

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2474

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

MUN is a "Memorial University" named in honour of the people who lost their lives in World War I and other conflicts. The "Ode to Newfoundland" is the official provincial anthem of the province. I believe it should be part of 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, for the reasons as stated previously. MUN is a "Memorial University" named in honour of the people who lost their lives in World War I and other conflicts. The "Ode to Newfoundland" is the official provincial anthem of the province. I believe it should be part of convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I can recall as a Newfoundland and Labradorian, feeling emotional and proud on hearing the Ode at my convocation.

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Memorial has a special place in the fabric of this province. Our forefathers deserve the respect of playing the Ode during convocation.

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode has always been a source of pride for me every time I heard it sung.

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

Of course it should be included in convocation ceremonies. It has been part of our culture long before the name of the province was changed to include Labrador. Newfoundland as an identifiable place did not simply disappear because Labrador was finally identified as a separate and distinct part of Canada. Enough of the woke culture!!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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		Memorial Faculty		Community Member
		Current Memorial Student		Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ode to Newfoundland to me the a unique piece of Newfoundland heritage. [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] It is part of the pride of being a Newfoundlander and Labradorian. It was really disappointing to here it was removed from our 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 it most definitely should be and its appalling that its been removed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is a powerful symbol of pride, history, and love for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It represents a deep connection to the land, its natural beauty, and the enduring spirit of its people. The Ode has become an integral part of Newfoundland's identity, embedded in the psyche of its people since its adoption as the national anthem of the Dominion of Newfoundland in the early 20th century.

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

Yes, I believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Since the 1950s, the Ode has been an integral part of Convocation, representing a cherished tradition that connects generations of graduates. This historical significance is further amplified by the university's founding purpose as a living memorial to those who sacrificed their lives in war, with the Ode serving as a poignant tribute to this legacy. Moreover, the Ode holds a special place in the hearts of many students, alumni, and community members, evoking a profound emotional connection to their heritage and homeland. This emotional resonance transforms the Ode from a mere song into a powerful symbol of shared identity and collective memory, making its inclusion in convocation a meaningful and unifying experience for many participants.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It would be a profound loss if the Ode to Newfoundland were to be permanently removed from Convocation, diminishing the cultural richness of the ceremonies. I sincerely hope the Ad hoc committee carefully considers these arguments and recommends reinstatement of the Ode to its rightful place during convocation ceremonies.

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Broad question but I will provide a simple answer. Pride. Whenever I hear that anthem I feel so proud of who we are as a people. Our uniqueness in this country and a reminder that we were once our had our own identity. We were self governing, had our own currency, and had, still have, a very unique culture. Hearing that anthem is akin to hearing the voices of the thousands of men and women who built lives in this harsh and at times unforgiving 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. It is part of who we are. It is to remind us of all the Newfoundlanders that have come before us. One verse for me says it all “ when blinding storm gusts fret thy shore, And wild waves lash thy strand, Thro’ spindrift swirl, and tempest roar, We love thee windswept land”. When I hear this verse I actually get goosebumps. I think of my family, my ancestors, who made a living as fishermen in such a harsh environment. All of the strong men and women who made a living here, it was not for the faint of heart. That verse, to me says so much.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No thank you

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Yes

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☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It makes me proud.

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is a waste of resources to have so many committee meetings on this topic. Bring back the ode.

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a piece of Newfoundland 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.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

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	Memorial Staff		Alumni
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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means pride 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?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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 most definitely be included in the convocation ceremony. Memorial is the only university in Newfoundland so it should be recognized as such during an event as significant as convocation. Students convocating from memorial are convocating from a Newfoundland university, it is no different than including the national anthem. There is absolutely no reason why it should not be included. It should be recognized where your degree is coming from, many universities go as far as having an ode to that university, those odes aren't excluded from convocation because it doesn't consider that people may have also went to other universities.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[REDACTED] It' seems slightly ridiculous that memorial doesn't want to do the same to risk upsetting a very small minority that would consider it a problem.

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It instills pride in me to be a Newfoundlander. It's a reminder of growing up in the bay place in the 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. It's a musical symbol of our province. A way to show pride and honour for our province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is an important symbol of Newfoundland identity and history. It is quite dated and to be honest, i found the language and references kind of cringy [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I personally don't enjoy it, but i respect its place in our culture and Memorials.

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 should not have been removed based on reasons given and the University's conduct and explanation has been disappointing and disingenuous. Now that said, i am all for updating language to reflect societal norms and equality.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am a fan and proud alumnus of the university and i think govt has treated memorial poorly for many years. However, it is clear that the university has lost its way and is neither transparent not accountable to its funders, alumni or students. How could you hope to increase funding from alumni or others, which is clearly needed? You have lost your bearings. Be better. Memorial should be integral to NL life and economic growth. Please find your way back.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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████████████████████ I would hear the Ode to Newfoundland, along with the Canadian anthem, at school events. It has always been a part of our culture in NL and represents the pride we feel in 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?

Absolutely yes, the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in the Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of NEWFOUNDLAND. This is our province's university and we are proud of our province and culture.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

While I understand that MUN educates students from other provinces and nationalities, they chose to come to our province for their education. NL is now a part of them too and should be celebrated!

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is first and foremost a love song to the land and it's natural beauty. It is important part of our province's culture and history from pre-confederation to the present day. It is something that makes Newfoundlanders & Labradorians unique and proud of 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?

Yes. The university's concerns surrounding inclusivity (i.e. exclusion of Labrador, use of words such as "fathers", and "God") should not be used as excuses to erase tradition. [REDACTED] I take no issue with the religious connotations in the Ode because I recognize the historical and cultural significance of the song's lyrics. The lyrics are in no way offensive and thus should not warrant it's exclusion from ceremonies going forward.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

Although I think it is unnecessary, I would support altering the lyrics over the complete removal of the Ode.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

it is a piece of music that for me, totally speaks of 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?

yes. there are very many much more important issues at memorial than this Ode. I cannot believe that many meetings have been held for such a simple decision.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

no

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means my home, my life, my school and my 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?

Absolutely, YES! It should have not stopped. It was the national anthem of Newfoundland for over 40 years in the early 1900s when our grandfather's fought in 2 world wars. That song and the University is a testament to their sacrifice.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please stop all this foolishness. It is getting us nowhere.

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☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an extremely important aspect of our cultural heritage.

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The Ode has tremendous personal significance to me as a proud 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 yes!! MUN was established as a memorial to those proud Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the great wars to assure that we continue to live in a free society. The inclusion of the Ode during Convocation is an important symbol of our past, our pride in the place we call home, and the memory of those for whom the institution was established.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The decision to not include the Ode to Newfoundland during the Convocation Ceremonies was extremely inappropriate and an insult to many Newfoundlanders. Though I fully recognize the importance of insuring that we evolve in a way the reflects societal changes, some cultural traditions are too important to trifle with; I strongly believe that the Ode falls firmly into this category!!

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Memorial Staff	Alumni
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Current Memorial Student	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland symbolizes Memorial's connection to the people and history of this province. It is not the only such symbol, but it is a deeply-felt one that is highly significant both to many members of the Memorial community and to the people of this province that created — and, despite recent cuts, continue to fund — this 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, I believe the Ode should be included in Convocation. If some feel left out by the Ode, we can add more symbols to Convocation that represent the histories of more members of the Memorial community. However, we should not remove this important symbol of our history, our purpose and our connection to the province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Memorial needs to restore itself to a place of significance and even pride for the people of this province. Only through public support can the University regain its confidence and its centrality — as well as its funding. Over the past decade, we have become (largely undeserving!) symbols of waste, mismanagement and, frankly, disdain for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. If we think we are too modern for their Ode and too high for their oversight, we shouldn't be surprised to find ourselves losing support among the public and losing funding from the government.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It has historical significance in the context of the uniqueness of its culture

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

Yes, convocation is a time to celebrate the uniqueness and memories of provincial history

...you know like 'memory'='memorial'.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[REDACTED]

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No

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Core to Newfoundland's identity. Something that should have never been suspended during convocation

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 a pillar to Newfoundland's identity and thus should be respected and treated as such and should be celebrated at events such as convocation

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This survey shouldn't exist to re-instate something that is core to Newfoundland's identity. Under proper leadership with integrity, it should have been reinstated swiftly. If it's part of Newfoundland's tradition and heritage and it should automatically be respected and celebrated. Land acknowledgements on the other hand should be dismissed and discontinued at convocation. They have no place in Newfoundland.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[REDACTED]

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

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[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[REDACTED]

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No

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A sense of place, evocative lyrics, idiosyncratic to this smiling 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! Along with the National Anthem.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A unnecessary question if you have an iota of 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?

Of course! It is named 'Memorial University, ' after all!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No. No more needs to be said.

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Yes

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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's an old song I learned in elementary school choir and doesn't carry any special significance to me. I can only remember the first line.

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 believe it should be included in Convocation Ceremonies moving forward.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

If removing the song allows more time for a local musician to perform that will create a more unique and meaningful experience in the way that only live music can. As an added bonus, we do our best not to exclude anyone in the process. Win-win.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means in the context of Memorial University [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The Ode to me represents every sacrifice and every strength that must be mustered against adversity. It means through its changing seasons that the spirit is renewed. It is of us and our place in time to advance 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 for all the above reasons. It belongs here as the Ode is ours as the University is ours. It would be good if the committee and Board of Regents, MUN faculty and administration would remind themselves of that simple fact.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This is about the stupidest woke bullshit nonsense I have ever heard in my entire adult life. This is emblematic of how detached universities have come from the communities that finance them so they can serve them by bringing higher education to the communities. This wokeness is a venereal disease spreading at its leisure through the halls of academia and now it starts to attack our cultural identity. Let me make it clear, [REDACTED] s. 40 (1)

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It signifies the reason around the naming of MUN, as a memorial to NEWFOUNDLAND soldiers that served.

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, to honour NEWFOUNDLAND soldiers that served, the namesake of the University.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2500

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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 emotional tribute to all that has occurred in our Province. It stirs pride of place whenever it is sang.

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 above, tradition is important - the decision to suspend the Ode hit a nerve that MUN did not handle well.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If there are sensitivities in some of the wording, let's talk about it and develop a solution. Stopping it outright was a disastrous decision.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2501

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland has been part of who we are, living here in NL , it has always been a part of our culture. The University is representative of many diverse cultures but it was founded in Memorial of those who faught and died for our freedom. Those who study at MUN should come to know it's 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, of course include it. Maybe need to make some adjustments or changes to the historical wording. If O Canada was updated, I'm sure most people would agree with necessary changes to the wording of the Ode. A more inclusive version would be welcome, not to change it completely but to make it even better. Change can be welcomed if it is done thoughtfully and respectfully. Hurtful to those who built the University and Province to simply leave it out.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would like to see Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador. Still MUN , but please include Labrador. Maybe a verse in the Ode to Newfoundland and Labrador could include a verse from Harry Paddon's Ode to Labrador.Thanks for allowing input into your decision making.

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 # 2502

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?

Our anthem, 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?

Yes it should be, it's part of the culture of Memorial, the reason we even have this university.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2503

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

s. 40 (1)

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, it should never have been removed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

no

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2504

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an important part of Newfoundland's 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. Memorial U incorporates Newfoundland in its title. The Ode to Newfoundland is an important distinction among many other attributes pertaining to the province's/dominion's unique history

Is there anything else you would like to add?

MUN has important problems that need fixing moreso than creating a crisis personal of the ode

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2505

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Growing-up in Newfoundland it was always a part of my life. Its stirring words and haunting melody speak directly to me. [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1)

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

Yes - It's a direct link between the Newfoundlanders who fought and died for freedom in 2 world wars and the first university opened in Newfoundland named in their memory. What could be more appropriate?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I can not think of any reason why it should not be an integral part of the convocation ceremony.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2506

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: s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is the most patriotic piece of music for those who take great pride in their Newfoundland birthright. I am astonished that this is a matter of survey and debate. For decades the Ode was an integral and expected convocation gem.

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, of course. Who or what "committee" decided that this was no longer an essential convocation component. The old adage holds, "a Camel is a committee's idea of a horse".

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Reinstate the Ode. "God Guard thee Shining Land"

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2507

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Represents a part of Newfoundland and Labrador history and culture. It can't be erased, or deleted. History is 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 should. It is the "National" Anthem.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I was proud to study at MUN and hold a degree from the university. Current opinions will go as others have. Let the university be proud to be in and of Newfound and Labrador. Let the traditions remain which will stand long after these generations have passed from Memory.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2508

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Respect to our people and province, 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?

Yes, it reflects our province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2509

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a song about place and home, and about those who came before. I regret it's patriarchal and non-secular nature, but these things can or should be changed rather than abandon the whole.

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

Memorial will have nothing to memorialize if it does not stay connected to a sense of place and home. Of course it should be included.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The music school should have been enlisted and entitled to rewrite the parts of the ode that are outdated, and this should never have been removed and turned into an about-face committee assignment.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2510

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?

Provincial hymn & part of convocation tradition.

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

Yes, as it unites all those attending convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2511

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's part of my identity, having grown up singing it in school.

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

Yes. I believe traditional ceremonies such as this are important to our self identity. It binds us all; past, present and future.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If the ode to Newfoundland is cancelled, it will erode the connection to our past and future.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2512

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's our national anthem. Has been my whole life!

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?

Of course it's part of this place, our culture, our heritage. It's part of the people that built this province and thereby the university.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Yes, Newfoundlanders built this province and it certainly wasn't easy. We should be proud of ourselves and our ancestors who came before use. We stand on their shoulders, if we didn't we would not stand so tall.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2513

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 is our story, our anthem and I am embarrassed that it is no longer part of convocation. It is disgusting that it has and is taking up so much time and resources when the university is in desperate need of these resources to address so many inadequacies. I have not discussed this issue with one single person who supports removing it; perhaps change some of the verses somewhat, but remove it...no. It is scandalous.

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 previous answer.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Ridiculous.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2514

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ode to newfoundland is a symbol to this province, as is 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?

Absolutely yes, everyone who convocated, started their career in this wonderful province, at this institution, the generations of families who got their start at mun, and who went to work in this province to build it to what it is today, or elsewhere in the world, started here, in Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Absurd this is even a survey. take the 3-4 minutes and play the anthem of the province

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2515

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A lovely tribute to NL history and culture.

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

Yes. To live and study in NL requires some level of immersion in NL culture, and the ode is a lovely tribute to the NL history and culture that would undoubtedly have shaped the students' experience throughout their time at MUN (whether the student is from NL or elsewhere).

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2516

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?

Ode to Newfoundland means a sense of belonging to this beautiful province and the challenges that were faced by our forefathers in settling the province of Newfoundland and Labrador throughout our rich 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 the University was established and named to honour those that had fallen during war. The university and the use of the Ode during the convocation ceremonies supports and facilitates the linking of the history of the wonderful province of Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No thank you.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2517

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an Important part of our culture and heritage that should be passed down to new students and generations, aswell allows new students from away to get interested in the history and culture of our beautiful province that we call home, even if it's only home temporarily.

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. Explained above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I feel not allowing ode to newfoundland would be a horrible mistake and a slap in the face to us newfoundlanders

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2518

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	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?

Absolutely! It is part of our heritage.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Just keep the Ode to Newfoundland in Convocation.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2519

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means a lot to me as it represents the history of the province and my deep roots here.

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 is a provincial institution built by the people for the people as a way to celebrate our heritage. Inclusion of the Ode represents that heritage

Is there anything else you would like to add?

While I love the Ode to Newfoundland I recognize how it may need some updating. It should include some phrase that recognizes Labrador. Also it needs to include reference to our indigenous peoples given their importance to our well documented history.

.However, I would be highly annoyed if MUN were to refuse to include the Ode for fear that it might offend modern special interest groups. I believe our ode does represent the spirit of our province. Remember as well that thousands of men and women have died in battle while being closely tied to the Ode. It is your duty as 'Memorial University to sing it as they heard it, often before their deaths. Taking it out of graduation ceremonies, or insisting on widespread changes would be an insult to their memory.

Sometimes I feel we want to rewrite or bury history to protect feelings. MUN has a responsibility here to our history, warts and all. Sing it at the convocation or change the name of the university!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2520

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?

To Newfoundlanders (and many Labradorians), the Ode to Newfoundland is our Anthem and we sing it with the same pride as we sing our National Anthem. It can be tweaked to fit Labrador in the lyrics if necessary. It has beautiful lyrics!

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 unequivocally YES!

It has beautiful lyrics and a great anthem about our beautiful Province! Why change a beautiful tradition?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is unbelievable that this has become such a big issue given the many more important issues in our society. I am sure there are more important things to debate and spend money on than whether the Ode should continue to be sung. Tween the lyrics and make everyone happy. It is beautiful!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2521

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: s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is an important part of the NL culture and relates to the pride of being part of NL. s. 40 (1)

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The Ode has a great deal of meaning for 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. See above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2522

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a symbol of pride in our Province (which supports our university) and remembrance of our fallen soldiers (for whom the university is named). Memorial University should proudly play the Ode to honour these connections.

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. The Ode is a symbol of pride in our Province (which supports our university) and remembrance of our fallen soldiers (for whom the university is named). Memorial University should proudly play the Ode to honour these connections.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2523

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	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 # 2524

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is central to our history and culture.

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

Yes. It is core to our identity, culture and history. It is tradition and an important stalwart in a changing landscape.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

All fringe minority concerns need to be put aside. Some things should be beyond question such as the signing of our national and provincial anthems. These should be included in convocation without question. Protests are always going to be a part of college life as the place is necessarily full of young people but the adults in the room should keep the traditions in place that hold the institution together. If the anthem can be disallowed what is next... if nothing is stable and fixed, as alumni we are left to question if anything that we paid and worked for remains as a legacy

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Policies need to reflect long-term traditional core mandates such as higher education... not modern identity politics and other garbage such as political protests. MUN has lost the plot to a large degree and really needs adults to set the path instead of the students.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2525

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride. Historic. A honour to proudly sing 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. Part of our history

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2526

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?

Culture. Community. Belonging. Passion. 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. To remove part of one's culture and background is not inclusive. Inclusivity is about bringing the whole, not removing all aspects of all cultures until nothing remains. The inclusion of the word god could be changed like all thy aons command in OCanada. The ode to Labrador could also be played.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This whole thing seems like a waste of resources when there are more pressing matters like crumbling infrastructure, low utilization classrooms, declining enrollment rates, the questionable future of the Harlow campus, and the slow deterioration of our University's status as a quality institution. There will always be loud and angry voices, to appease all voices would result in nothing ever happening. This whole situation makes me think a lot worse of our University. Getting rid of the Ode in the first place was the issue - it was a knee jerk reaction. If that is how the University engages in decision making, it is no wonder it is in its current state.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2527

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a great source of pride in our province, and in our 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. The university is named Memorial University of Newfoundland. It was named in honour of military people who fought and died for our liberty. We know that the name of the province includes Labrador, but to seniors like me, who were born before we joined Canada, Newfoundland was a country, whose soldiers fought for the mother country. The ode honours them, and deservedly so.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If you drop the ode, then you may have to add Labrador to the title of our beloved university.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2528

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	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 province's unique history, it speaks to our relationship to the land, and invokes the continuity of our collective story.

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

Yes. The university is by its name, by its origin, "of Newfoundland". It is fitting that an institution whose existence honours the fallen who were also "of Newfoundland" should include the Ode in its ceremonies. The Ode recalls what many of those fallen soldiers fought for - the land, the people, the continuity of the story that are invoked by the Ode.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I firmly believe reconciliation can be meaningful - perhaps most meaningful - when it allows for the juxtaposition of symbols, stories, truths. Colonialism and indigenous suffering are truths. The Newfoundland identity is also a truth (albeit also plurality) felt and understood by the province's citizens. Reconciliation that invites tough and respectful conversation about these truths, that allows both to hold space as historic, current and vital parts of our province's evolving story, is essential. Hiding or disregarding one or the other precludes the meaningful conversations that might lead to reconciliation.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2529

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] I love when they play the Ode to Newfoundland, because it's so nice to be in a province with a strong sense of pride 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, I would like it to be included in my convocation [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1)

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2530

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland gives me a sense of pride.

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It also causes me to reflect on the word Memorial and the sacrifices made. “where once the stood we stand,” says everything needed.

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 my above answer.

The How and the What of convocation is important., but the why is everything? Why we remember our history and its connection to MUN is critical for CFA’s, our youth and one obviously to remind us as we have stumped as leaders.

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 # 2531

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?

Honouring 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?

Yes. As before it is a part of our history and the MUN is a living memorial of those who died literally under the banner of our land.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Play the ode.

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 # 2532

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode represents how I feel about NL. I grew up singing it, and hearing it sung, at important functions.

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's part of our tradition and who we are. It represents pride and love of our province and home.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode to Newfoundland should be played at MUN convocations and graduation ceremonies.

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2533

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 # 2534

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Traditional, Tradition, Tradition !

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

Yes

Helps with " MEMORIAL " linkage to our humble origins ...

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 # 2535

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It connects me with our history. When living in other provinces and hearing the Ode it filled me with pride 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 is part of our history as a province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I believe inclusion is very important at the university but our history and culture are also important and both need to be respected .

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 # 2536

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Connects me to the deep roots of 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?

Yes, it's been part of MUN's 100 year history and part of the fabric that makes MUN so unique and connected to every corner of the province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Embrace new traditions to enable all international students to feel welcome, teach them why the Ode is so important and that singing it at convocations is a tribute to our heritage and to all those Alumni who came before 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 # 2537

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A true Newfoundlander

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

Yes, our history and it is Memorial University of Newfoundland

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2538

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?

Yes. It sets us apart as different from the rest of Canada. Also, anthems pull at heartstrings, bringing a tear to the eye and significance to important events.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As an alum [Redacted]

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

Stop
this foolishness now! I implore you to end this research immediately and donate the budget to students in need. Please add this comment to your findings.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2539

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Nostalgic, a part of my childhood and growing up 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, I believe it's an important tradition and should be maintained.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2540

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It makes me proud to be a NLER.

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. MUN was formed to remember the soldiers who fought for our freedom.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Why not add the Labrador anthem as well?

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 # 2541

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's who we are!! 

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

Yes. It's part of the fabric of who we are. Who would ever agree with disposing of it!!!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

What realistic logic exists to get rid of it??? And why is it so important to remove it??? Who does it harm??

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2542

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?

It is sentimental because I grew up here, but I am uncomfortable with all the God references. It is kind of quaint and funny to have an anthem mostly based on the weather.

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 not a bit inclusive. I don't think it even mentions Labrador or or Indigenous people, let alone the lack of meaning it must have for people who don't grow up here.

Come to think of it, I don't even know if today's schoolkids wood be familiar with it.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Maybe there should be a Memorial song, or perhaps the graduating class every year cost select something they would like to sing.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2543

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode exemplifies the pride Newfoundlanders have in their 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?

The Ode is absolutely crucial to the meaning, purpose and fabric of Convocation. It was always an integral part of the Ceremony and I feel strongly it should remain as part of Convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I was very disappointed The Ode was removed in the first instance.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2544

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride in the place I call 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!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2545

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland reflects our love of our province , honours our past and gives hope for our future . It is part of our fabric.

If people choose our university and province as their place of study or work then they must respect our heritage and people just as I respect others diversity and culture at home and when abroad.

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 Remembers

Memorial University was founded on a simple yet profound idea. We honour the past by promising a better future.

We are an institution built to memorialize those who served in the First World War, the Second World War and subsequent conflicts. We honour those who lost their lives by providing each new generation with the knowledge and abilities to live their lives to the fullest.

Our university is a living memorial. We observe Remembrance Day and Memorial Day with reverence and respect. And our commitment to remembrance is inscribed on our landscape and in the daily life of our institution."

Live up to Memorial's commitment , honour the past while promising a better future.

We must not erase our past but rather learn from it and flourish! ,

As loved our fathers, so we love

Where once they stood we stand

Their prayer we raise to heav'n above

God guard thee Newfoundland

God guard thee, God guard thee

God guard thee Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Your previous decision to remove The Ode is short-sighted (much like the building maintenance) and quiet frankly disgusts me.

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Shame on you for disrespecting them, others who served, their families and our province.

You have indeed launched forth into the deep !a deep hole of disrespect ! I remind you

Provehito in Altum

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 better future for our province, our country and our world.Oct 23, 2024

As loved our fathers, so we love

Where once they stood we stand

Their prayer we raise to heav'n above

God guard thee Newfoundland

God guard thee, God guard thee

God guard thee Newfoundland.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2546

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is very important as it defines us as a unique province that historically had our own rule, currency, laws, self-government. It has a lovely melody and words that tie into our geography of oceans, forests and our rugged beauty.

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

Yes, the University is called Memorial as homage to our soldiers who fought and died in various wars. Newfoundlanders have pride in singing our anthem.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We cannot rewrite history. When the Ode was written, Labrador was not part of Nfld. There is an Ode to Labrador as well. I would have no objections to both being sung

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2547

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It preserves the memory of those who fought for our freedom and is our very own anthem.

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

Yes!! The University was built as a memorial to those soldiers and it should have never relented on removing the Ode from Convocation. It was a disgrace and an insult to the families of those who lost loved ones.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

DO NOT rewrite the Ode to include Labrador! It's time for these political sensitivities to end. It is our history, it is what it is. Leave it alone and give it the respect it deserves.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2548

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Part of our history and our history should be remembered

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 history that makes us distinct from the rest of Canada

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2549

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	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?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2550

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a construct intended to invoke feelings of nationalism, pride, and unity for my province. We were made to sing it reasonably often each year of grade school. Outside of nostalgia, I have little regard for the Ode. However, I do not understand why it was removed from the convocation 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 should be included in the convocation ceremony. If it is the official provincial anthem I don't understand why it wouldn't be played. Either it is an issue and should be discontinued wholesale, or it is not a problem. If it is the latter, I fear it is a talking point meant to distract from far more serious issues plaguing Memorial University.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I fail to see where Memorial University found the funds to pay for the hours worked collectively over the past 44 meetings the "Ad hoc Committee — Ode to Newfoundland" convened.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2551

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a measure of pride, kind of like the national anthem of Canada is a measure of pride of being a Canadian. It is a beautiful song and the lyrics are meaningful.

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

Yes I think it should be played at the convocation ceremony. Memorial University of Newfoundland is the largest institution for education on the island and provides an important stepping stone through which many Newfoundlanders have launched their careers and lives. The quality of the education of this institution is a measure of pride. I think we should be proud that we are located in the province of Newfoundland and as such celebrating convocation should include celebrating the province itself. What better way to celebrate the province than playing the Ode to Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2552

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride in one's culture and native 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! Respecting one's traditions mean respecting one's ancestors and celebrating all of their accomplishments and honouring their struggles.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would also like to see the ode to Labrador played as we are the province of Newfoundland and Labrador... not just Newfoundland.

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 # 2553

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is our provincial anthem and a crucial part of Newfoundland's 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 should be part of convocation.

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 # 2554

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The best universities in the world are able to incorporate memorable cultural rituals

of the past with meaningful expressions of the present .Enduring institutions of

higher education establish formal rituals and ceremonies to provide a sense of the continuity and purpose to mortal life that is all too often "nasty, brutish and short." The decision to cancel the Ode was an arbitrary action taken with no consultation with

the university or the community at large. It showed a complete lack of respect for a vital institution that gave hope for a better life after the tragedy of the First World War and to everyone who has made a life here. For a century, this anthem has bound together diverse people—indigenous, immigrants who wanted to be, in President Mos. Morgan's words "more than hewers of wood and drawers of water".

the university or the wider community. It showed a complete lack of respect for the vital institution that has given hope and pride to everyone that has made a life

s. 40 (1)

here, after the tragedy of the First World War. For a century, this anthem has bound together diverse people, indigenous and immigrant who wanted to be, in words "more than hewers of wood and drawers of water". It is an anthem that has been sung proudly in schools, at hockey games, at classical and rock concerts, community centres, weddings and funerals. It has dignified many diverse gatherings of people of different faiths, origins and cultures and bound people together in their shared sense of belonging to 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?

Yes. This anthem has been sung for decades in schools, churches, community centres, council meetings, hockey games and musical concerts, both classical and rock. It binds together and dignifies gatherings of people of all faiths, origins and cultures in a common sense of belonging to Newfoundland and Labrador. I have given above some reasons why the anthem should be included in the formal ceremonies at Memorial, our distinguished and excellent university, that has built its reputation by incorporating, not cancelling, our origins and pride in making life better for everyone.

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 # 2555

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Having grown up in Newfoundland, I see the Ode as a reminder of our history and our connection to the place that is tied to it. However, I can easily understand that the last verse in particular is exclusionary to many.

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?

In my opinion, the Ode can be included in convocation ceremonies, however, I would also make two suggestions:

- before singing or performing it, people be reminded that there is no requirement to stand or join in the singing
- I would also support a re-writing of the last verse (or its omission) to update the lyrics in the interest of inclusion.

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 # 2556

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

For a majority of Newfoundland natives and other residents, the Ode is both a national and provincial anthem.

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

Yes. MUN is a memorial in honour of all who have defended and served Newfoundland during its long history. Each time the Ode is played or sung is a revival and commitment to remembering and continuing that history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As MUN continues to increase its educational and social services in Labrador, as well as in Newfoundland, I would encourage the addition of the "Ode to Labrador" to MUN's convocation program. In keeping with MUN's name and provincial role, convocation should be a celebration of present achievements, an inspiration for future achievements, and a heartfelt appreciation of past achievements.

Best wishes to the Senate's ad hoc committee in its work.

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 # 2557

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents in poetry and music something of the heart of who we are.

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

Yes! The Ode is to NL and Labrador what the National Anthem is to Canada or the Royal Anthem to GB.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If need be, add another anthem to represent Labrador, or indigenous people.

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2558

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?

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2559

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Newfoundland national anthem, of which all Newfoundlanders should be proud.

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 name Memorial University of Newfoundland is sufficient explanation.

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 # 2560

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A connection to the many generations of Newfoundlanders who built this province and this 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! This university was created and named in memorium to a large number of young men who voluntarily fought for king and empire and never came home. They all would have known the Ode well and sung it with great gusto. In doing so, they likely experienced homesickness that I could never imagine. I am sure they understood clearly what Sir Cavendish Boyle meant when he wrote it and also understood that no malice was meant when it was penned. It was quite possibly the last piece of music they ever heard. To remove the Ode from the ceremony is, in my opinion, an affront and insult to the memory of those brave soldiers and defiles their memory. The removal is much more of an insult than anything anyone could possible interpret from the lyrics. It shakes the very foundation of this institution. To cancel a piece of music because SOMEONE might get some sort of insult from it is ludicrous and following that logic, I can't think of a single piece of music, literature or art that SOMEONE SOMEWHERE might take in offense. [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] Please stop soiling their memory and the very name of this university.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2561

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 to Newfoundland instills a deep sense of pride, which is unmatched by anything else, in addition to mixed feelings of shame, sadness, and anger.

s. 40 (1) Even though the song was created at the turn of the 20th century, the Ode to Newfoundland has a very traditional meaning for me and it became even more meaningful as I grew older. In my lifetime it was sung every week in the school assembly all through elementary and junior high school.

To me, the Ode to Newfoundland is about several things - the environment/climate in NL and being able to live and adapt to the climate; and it is about all the people who have endured the climate and resource extraction by the "homeland". The verses are simple, but there is a story to be told about each verse. Some of the stories should be lessons learned and if we remove this special piece of history from convocation, the future generations will not learn from this history. It also represents a patriotic symbol for a people and brings people together who eventually created a success story for NL today.

In the first verse, the "pine clad hills" represents a hard lesson-learned in forestry and colonial impact. The forests of beautiful white pine trees that covered large portions of the island were harvested for the wood and used within NL and transported to England. The forest never grew back partly due to the clearcutting as well as a disease (blister rust) that kills the white pine trees before they reach maturity. This is a part of the natural history of the island that should never be forgotten.

To me, the silvern voices are reminiscent of the Aspen/Poplar leaves that shake and shimmer in the wind...and tuning thy rills are the tributaries and gullies that are shaped by the spring water run-off, carving their own unique path each year. This is all a dance of nature and a reminder of what brings us together.

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

Yes absolutely (with appropriate changes to some of the words) – convocation is for graduates from the only university in our province, who may be from NL or they may be from away. The expression of what brings us together as a people as part of our culture should be sung with immense pride at every convocation as a reminder of those before us and as a teaching tool for future generations and for those from away.

Since convocation brings in the parents and families of graduates, the parents may or may not have been exposed to the Ode to Newfoundland in their upbringing in a similar way that I have been. ■

s. 40 (1)

■ It brings goose bumps of pride when sung. In my view, its absence was a huge gap in the convocation program.

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

Even though the Ode to Newfoundland was not written by a Newfoundlander/Labradorian, it was clearly written with an appreciation for, and an understanding of, the environmental beauty and hardship endured by the people. However, I believe this is a valuable opportunity to be more inclusive of our people by making some revisions and additions to the verses. Some of the words in the verses may no longer be culturally appropriate. Even the title may be changed to be more inclusive of Labrador, and new verses may be added to the song to include our Indigenous history across the entire province. We learn from our mistakes which makes historical accounts so valuable for future generations. We embrace the beauty and meaning of traditions, which brings us together as a people. I believe this is an opportunity to make some changes to the song that are more inclusive and culturally appropriate, and – in my opinion, we should never remove this important historical account from our ceremonies in the only university of the province.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2562

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?

My experience of the Ode is that it arouses feelings of connection, community and gratitude. It has always been the most memorable and rousing part of any gathering I've attended where it's been sung.

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED], it makes me proud and grateful to be here [REDACTED]
[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?

Yes. For the above reasons. I also would welcome the inclusion of a hymn or song from Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for asking for my opinion.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2563

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED]

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

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2564

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It brings up deep memories of our unique island home especially for one who has lived outside the province for many years.

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 so fitting with its hymn like resonance in the formal setting of graduation. It has a kind of religious significance which inspires love and nostalgia for the homeland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't believe that keeping the Ode detracts in any way from the concept of Labrador being an integral part of the great province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2565

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: s. 40 (1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride of place

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

Yes. Why would you not? The students are graduating in this province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

no thank you

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2566

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?

s. 40 (1) [Redacted]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2567

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a beautifully crafted anthem that captures the wonder 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! Convocations are significant events for the community, not just the people receiving degrees. The education obtained through their studies will impact the communities of this province as the students apply their knowledge for the improvement of everyone's well-being. The provincial anthem grounds all present at the ceremony of their part NL history and reminds them of the impact they can have when their knowledge is applied to the health of their community.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2568

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)



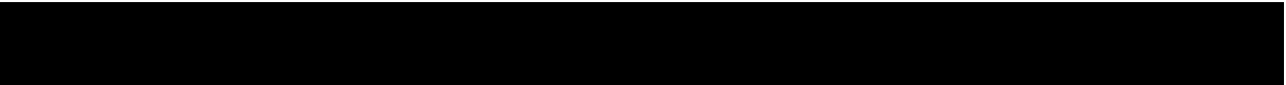
Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1)



Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)



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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2569

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Part of our history and tradition

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2570

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

☐	Memorial Staff	☒	Alumni
☐	Memorial Faculty	☐	Community Member
☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents my home province, and has been a part of my schooling in one way or another, since kindergarten. It means tradition.

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

I believe it should be included in Covocation because it's a representation of our province's only university.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Not at this time.

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