Music faculty write a made-for-Memorial version that removes the dated references and adds Labrador and Indigenous references. Perhaps the province would then adopt it. Problem solved!

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 446

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| [REDACTED] | Memorial Staff           | [REDACTED] | Alumni           |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Sense of belonging and home

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes! I The university is named Memorial as a tribute to our veterans; even though

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 447

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is VERY important to me. I feel that it is a symbol of a multitude of cultural traits of our school and society. I feel that removing the Ode is a MISTAKE and an injustice. I am open to making nuanced changes to the Ode to accommodate MUN in 2024, but at the core the Ode must not be 'removed.'

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I do believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies. Song is a means in which individuals come together in a simple common goal, singing. As mentioned above, I believe that the Ode is critically important to our school. Joining together in music making with the Ode is a simple and powerful means to unite and celebrate that which has joined us. YES, I wholeheartedly believe that the Ode should be sung loudly at our convocations.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am disappointed with the initial removal of the Ode. I feel that the decision lacked the appropriate due diligence. If there is an societal appetite to make nuanced modifications to the original text then I suggest that the original Ode is reinstated while these slight modifications are made. I DO NOT support the removal of the Ode in its original form and ask that it be reinstated immediately.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 448

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an incredibly profound tribute to the soldiers who gave their lives during the battle of the somme, and helps keep the word “Memorial” intact with MUN.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. The University was founded on the memory of the brave soldiers of the Newfoundland regiment. It’s why the University is called “Memorial” to begin with.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Taking this anthem away is deeply offensive and disrespectful.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 449

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Not much.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Sure, nice local tradition.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 450

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's about preserving a small piece of our province's rich history and culture.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, it should be included. The university is named to honour Newfoundlanders who lost their lives in the First World War. The ode provides a simple yet powerful way to celebrate their sacrifices.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 451

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Being a proud Newfoundlander and preserving our traditions.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 452

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
| X | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Its representative of the “Newfoundland” portion of the Memorial University of Newfoundlands name.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

### Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 453

#### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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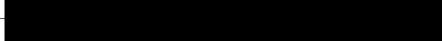
Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 454

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ode is an integral part of Newfoundland, just like Memorial University, they go hand in hand. Memorial University will educate individuals to make the province and world a better place, now and in the future, but we must not forget the past in trying to achieve this goal. Memorial owes its very existence to honor those Newfoundlanders who gave so much, and the ode is an ongoing memorial to them and what they represented. Let us not forget.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes! Yes! YES! Refer to number two. Please try to keep your feet on the ground. Often, because of position, we have to listen to individuals, however, be careful because very often some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Be careful...don't destroy a valued tradition because someone may not like it or be offended. If this is your goal, stay in bed and keep your mouth closed...good luck.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 455

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It connects me to my home province. It is an important symbol of place.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, though it doesn't have to be prominent. Opening or closing of the event would seem appropriate.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think an updated version that includes Labrador in the lyrics (there have been several written) would be appropriate as well. Or an instrumental version.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes



## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 457

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ongoing history of the province.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. I plays a valuable role.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 458

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Nothing

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

The "Ode to Newfoundland" is a beautiful and cherished piece of provincial history, but it may not be the most inclusive choice for Memorial University's convocation ceremonies. Firstly, the ode exclusively celebrates Newfoundland, without acknowledging Labrador, which is an integral part of the province. Labrador's distinct culture, history, and contributions to the province's identity deserve equal recognition in a ceremony meant to celebrate the diversity and unity of all graduates.

Additionally, the ode does not reflect the rich traditions, languages, and histories of the Indigenous peoples who have lived in these lands for thousands of years, including the Inuit, Innu, and Mi'kmaq. Convocation is a moment to honor all members of the university community, and using a song that does not encompass or acknowledge these perspectives can unintentionally alienate those who feel excluded by its narrow focus.

To create a truly inclusive and representative ceremony, the university could consider incorporating elements that celebrate the entire province, including Labrador, and honor the Indigenous cultures that form the foundation of this region. This approach would ensure that all students, families, and communities feel recognized and valued in this significant milestone.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 459

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X                        | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's a part of who I am and is a part of my identity

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, it's part of our heritage and a wonderful tradition that celebrates the land

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please keep forever

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 460

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university: s. 40 (1)

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | s. 40 (1) | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         |           | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student |           | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

As a Newfoundlander, the Ode is part of our history, part of our childhood, party of respect

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Most def!! Again a sign of respect to our people and our province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 461

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The "Ode to Newfoundland" captures the essence of our province. It reflects the rich culture, resilience, and deep connection we have to our land and its people. This ode not only honors our history but also inspires pride in our identity.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

I wholeheartedly support the "Ode to Newfoundland" being played at Memorial University convocations!

It's as a reminder of the rich heritage and community spirit we share. Incorporating this ode into such a significant event not only honors our roots but also inspires graduates to carry the pride of Newfoundland with them as they embark on their new journeys.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The "Ode to Newfoundland" is a powerful symbol of our identity, culture, and resilience.

It unites us, honors our heritage, and embodies the spirit of our province. Its place in Newfoundland is not just important; it's essential.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 462

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X                        | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

If it's good enough to be our provincial ode, then it's must be played at our provincial university.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes! Memorial University is located in NL. and it's an "Ode to NL,"!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It's unbelievable that it became not included and that we fighting to have it included.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 463

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|           |                          |                   |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni            |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member  |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other: [REDACTED] |

s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland reflects pride and allegiance to the wonderful province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It is a foundational part of our culture.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Strong yes! Memorial University is unique. It is Newfoundland and Labrador's university, founded in patriotic response to the terrible loss of life at Beaumont Hamel in WWI. We were fortunate to visit Beaumont Hamel this past year on July 1st. The Ode to Newfoundland at the convocation ceremonies of Memorial University of Newfoundland symbolizes that vital connection. It made me feel proud of Memorial and Newfoundland and Labrador at the many convocation ceremonies I was privileged to attend. I was shocked and dismayed when it was discontinued. The wording could be changed to make it more inclusive- see the suggestion provided in Question #4.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

[REDACTED] have a simple suggestion for a subtle rewording of the Ode to make it more inclusive and respectful of Labrador yet still retain its profound meaning. We note the precedent with O Canada in which the wording was changed from "in all our sons command" to "in all of us command".

Current version from the Government of Newfoundland Labrador website:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/cabinet/protocol/anthems>

Lyrics for the Provincial Anthem 'Ode to Newfoundland'

When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills,

And summer spreads her hand,

When silvern voices tune thy rills,

We love thee, smiling land.

CHORUS:

We love thee, we love thee,  
We love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white,  
At Winter's stern command,  
Thro' shortened day and starlit night,  
We love thee, frozen land,

CHORUS

We love thee, we love thee,  
We love thee, frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,  
And wild waves lash thy strand,  
Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar,  
We love thee, wind-swept land,

CHORUS:

We love thee, we love thee,  
We love thee, wind-swept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love,  
Where once they stood, we stand;  
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above,  
God guard thee, Newfoundland

CHORUS:

God guard thee, God guard thee,  
God guard thee, Newfoundland

Sir Cavendish Boyle

Our suggested version:

Ode to Newfoundland and Labrador

When sun rays crown thy pine clad hills,

And summer spreads her hand,

When silvern voices tune thy rills,

We love thee, smiling land.

CHORUS:

We love thee, we love thee,

We love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white,

At Winter's stern command,

Thro' shortened day and starlit night,

We love thee, Labrador,

CHORUS

We love thee, we love thee,

We love thee, Labrador.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,

And wild waves lash thy strand,

Thro' spindrift swirl and tempest roar,

We love thee, wind-swept land,

CHORUS:

We love thee, we love thee,

We love thee, wind-swept land.

As loved our forebears, so we love,  
Where once they stood, we stand;  
Their prayer we raise to Heaven above,  
God guard thee, Newfoundland

CHORUS:

God guard thee, God guard thee,  
God guard thee, Newfoundland

Sir Cavendish Boyle

Respectful Modification by [REDACTED] s. 40 (1)

Rationale:

The title change was easy and sensible:

Including Labrador in verse 2 and its chorus fits naturally and provides a poetic balance to the entire Ode:

Being more inclusive than “fathers” in the final verse took a bit more work, but we think “forebears” captures it the best.

<https://www.britannica.com/dictionary/forebear> “forebear” noun: a member of your family in the past: ancestor

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/forebear> “forebear” noun: an ancestor or relative who has lived in the past

“Forebears” fits poetically and musically to replace “fathers” and is much broader and inclusive. It can symbolically honour the historical contribution to Newfoundland and Labrador of all people back to ancient times.

We left the final chorus alone as it does not refer to any specific religion or faith. It is consistent with many other anthems, including O Canada: God keep our land glorious and free!

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 464

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 465

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X                        | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride as a Newfoundlander

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes - it's our provincial anthem - unique, it defines the ruggedness of our land (Labrador included), the beauty of our natural environment (Labrador included) and the resilience and strength of our people (Peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am highly offended that the Ode would be omitted - if the issue is "lack of inclusion", there are enough creative people in the province to write an additional verse to settle this ridiculous notion that the Ode in its current state is offensive

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 466

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride and love for my province

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Why keep changing everything? I wish people weren't so "sensitive ". What a strange place our country has become

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 467

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
| Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
| Current Memorial Student | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

The Ode represents to me an expression of pride in our province and in our University. I feel that the enthusiastic participation in the singing of the Ode at Convocation by all those attending, including graduating students, their parents and families, faculty and staff, provides ample evidence of support for its inclusion. I participated in every Convocation during [REDACTED] of service at Memorial and was angered and disappointed by its exclusion, an exclusion that was made without due process or proper consultation.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

I believe that the Ode should be included in Convocation for the reasons I cited above, ie as an expression of pride in our Province and in our University. It provides a fit and worthy conclusion to the Convocation ceremony.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I feel that the hasty and ill-considered decision to exclude the Ode from Convocation has caused serious damage to the University's reputation. Many alumni and other members of the community, including me, are very angry about this.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 468

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student | Other: s. 40 (1) |

s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It gives a loud message that Labradorians are not a part of this province

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Absolutely not, it is not the provincial anthem nor should ever be used to represent this province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As a Labradorian of this province of Newfoundland and Labrador, it is very insulting that anyone would consider having the Ode to Newfoundland included in anything representing this province. It is also very insulting that anyone would ask.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 469

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|   |                          |  |                  |
|---|--------------------------|--|------------------|
|   | Memorial Staff           |  | Alumni           |
|   | Memorial Faculty         |  | Community Member |
| X | Current Memorial Student |  | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is a historical provincial anthem since about 1904. To me this anthem is about symbolizing the history of our province. I feel that keeping our history alive through generations will only succeed if we keep and utilize our provincial anthem.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes, I do feel the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in convocation ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Our school name speaks volumes on my take on this topic. No matter how much time passes I feel the Ode to Newfoundland should continue to be used as a dedication to our province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I understand the community of students attending MUN includes a wide variety of nationality's, various religions, and opinions. I think that is a positive for our campus, but I feel as a University in Newfoundland and Labrador we cannot forget the roots of our history. The Ode to Newfoundland is apparently 1 minute and 30 seconds long, and I feel we can allot this time in convocation ceremonies to honour this province.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 470

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

s. 40 (1)

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| [REDACTED] | Memorial Staff           | [REDACTED] | Alumni           |
|            | Memorial Faculty         |            | Community Member |
|            | Current Memorial Student |            | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means absolutely nothing to me because it only mentions the island portion of the province.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

No because Labrador is part of this province also and there is no mention of this in the ode.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 471

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Staff           | X                        | Alumni           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Memorial Faculty         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Current Memorial Student | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's important. Pride.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 472

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's part of my identity.

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Perhaps add The Ode to Labrador. Don't subtract the ODE to NL.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 473

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

The ode represents a sense of pride and belonging for me. [REDACTED] and the ode is a beautiful piece of music which I very much enjoy to hear and perform

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes. I think the choice to remove the ode was not right. In the year 2025 we should be open to change and adaptivity to the ways we do things and the ways things have been done but this ode is something that should remain. The ode to Labrador “labradorimuit” written in both English and Inuktitut is a beautiful ballad and should be considered.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please include the ode into our convocations and celebrations. We are so lucky to have this piece of art to represent our beautiful province. It should be celebrated

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University’s Senate.

Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 474

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| s. 40 (1) | Memorial Staff           | s. 40 (1) | Alumni           |
|           | Memorial Faculty         |           | Community Member |
|           | Current Memorial Student |           | Other: s. 40 (1) |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode's removal was an insult to the men and women whose' sacrifice is memorialized in the founding of this institution.

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

s. 40 (1)

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 475

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

|  |                          |   |                  |
|--|--------------------------|---|------------------|
|  | Memorial Staff           | X | Alumni           |
|  | Memorial Faculty         |   | Community Member |
|  | Current Memorial Student |   | Other:           |

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

History, ancestry, community, and admiration

Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I authorize the ad hoc Committee to use a direct quote from my anonymous response as part of a summative report to the University's Senate.

Yes