

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1625

### 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 song about my province and my heritage. It reminds me of who I am in a turbulent world. It tells me that no matter how far I travel in this life that Newfoundland is my 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. Memorial University was named as a tribute to the brave Newfoundlanders who sacrificed so much for King and country. In fact, I believe their loss lead to the death of my country so singing an anthem to remember these martyrs is appropriate. I would also posit that there are no offensive lyrics or themes contained within the ode so why would we not sing it at every occasion that we can.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Keep singing the ode every chance you get. To dilute your heritage to placate outsiders is to sell your soul for nothing and dishonours the very name Memorial.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1626

### 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 to Newfoundland represents an important part of our culture. I'm very proud of the fact that we have our own Provincial anthem. It is sung at many important occasions, particularly convocation. As an alumni I really valued havng the Ode sung at my convocations. As a

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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, the Ode to Newfoundland should be included on Convocation Ceremonies at MUN. It's an important part of our Heritage. If non-Newfoundlanders don't understand its significance, the university should explain why it is important. We should not have to change our traditions and culture to make a very small minority happy. There will always be some people who find something to complain about, but that doesn't mean that 99% of the people have to accommodate the 1%.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If the issue is Labrador, as has been illustrated in other events that I have attended in St. John's, this was easily addressed by adding Labrador at the end - "Newfoundland and Labrador". I also find it unacceptable that so much university staff and management time is taken up with this 'non-issue', when there are so many other critical problems facing MUN such as declining enrollment and lack of infrastructure maintenance.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1627

### 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 represents my home, my culture, my family. It's part of who we are. It's what makes us different from the rest of Canada. It's ours.

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 was established to remember those who fought and sacrificed in the Great War for Newfoundland, pre confederation. While they would still be proud of our home as part of Canada. Let's us honour them and that part of tradition that was truly Newfoundland. Memorial University was created in their honour, keep the Ode in Newfoundlands only university for their memory.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Memorial is our University. It represents Us. The Ode represents us. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] No other province has its own anthem or history as its own country. Newfoundland truly has a unique culture and identity because of this past. Let us not push it aside but embrace it. In a world that seems to be getting smaller with technology. World culture seems to be blending together, why are we willing to give ours away? Let's hold on to our uniqueness embrace it and celebrate it. We are from Newfoundland and Labrador and the Ode is ours. Celebrate it. Sing it.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1628

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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?

a valued part of 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?

it is part of the tradition

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1629

### 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?

Its a song that 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?

Absolutely should be included in convocation ceremonies. I was appalled when I heard that it was removed from convocation ceremonies. Removal of it was a "woke" move and eroded the integrity of the university. MUN was established to educate the Newfoundland population and we should not let diversity destroy its history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Bring Ode to Newfoundland back!!!!

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1630

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Is is an inherent par of our history that should never be overlooked. While I accept the "Oh Canada" tweaks to some degree, as this represents an existing and progressive country, the "Odd to Newfoundland" represents a former country and its historical significance demands, in my opinion, it not change. Maybe a brief introduction before it is used but no change. I will add it should always be used in any provincial event where Oh Canada is used. Thank 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?

Absolutely TES. Memorial was created to memorialize what the then country stood for and is a part of our frabiv.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1631

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

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?

Pride in us as a people. A pride in and recognition of our culture and traditions, and persistence in surviving despite the challenges of climate and time. The beauty and love of our homeland and people. The acknowledgement and peace of knowing that we are a special people and a special place in the bigger world.

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. MUN is NL's university and should reflect our culture, traditions and values.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As society encourages more inclusiveness and respect, The Ode could reflect this with simple changes re: gender and religion ("Our fathers...", "God guard thee...") and include Labrador. While MUN does not have the right to make these changes, this feedback could be provided to the appropriate authority.

Universities have the ability to reflect the people and cultures that they represent and to creatively share that info with the world. Non-NLers who choose to attend MUN could respectfully be introduced to NL and The Ode.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1632

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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 student

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] the Ode to Newfoundland reminds me of the community and fierce pride in being a "Newfoundlander" be that born and bred - or be that only for a short time as a student. It summons to mind salt air and fog, waves crashing and the strong comraderie shared by those who brave life on the island of 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. Newfoundland's culture is distinct from BC's or Alberta's or Ontario's. While this is not likely a reason that one would choose to attend MUN, it is unlikely that you would get to graduation without realising this and starting to feel a connection to this cool place. The Ode to Newfoundland at convocation to some is the closing of a chapter - bittersweet but a reminder of the life experienced in Newfoundland and to others it sums the pull of the feeling that is inspiring them to stay in Newfoundland. It is an anthem of love and understanding to the place we lived and learned and like those before us who perservered the conditions of the environment here, the students perservered through their courses and the Ode to Newfoundland has a sense of triumph to it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1633

### 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. Respect. Honour.

Heritage, culture, and celebration of a beautiful 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!

It's part of our heritage. We should be able to celebrate that. Regardless if God is mentioned or not. If we went to any other country we would have to accept that countries heritage as is;and would be expected to.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

That being said we can also add other cultures celebrations songs. But to what end? People came to Newfoundland and Labrador, they came to MUN, so they knew what they were getting into and most people I've talked to respect that.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1634

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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 very important part of our identity and our 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?

Yes it should be included.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It should never have been removed.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1635

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

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?

Respect for place and history.

It does NOT mean putting down others.

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 respect for homeland does not have to mean exclusion. Treat people better but don't diminish ourselves.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I wish we would get over this shallow acceptance of the political correctness that only seems to divide us.

Like the name change of the province to Newfoundland AND Labrador. I always felt that the province was the Island AND Labrador. The problem was that Labrador was never treated fairly. If we'd done that then maybe we wouldn't have needed to do the visible yet perhaps still fake inclusion.

The feeling of singing The Ode at convocations cannot be matched. I could believe that the 'no' People on this issue were jealous, or at least envious they did not have such a connection with place.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1636

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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 doesn't hold that much significance to me.

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 just don't think it's necessary.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1637

### 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 part of my soul. It reminds me of who we are; a strong, resilient, proud people,

A rock in the middle of the Atlantic withstanding all that nature throws at 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?

Yes, absolutely!!

It speaks to our place, our home, the place our Blue Puttees fought and died for.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If it needs to be made more inclusive(ie/ gender, Labrador) add a new verse, make the change. This obsession with being politically correct is creating divisions.

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Yes

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

a historical relic that needs updating to stay relevant

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 - it is problematic for some groups, and until it is updated, the university should play a leadership role in not including it

Is there anything else you would like to add?

perhaps an instrumental version without lyrics would be a middle ground option.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1639

### 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 the patriotic song of the Island of Newfoundland. It is practically and emotionally our national 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?

Unequivocally YES! The ode is a significant part of the cultural heritage of this island.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1640

### 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?

It's a nice song, I like it personally, but i dont think that convocation is the time and place for it. It does not reflect the diverse student body of memorial 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?

No, I do not. There are too many references to god and prayer, which does not reflect the diverse population of students who are paying and being celebrated at this event. More focus should be put on acknowledging the indigenous peoples whose land we are on, not colonialism.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't think the religious themes are appropriate for such an event, there are other ways of incorporating and celebrating the history of the university without the inclusion of this. I'm sure there are a lot of people that love it and insist on it, but this choice should be about the whole population of students.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1641

### Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I think human beings singing as a group is a very important thing. There are few opportunities for this in today's society. Singing an ode or a national anthem are one of the few group singing experiences that still happen outside of dedicated musical events. I think for this reason alone the singing should be included in the ceremony. Group singing builds camaraderie and can make the group feel like one voice.

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 answer above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Arts and singing bring people together and help us tune into our emotions. The world needs more of this. Not less!

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1642

### 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?

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No

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1643

### 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 shows patriotism and respect to our province and forefathers.

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. Again, it shows patriotism and respect for our province and forefathers.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode to Newfoundland represents a very significant tradition of our Convocation Ceremonies. To remove it from the ceremony is simply wrong.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1644

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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<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 is an important cultural component of Newfoundland history and heritage. And proudly singing verses that were important to our forefathers is honourable and patriotic.

Singing if the Ode to Newfoundland promotes love and pride for our once country now province. It is important for us all not to forget it and should be sang at all official events and ceremonies.

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.

Singing if the Ode to Newfoundland promotes love and pride for our once country now province. It is important for us all not to forget it and should be sang at all official events and ceremonies. The Ode is an important part of Newfoundland history and heritage.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I do not fully understand the rationale for withdrawing it from the ceremony and who was consulted prior to making this move.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1645

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It does not mean a lot to me, other than that I enjoy it and it signifies a more formal gathering. I am not originally 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?

No. Removing it does not add to inclusivity. Like other anthems/odes it should be revised to more accurately reflect the different people and histories of Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1646

### Response Summary

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

identification with NL

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 it is the province's anthem

Is there anything else you would like to add?

reference to Labrador should be incorporated.

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Yes


## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1647

### 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?

There's a sense of pride and a sense of identity that comes with the Ode. 

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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?

It's part of the culture and people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

One argument against it is the gender specificity in the language. There's nothing in there that limits women, non-binary or gender fluid individuals. The mention of "father", while gender specific, simply acknowledges that we all, at least in a biological sense, have a male parent.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1648

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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 to Newfoundland often brings me to tears. Our anthem fills me with pride and I stand a little straighter when I sing Sir Cavendish Boyle's words. We have every right to be proud of Newfoundland and our people. The weather and conditions can be challenging here, yet we continue to call this place home and we continue to smile and be welcoming to others. For me, the ode will always represent our strength and our tenderness.

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 firmly believe the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies. It represents our strength and our tenderness as people. It is an important part of our culture and our history and should be incorporated into our current day events whenever possible. How can we know where we are going if we are never reminded from where we came and of who we are as people.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

While I support the inclusion of the Ode to Newfoundland in Convocation Ceremonies, I also fully support a song that speaks directly to the people of Labrador. Why not find a suitable tribute to this part of our province that can also be included in the ceremony. Personally, I feel great inspiration when I hear Don Fulford's, The Northern Lights of Labrador. While I understand Fulford is not a Labradorian, the sentiment is true and full of pride. If not this song, maybe there is another that could match the feelings felt by native Labradorians that would serve as a reminder, at Convocation, that our province is made up of two very special lands.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1649

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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 to Newfoundland is an ode to our land, to our culture, and to our shared history of hardship and sacrifice. It represents all those gone before us, the struggle to arrive at our present moment, and grounds us as we chart a path forward.

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 was absolutely ridiculous to remove it, and as our living memorial to those who sacrificed for us, it is shameful that the university took this decision with no consultation. It must be reinstated.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1650

### 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 to Newfoundland is a beautiful poem about Newfoundland. I don't understand the reason to exclude it - because it references male society and God? By censoring, we are not making society any better. If I graduated from a predominantly Buddhist or Hindu university, I would take no issue with listening to a cultural song or poem.

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. Not every piece of art made will remain timeless - and that's ok. The spirit of this song is that of Newfoundland and Labrador - rugged, beautiful, and a celebration of overcoming hardships.

Please don't censor the fabric of what made us who we are.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am not sure why this matter is so divisive. MUN has so many avenues available for inclusion and for welcoming other cultures and ideas. Why nitpick something that is meaningful to the cultural fabric of Newfoundland and Labrador?

Please consider taking a step back from "cancel culture" in favour of allowing history and art to have its place. It is ok to acknowledge that something can be both beautiful and outdated at the same time. We don't deride women who did not have careers 40 years ago because it isn't the way now - so why attack our heritage emblems in the same way?

MUN - please don't whitewash everything. You've always been an inclusive place, but there needs to be room for all, not just the modern.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1651

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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?

It is symbolic of our home and the birth place of the 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. Removing it should never have been on the table.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I will not attend convocation if the ode is not a part of it.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1652

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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?

Traditional and unique

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 # 1653

### Response Summary

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

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?

The Ode to Newfoundland invokes a sense of belonging, community and shared history. Though much has changed since it's writing, I feel a sense of pride when I hear it or sing it, as it celebrates our land, our people and the uniqueness of our spirit.

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. Memorial is a Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Education. It is as unique as the land it is built on and the people who attend. I feel, over the last 10-20 years, NL is being stripped of it's identity, when it is completely unnecessary. We can welcome, hold space and honour people of other culture and religions, without stripping away the details that make us who we are.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It hurts no one to keep the Ode to Newfoundland as part of the graduation ceremony, it hurts many, to not include 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 # 1654

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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 adds to my sense of belonging. I feel a great sense of pride every time I hear it, and it feels so wonderful to know all the words and sing along with it.

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. It represents who we are and the origins of the University.

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 # 1655

### 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 song that is part of the history of 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. People are creating problems where none exist. Politically this movement is being referred to as “wokism”. There seems

to be a bit of a revolt occurring to this movement currently.

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 # 1656

### 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?

Patriotic relationship Think of myself as a Newfoundlander first and Canadian second.

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 Our previous governments was proud of Memorial and spent a great deal of money making it the great NL institution it is today

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It has become a very important tradition.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1657

### 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? s. 40 (1)

The 'Ode to Newfoundland' means little to me [REDACTED] as does 'Ode to Labrador' and this should not be seen as a solution. I do not feel overtly negatively or positively towards the Ode, I do not think it is as significant of a challenge or issue as it is being portrayed by the university and the media.

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?

Again, I am personally indifferent on the inclusion of the Ode to Newfoundland and do not believe that also including the Ode to Labrador is an effective solution to the inclusion of Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am disheartened that university has allocated such a significant chunk of resources to this when the university is in financial crisis. In my opinion, these funds have been wasted and could have been better spent on the students Memorial is currently serving. I am curious to know who has advocated for the Ode to be reviewed or removed and if BIPOC communities have dominated the advocacy or if it is settler voices advocating for the BIPOC community - these are two drastically different things and should be taken into consideration. From my perspective, settlers have advocated for the Ode to be included and settlers have advocated on behalf of the BIPOC community to have the Ode removed - this does not seem like an issue of racism but instead an issue of 'white savourism'. I have read that a student representative felt as though Labrador not being included in the Ode was a point of contention - where did the student get this information? There is no Labrador representation on the ad hoc committee to voice such concerns. The only chance of a Labrador voice being represented on this committee are by members who live in St.Johns and work for the St.Johns Campus. Why was the choice made to not include a voice from the Labrador Campus where convocations will be held moving forward? The inclusion or exclusion of the Ode for a Labrador Campus convocation is an important conversation as all current convocations happen on the island of Newfoundland. Has this been taken into consideration? Has there been a Labrador voice included in this conversation? This committee and this "issue" has gone on far too long, has wasted far too many funds and still after two years has not effectively voiced the concerns or indifferences of the people who are supposedly going to be directly impacted.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1658

### 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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It has been a part of my Newfoundland Heritage [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?

Definitely Yes! Because it has been loved and respected as a NL. icon by both the quick and the dead for many decades and should be kept alive by respected institutions, especially a much respected one as our beloved Memorial University.

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 # 1659

### 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?

I don't have strong feelings one way or another about the Ode to Newfoundland, but I care very deeply for Memorial University and its role in this province. For some reason, the issue of the Ode at convocation has lit a match in this province and it threatens to ignite a firestorm that will engulf this university in controversy that will be felt for a generation. Frankly, the university cannot afford it.

### 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: sing the Ode. Allow people to remain seated if they choose. The people of the province, who are the taxpayers that support Memorial, and all three government parties, are overwhelmingly in favour of keeping the Ode in. The damage that not singing the Ode will do to the university, in terms of public support and good will, is immense. This has been a one-sided debate: no third party advocates have spoken in favour of the ode coming out and no one will. The university should add the other elements to the ceremony to make it more inclusive.

### Is there anything else you would like to add?

I appreciate the work of the committee. I feel that those individuals have been put in an untenable situation, as the impact of their recommendation has reverberations far, far beyond what is typical for a Senate committee. The implications for government relations, alumni and donor relations as well as public perception cannot be overstated. I think it's important to remember that in sensitive scenarios, the right action may need to wait for a better moment to avoid unintended harm or overwhelming resistance. We are now at a point where overwhelming resistance is guaranteed. The significant, negative impacts of removing the ode outweigh the benefits at this time. We must balance principle with practicality and think about the best interests of Memorial University as an institution. If Senate does decide not to sing the Ode at convocation, ALL senators must be prepared to explain why they made that decision and to help the wider community understand it in a way that resonates with them. They must be prepared to write op-eds, call Open Line and have it out with Paddy Daly, host seminars and ultimately stand behind their decision.

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 # 1660

### 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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I think the Ode is an important part of pre-Confederation history and culture, and contributes to the distinctiveness of NL as a place and society. It is a "national" anthem in many ways.

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. Why not? Because the Ode works in many ways as a "national" anthem, it can be an important component for certain formal ceremonies where such pomp and circumstance is usual, such as convocation for the only university in the province. I have read through the lyrics carefully. I see the Ode as having a universalist message, and do not see text that would offend settler, Indigenous, or newcomer Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. Ultimately, it's a song about the very distinct weather and landscape of this province. Something that all cultures in the province have experienced and talked about over time and in the present. I do not see overtly colonialist or imperialist language or messaging in the text. "Fathers" is patriarchal in nature, but the meaning here is effectively "ancestors." The invocation of prayer is Christian in nature, but more or less speaks to a universal creator. This language and reference is a product of the era in which the song was crafted (1902) and people can recognize that and understand it for what it is, while still seeing the larger messages of place and locality. A reminder, also, that Memorial University is the provincial university. It is funded by the tax payers of NL to educate the people of Newfoundland & Labrador and to research and study NL as a distinct place.

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A concern for the local should be the foremost priority of the university, rather than "internationalization" which at this point I just see as a fancy word for attracting scores of international students to exploit as cash cows via oppressively high tuition. Memorial has increasingly failed in its mandate to study and support the local and to lift up all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians by removing barriers to education. Note that MUN always excelled at an international level in fields where students and faculty studied the local (Marine Biology; Geology; History and Geography of the Atlantic World; Folklore and Anthropology; Linguistics; Archaeology). You can have an international reputation for excellence while still focusing on the local. And, if I wanted to learn about or engage in scholarship with an international focus, I'm not going to be choosing Memorial anyway.... I'll go to one of the larger Canadian universities.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This is a non-issue. It seems like an infinite waste of money and resources that the university could be directing towards scholarships and supports for, say, Indigenous students -- actually implementing tangible things that lower barriers to accessing a higher education. Instead of doing the work, and focusing on its original mandate to improve educational opportunities for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, [REDACTED] and forms a task force to debate whether a song written in 1902 and recognized as a national anthem for the province in which the university is located, is appropriate to play at a Convocation ceremony. It's a song about the weather, folks.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1661

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It elicits from me deep and positive feelings towards Newfoundland, almost uniquely so.

It is a serious marker of place and community.

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 represents and supports a distinct community of people who should be proud of what they belong to.

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 # 1662

### 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?

Memorial was established to honour those who served in WWI, many of whom did not return home. Newfoundland was a sovereign country at the time and the loss of so many young men had a profound impact. It was one of the factors that ultimately lead to the loss of self-governance. We cannot and should not rewrite history, nor should we deny or ignore it. The Ode is one of the things that personifies Newfoundland. Make revisions as necessary to include the Labrador portion of the Province, but do not drop the Ode. We are unique and should honour that uniqueness, including all parts of the Province as well as our history.

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 absolutely so, as I indicate above. When the decision was made to drop the Ode, a decision that was made by a very small group of individuals, without consultation with the community or alumni,

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[REDACTED]. We have one university in this Province and it was established in memory of those who served in the Great War. Unless we wish to go forward without that awareness, the Ode should be retained, even in a modified version.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I decry the fact that the original decision to drop the Ode was made by a very small group, without consultation with anyone. The university is a public institution, it belongs to everyone, and the manner in which that decision was made was offensive to those of us who are alumni, as well as to the community at large. In all honesty, I fear that MUN has really lost its way. We have one university and I have real concerns about how it is being managed.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1663

### 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, cultural significance, collective history and 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, Memorial University of NEWFOUNDLAND

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Cultural awareness and celebration is abound in our modern society. Newfoundland's rich culture and heritage should be equally celebrated and who better to recognize that than our Province's greatest institution for higher learning.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1664

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

Gives me a sense of pride in our history and unique cultural 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. Newfoundland...it's right there in Memorial's name. It's important to commemorate and honour those for whom Memorial was created.

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 # 1665

### 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 reflection of the gift given us, as Newfoundlanders, of freedom to study, to aspire, and to improve. It is a also an homage to those who fought for that freedom- who fought for children and grandchildren; so that we could continue to live and dream in this beautiful land.

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 foundation of the university, are those who we memorialize in the song, as well as the beautiful province that is reflected in the song.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am saddened that the university has taken the position of exclusion in removing the Ode from the ceremony. As long as the university is sitting in NL, the Ode should be part of the convocation ceremony.

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 # 1666

### 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?

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and we sang the Ode in school multiple times a week, and at every significant ceremony throughout the year. The Ode to Newfoundland represents my childhood, my attachment to the culture I was raised in, and Newfoundland resistance to post-Confederation Canadian cultural imperialism. It also -- like all nationalist anthems -- represents a patriarchal, colonial worldview, with which I am uncomfortable. So my attitude toward the Ode is ambivalent and complicated.

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 there is a place for greater, more informed conversation about the role of \*any\* anthem in these kinds of ceremonies. If the Ode is to be included, can it be accompanied by other anthems -- for example, something representing Labrador? How do we push back against the homogenizing effect of an imposed Canadian identity without also inflicting colonial attitudes of our own? What do Indigenous and newcomer NLers (or students visiting from outside the province) feel is the place of the Ode? As a Newfoundlander, my feelings are not the important ones in the conversation.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think the voices that need to be heard on this still aren't being reached.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1667

### 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?

An important part of history and identity. Our university is dedicated to the soldiers from Newfoundland who died to keep us safe.

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. Not including it is disrespectful and against the mandate of the university. If we are not including the ode then the university's name needs to be changed as it is no longer a "living memorial".

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 # 1668

### 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 represents our attachment to the Province. It helps define our character.

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?

To a local, the Ode is more important than the National Anthem. Its words echo the pride we have in the province. There is a direct relationship between that pride and the pride of being a graduate of a university named for Newfoundlanders who sacrificed themselves for a better world.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Tell your committee to stop trying to erase or rewrite Newfoundland's history. Our culture will evolve and change as the population mix changes; that is a very positive accomplishment. But we must still be reminded of our roots and our social development. The Ode provides that reminder.

If the committee is attempting to please everyone with their decision, change its members, or there will never be a decision.

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 # 1669

### 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?

It is a respect for our land

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, you include a land acknowledgement for indigenous but not for NL, should be for both.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

NEVER should have been removed.

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 # 1670

### 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?

Identity with 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. Tradition is important as it grounds you in where you belong and why that is important. I am proud to be a Canadian and extremely proud that the Big Land is a vital and equal part of our province but MUN was established as a memorial to our place in history and established when the official name was Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

You could consider adding the Labrador theme song to convocation to recognize our current province structure.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1671

### 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?

We are Memorial University of NEWFOUNDLAND and the provincial anthem as it is known has long been a symbol of pride. We should embrace our heritage and history this song represents who we are and where we came from!

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 very much so. It represents the strong foundation that our wonderful university was built on as a remarkable symbol of 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 # 1672

### 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 vocal acclamation of pride and love of the history and beauty of 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 without a doubt - The University is in memory of the participation of the colony of Newfoundland's fallen who volunteered to protect a nation of people as the name suggests. For graduates not to acknowledge the importance of this to the place they complete their academics would be grossly neglectful and ignorant.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Include the Ode to Newfoundland...make provision to add Labrador if needs be, but do not discard 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 # 1673

### 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?

This is the national anthem of our province and should be respected and sung at convocation ceremonies.

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 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 # 1674

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] for me, unique use of the Ode embodied the pride Newfoundlanders have in the land. I realize it is not inclusive but neither was Oh Canada for decades. Don't lose the tradition. Find a way to update the version.

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?

See 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 # 1675

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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 song we all had to learn in school along with O Canada. It's something we sang at concerts and ceremonies. It distinguishes us from Canada.

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 need to understand the perspective of people who don't want it played any more. I find it hard to get this info. I think there may be a good reason to stop playing it, but I'm not sure what that is. If it's because it doesn't include Labrador, then we definitely should stop playing it and have a new song written that includes the whole province - Newfoundland AND Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1676

### Response Summary

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

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?

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 long as the problematic lyrics are changed to reflect the current times. Having it played at convocation is an experience that is unique to Newfoundland and it would be a shame to remove it completely.

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 # 1677

### 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 and respect for 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, it's very important part of our heritage

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] and Memorial University has undergone many significant changes, from its name to infrastructure expansions, program changes, and the adoption of two-tiered tuition hikes for local students. Not once have I ever been consulted on any of these items, which have far more significant impacts than the song list for ceremonies. The fact that there have been 44 meetings by a committee on this subject in the past year is absolutely alarming. For goodness' sake, stop debating and keep singing the ode. On a much broader level, please examine the state of the university when there is a need for such a process for this decision, while other critical decisions are made without any hint of consultation.

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 # 1678

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

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 # 1679

### Response Summary

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

s. 40 (1)	[Redacted]	Memorial Staff	[Redacted]	Alumni
	[Redacted]	Memorial Faculty	[Redacted]	Community Member
	[Redacted]	Current Memorial Student	[Redacted]	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?

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 # 1680

### 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 our history, our tradition. We are Newfoundlanders and it is just as important to recognize that in our university community as it is to recognize our country. Additionally, our university was founded to honour Newfoundlanders involved in the Great War, people who were not Canadian. The Ode pays tribute to them.

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, for the reason above. MUN is a memorial to WW1 soldiers, the Ode honours them. We have to be true to our roots and our history. We can add to it, to recognize that we are now part of Canada, but do not take away what we have been.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for allowing us a voice in this decision

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1681

### Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a representation of our Newfoundland culture. Of those who came before us, and forge this great province that we live in and accept all cultures and races to come to and feel safe and included.

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 never have been removed from the convocation. Memorial university was established and dedicated to all those who sacrificed their lives for us. The Ode was their anthem, and we should respect that.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If we need to think of inclusion and Labrador, please just add 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 # 1682

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

Home. Groundedness.

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 speaks to the history of Memorial.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No, thank you.

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 # 1683

### 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 represents my heritage as a Newfoundlander. It represents all the hardships my ancestors went through during the days when it was the national anthem of independent 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 strongly believe it should be included. Memorial University is located in Newfoundland, so why would we not include our provincial anthem? You would never go to another country and ask them not to play their national anthem because you're a foreigner or don't align with any national/religious ideals in the song, so how is this any different? I do not agree with ignoring Newfoundland history and culture and I believe it should be celebrated. Our university can be a melting pot of different cultures without our culture being erased.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I also agree with playing the Ode to Labrador alongside the Ode to Newfoundland to ensure our entire province is represented.

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 # 1684

### 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 means a great deal. It's a unique and special tribute to the land we inhabit. We've been singing it as long as I can remember and I'm at a loss as to why the University thinks it's inappropriate. It's an ode to the land and why not change to name to the Ode To Newfoundland and Labrador. With some minor changes it can also include all faiths and religions,

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?

No I think I've said all I have to say. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinions.

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 # 1685

### 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?

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, because it's our provincial anthem

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 # 1686

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

A connection to past and the reason the university is named as memorial to the service men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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, tradition and ceremony lends solemnity to the proceedings.

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 # 1687

### 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?

It embodies my connection to this place, it's people, and it's nature.

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 MUN is supposed to be part of NL's ecosystem. It is part of the link between this institution, established in memory of NL'ers, and the greater community that created it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1688

### 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, while reflecting the popular and now outdated themes and lyrics of its time of creation, also celebrates the beauty and people of the province. I think the connection to the song that many individuals hold and the strong feelings of pride and respect for Newfoundland the song evokes in many makes it an important part of formal events.

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 think the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University in Newfoundland. Many people of the province have a deep connection to the song and I think playing it at ceremonies is important for celebrating the people of the province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I can understand why some people may take issue with the song; Its outdated and exclusionary language and its exclusion of Labrador, are just some of the reasons. However, I think it is important to consider the context of the song and the connection that people have to it, rather than focusing solely on the lyrics. For instance, the Canadian National Anthem (O Canada) still includes the line "God keep our land, glorious and free" despite the country having a wide diversity of religions. Despite this specific line, the Canadian National Anthem is still played at Memorial Convocation Ceremonies and other convocation ceremonies throughout the country. Overall, I think that the connection and celebratory nature of the song outweighs the negative feelings towards specific lyrics and content of the song.

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 # 1689

### 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 the 'provincial song' ! I have convocated at MUN [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED] But I sang along, quite loudly and proudly, to our Ode.

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 song of Newfoundland. If the people of Labrador have a problem with it then we should include a song representing Labrador as well. But under no circumstances should the Ode be removed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't approve of cancel culture in this matter.

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]  
This song has been played at Newfoundland events since it was written.

There is no need to stop that now.

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 # 1690

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

A connection to Newfoundland history and how it is distinct from Canada.

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 a reflection of Newfoundland history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I could maybe see only doing 1 or 2 verses instead of the whole.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1691

### 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 who we are. It's where we come from. It's our roots. Our ancestors worked so hard to survey in this marvellous, terrible place. The ode fills me with 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, It is Memorial University of Newfoundland. The name and ode go together.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED] It only adds a few moments to the ceremony and I feel a big fuss is being made over nothing. Sing the Ode.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1692

### 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 # 1693

### 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?

The Ode is part of our heritage. Having as our own a piece of music composed by our Governor and set to music by the great Hubert Parry is a great privilege.

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 symbol of our unity as a people - a unity that precedes confederation.

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 # 1694

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

The lyrics and tune capture the poetic, natural and neutral panorama of Newfoundland. The lyrics reflect the optimistic and realistic perspectives of Newfoundlanders, past and present, and hopefully the future. The tune has an element of lightheartedness combined with strength and durability

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 lyrics and tune capture the poetic, natural and neutral panorama of Newfoundland. The lyrics reflect the optimistic and realistic perspectives of Newfoundlanders, past and present, and hopefully the future. The tune has an element of lightheartedness combined with strength and durability

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thanks

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1695

### 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 a poor of personal pride for me. It is is an important part of Newfoundlands Cultural Heritage, reflective of Newfoundland’s distinct history independent from the rest of Canada. I feel more pride during the playing of the Ode than during O Canada, and I know I am not alone in that feeling.

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. Keeping the Ode in use and relevant falls to Newfoundland’s institutions, key among which is our Province’s highest educational institution. This is critical to preserving our distinct culture and proudly sharing it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If the students and faculty of the Memorial University of Newfoundland won’t sing the Ode to Newfoundland, then who will?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1696

### Response Summary

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

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?

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) is the only university in Newfoundland and Labrador, built as a living Memorial to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who died in WWI. This history is highlighted on Memorial's website for its' 100th anniversary : <https://www.mun.ca/main/history/a-living-memorial/> This past year when we repatriated our own and Memorial University took part the university highlighted their involvement: <https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/reflecting-on-memorial-day/> Memorial's history, integral and intertwined with Newfoundland's history, should not only be used as press releases and promotional material. As noted in the gazette article "Memorial University continues to stand as a living Memorial to embody the aspirations of those who have served." one way one way of doing this is singing the Ode.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It was unclear why the Ode was removed from ceremonies in the past. Any anthem is by its nature exclusionary; as it is about a specific place and people. No anthem can include all people and all beliefs.

If the Ode was removed, why did O Canada remain?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1697

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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 means remembrance. The last act of love is remembrance.

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 emphatically!

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 # 1698

### Response Summary

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

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 a part of our history and culture as a province. The only part of it is the last stanza where it references God and fathers. The rest is about landscape and weather, something that affects all of us. It gives the people of Newfoundland a sense of community and togetherness. It makes me proud.

s. 40 (1) no song that unites them. The removal of the ode would be a disservice to our 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?

s. 40 (1) Yes, it is a part of the ceremony. Also, I think that this is a missed opportunity for MUN. You should, and I hope you do sing the Ode to Labrador. In addition, MUN has an excellent music school and ethomusic department. Can a new song be written? Can the university hold a competition province wide to combine our two anthems and modernize it? You can include indigenous musicians, other local marganized groups, alumni, current students to create something great! This would be a great community builder for MUN and highlight the skills that are fostered at MUN.

### Is there anything else you would like to add?

I believe this is not a problem, but an opportunity. MUN has a music school that could work on something new combining our two odes and making something new and modern. The other odes can still be played, but adding something modern and inspired by our history can really illustrate MUN's modern perspective and as a place of excellence. This could be open to all students and alumni and any other group you see fit.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1699

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Source of pride and identity; MUN is a special institution in 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?

Yes obviously. We've swung the pendulum way too far in the current age. If Labrador feels excluded, simply add that ode as well. What's the big deal about playing 2??

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This whole process has been a waste of time and money - neither of which any of us can afford

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 # 1700

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Another tradition contributing to the uniqueness of Newfoundland and Labrador and its institutions.

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. Ode to Newfoundland is sung at memorial services very year on July 1 in Ottawa, with no apparent negative repercussions.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I may have been helpful to restate the rationale used to eliminate the singing of the Ode in 2022.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1701

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is important to 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?

Strong yes. Should be no discussion otherwise.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

no

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1702

### 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 an integral part of our distinct heritage and many Newfoundlanders recognized this as their anthem as they fought in WW1

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?

Definitely yes. It is part of our heritage and as respect for the soldiers who fought in WW1....something MEMORIAL University should be aware of and keep.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I believe eliminating it would be a very sorry mistake.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1703

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

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?

Yes, so people will stop talking about it not being there. Can easily add ode to Labrador to include Labrador too

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1704

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Similar to the national anthem, a collective experience as part of ceremony.

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?

It is not inclusive, but then, neither is the national anthem. I do not personally object to it being sung, but do not have an opinion as strong as 'should' or 'shouldn't'. I know it matters to many people, and I do enjoy that collective experience, but I do not want to participate in something if others are finding it alienating, particularly Indigenous communities. If all we do is land acknowledgments and then continue practices of erasure in the rest of the ceremony that does not rest well.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1705

### 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 means connection with the province and remember the beauty it has to offer for everyone to enjoy.

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 shows how much we all care about Newfoundland and nature. It also shows the new alumni that they are also part of Newfoundland and we welcome them with open arms on their achievement. It allows them to take in the feeling of the song and how beautiful Newfoundland is. We are all proud to have experienced Newfoundland and it's beauty.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The ode is more than just a song, it's a powerful spiritual message that tells us to observe and appreciate nature and how lucky we are to have it.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1706

### Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A celebration in verse of the rare geographic beauty and rich appeal of our place.

A sense of pride in our place. Nothing less.

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 part and parcel of who we are, and one of the most beautiful odes in the world. It is not celebrating war or victory. It does not discriminate. It celebrates our damn weather and geography.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I can support removing reference to God. Done. Rewrite.

I can support including "Labrador" in the final verse. Done. Rewrite.

But I cannot support exclusion of the Ode completely.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1707

### 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 historical importance is significant.

Please cut through the bureacy and get this issue resolved. Some minor adjustments should suffice.

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 is the Ode To Newfoundland and Labrador the official name of our province.

You cannot eliminate history just make some minor adjustments and carry on with this tradition. Why do we have to complicate things? Our History alone including all the sacrifices which were made should warrant continuation of the Ode at convocation

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1708

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

X	Memorial Staff		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?

yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1709

### 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?

Everything.

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. MUN was established as a Newfoundland university first. We can always suppress our roots.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Tell the sookie babies to suck it.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1710

### Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Sense of place, belonging as well as respectful memorial to those who came 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?

Yes. Although supposedly administratively autonomous, Memorial University would not exist without significant public contribution. The decision regarding the ode is ultimately political in nature. The decision made will ultimately make its way as a debate within the provincial house of assembly. The fallout from this decision should be limited to elected officials and not administrators or appointees.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This is a no-win situation. The timing was premature to have interrupted the status quo. The original discussion, let alone decision, should never had made its way to the table without the necessary support or known outcome. This subject has resulted in considerable damage to MUN's reputation. Sacrifices will have to be made and decisions deferred to the province in order to move past this misstep.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1711

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A strong reminder of time and place, and history.

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 has been such an integral facet of Newfoundland and Labrador that it can bring a tear to the eye of many a homesick Newfoundlander and even a long-term resident.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Tweaking one word would eliminate most controversy - why not "As loved our forebears..." and if we really need to steer clear of religion then "Their hopes we raise so high above..." or similar". Worst case scenario, present the song without lyrics, though that would be a shame...

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1712

### 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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[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 # 1713

### 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 vital to our culture and honour as Newfoundlanders. In an effort to include all, you've made a divisive issue from something so self-evident in its place in our culture, you've alienated the very people this institution claims to represent

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?

Include the Ode and add whatever other anthem you desire to placate the vocal minorities, but recognize you risk funding and support from alumni and others by adjusting or omitting the Ode. The fact this survey even is being conducted is evidence memorial has lost the plot, you won't win the inclusion olympics, have convictions and stick by them. The ode represents this province and by extension all students within it. We don't need anything else.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1714

### 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 to Newfoundland fills me with great pride for this province of Newfoundland & Labrador.

s. 40 (1)

The ode to Newfoundland is a reminder to stand proud & tall and grateful to be part of something so special & unique.

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:

Memorial University was established as a Memorial to the many Newfoundlanders who lost their lives in WW1 when Newfoundland was an independent colony.

This is part of our history ..the ode to Newfoundland is a reminder that we belong to a very Unique Province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As loved our fathers , so we loved

Where once they stood We stand

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1715

### 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?

It expresses a deep sense of pride in the place where I was born. I have sung it at important events throughout my lifetime.

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 this university was founded as a memorial to those who fought for our freedom

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 # 1716

### 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?

I don't think about the Ode in my daily life at all

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 is not equivalent to a theme song for the university

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The decision should focus around what purpose the Ode serves in convocation ceremonies. Memorial University does not serve only individuals from the province. If the University is focused on reaching international and broader Canadian students it feels counterintuitive to spend such focus on a NL specific song that is likely not felt to be culturally relevant to the target demographic(s) of students - both those originating in NL and others.

At my own convocation ceremony

[REDACTED] To play homage to the traditions of Newfoundland and Labrador, perhaps musical performances from traditional/folk artists can be incorporated, in addition to performances by Indigenous artists from the groups whose traditional lands the University is situated on, and as well as performances that celebrate the diverse and global communities connected to Memorial.

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Yes

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## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1717

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

It's a symbol of what being a Newfoundlander and Labradorian is to me.

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 Memorial University was built to commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice during war. The "ode" was a symbol of what they fought for . They were true 'fighting Newfoundlanders'.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Not at this time.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1718

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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?

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 is part of the fabric of Newfoundland, of our history.

I suppose it is the word God that is the problem. But traditionally that was the name given to the mystery that we reach for and that gives meaning and comfort in times of trouble. Maybe not anymore, but [REDACTED]. We did not pretend to have all the answers.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think you should keep it.

It will give people something beautiful to think about.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1719

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

<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 tells the youth where they came from and should be celebrated. We have a lot of history in our small province and it should be recognized.

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?

Old to NL definitely should be included. It's who we are!! You can also sing Labradors anthem. It is also beautiful and should be included. Students who attend here from other places love NL and would also enjoy being part of our customs and culture, which include the singing of our anthems.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1720

### 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 to Newfoundland means a lot to me. It instills pride as it speaks of our home that I love. I know of many local performance groups who end concerts with the Ode.

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!!! 100% yes. As above, it represents our province and home, home, also, of Memorial University. I was quite upset to hear that removing it was being considered.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Keep the Ode!!! It is a respectful, ceremonial piece that instill pride in our graduates, families, alumni, and staff.

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1721

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

	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?

It has an emotional value for me as a Newfoundland native. I feel proud of my heritage when I hear it.

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 part of our heritage and pride

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1722

### 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 to Newfoundland represents a deep pride in the province's natural beauty, unique culture, and resilient people. It's a celebration of Newfoundland's identity, history, and close connection to its rugged landscape, evoking a strong sense of belonging and community.

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 should be included in Memorial University's convocation ceremonies because it celebrates the province's rich heritage, culture, and identity, fostering a sense of pride and connection among graduates. As a tribute to Newfoundland and Labrador, it aligns with the university's role in honoring its roots and serving as a beacon of education and opportunity within the province. Including the Ode reminds graduates of their shared connection to the land and its people as they embark on their future endeavors.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

## Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 1723

### Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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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 is one of two provincial anthems recognized by the government of Newfoundland and 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?

As the provincial University, yes I believe the recognized anthem of the province should be part of the convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The University is addressing the issue without looking at the root cause and as such is mired in attempting to solve a problem that is not within the purview of the University. The root issue is that the province of Newfoundland and LABRADOR does not currently have an approved anthem that celebrates the distinct cultures and identities of both the peoples of the island of Newfoundland and the peoples of Labrador. This is an issue to be addressed, if needed, by the government of the day contingent on the degree of public concern and outcry.

The University decision is simple, does the provincial University include the official anthem of the province in its convocation proceedings? This decision should not be subject to an assessment of the lyrics within the official anthem, as chosen by the government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

If the University identifies a lack of provincial and cultural representation with the official anthem, the recourse should be to raise that concern with the government of the day and potentially propose a partnership between the government, the School of Music, and the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in updating the language.

In my personal view, the University of the province should include the current provincial anthem as part of convocation ceremonies. Memorial University is the sole university representing the province on the national and international post-secondary stage. It is important to take this opportunity to re-enforce the sense of pride in place to convoking students whether they are born provincially nationally, or internationally.

Additionally Memorial's own website states, "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 we help to build a