

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2571

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?

Ode first then Oh Canada

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

Yes the Ode should be included and if need be add lyrics to ensure that Labrador is included if needed. The Ode identifies who we are as a 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?

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[REDACTED] The

Ode to Newfoundland is a reminder of our unique culture, and the people who have built it over many generations.

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

Many Newfoundlanders choose MUN over other schools because they want to be closer to home. Removing the Ode to Newfoundland from convocation ceremonies may seem like a small change, but it is disrespectful to those of us who call Newfoundland home.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

it's a beautiful song that fills me with pride for the beauty of the land around us every time i hear it.

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

Yes, it should be included. instead of removing it, it could be just be shortened by a couple of verses if needed, to allow the time to include an Ode to Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

There are so many more important issues to focus on than the removal of the Ode. Include more reference to Labrador and leave the ode to Newfoundland as is.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It expresses my love for this place and ties me to all the Newfoundlanders that have gone before me.

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

Yes. It is Memorial University of Newfoundland. Our history may not be full of pleasant, inclusive, diverse moments but we won't move forward from colonization by erasing or forgetting it. We have to acknowledge the past and do better by adding new chapters to our history. I would welcome the addition of indigenous music to the Convocation Ceremonies but not taking away Newfoundland's anthem.

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?

A piece of ceremonial traditional music.

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

Yes - tradition is important. It grounds us and teaches others about who we were/are.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The university should be focused on more pressing issue like crumbling infrastructure.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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, it's part of the foundation on which the university was established.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is part of the history of the Newfoundland people. It is one of the things that bind 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. We have a right to a culture and a history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Remember your founding principles

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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?

Its represents the pride Newfoundlanders have in the province.

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

Yes. MUN is the province's university, so reciting the Ode to Newfoundland is fitting to recognize and honour that.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I cannot comprehend why someone would want to remove the Ode to Newfoundland from MUN ceremonies.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode blesses our province. In this place and time in the world, I feel blessed that we live in this province and feel emotional when singing the Ode.

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

Absolutely! Memorial was named to honour the men and women who fought for King and Country and we should continue to honour them by singing the Ode! [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] It's as simple as that!

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?

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[Redacted response]

Do you believe 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 response]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

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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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] the Ode and O Canada were always included, never omitted, by an arbitrary decision. The Ode was even sung in French by local choir on many occasions.

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

Yes , yes and yes. The University is a memorial to those who fought and those who died in World Wars. So was the Ode. Get it back in there for the next convocation.

If you want to get rid of stuff look at the colonial way convocations are held. Cap and gown, regimentation, etc, etc. All so very British it is not?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If word changes are required for inclusivity, ensure proper consultation with that.

I am sure the M.O. Morgan Music School could provide the talent to do this, while being inclusive and respecting the original artist.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, this time around.

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

Singing the Ode to Newfoundland gives me a sense of place and belonging. [REDACTED]
 s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] to pursue my higher learning at Memorial University. To be able to sing the Ode gives me a wonderful sense of pride, like I too belong to this beautiful province. [REDACTED]

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

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Yes. When I convoked [REDACTED] I sang the Ode loudly and proudly. I had worked hard at MUN to develop skills to use to better serve my community, and the Ode was a way for me to proudly announce that I was ready to serve this great province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] I was more than happy to explain it's significance. It was one final opportunity for me to share the culture of Newfoundland with students from other parts of the world. Their take-away was that Newfoundland is a province with a strong sense of self. It is very important that students who come from away have something of Newfoundland to take back home with them.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Part of our heritage, Provincial Anthem, pride

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

Yes, don't see any issue with it. If somehow it is viewed as being not inclusive change some of the wording slightly to accommodate that.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Much to do about nothing. More important things to spend time and money on.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a tribute to the land and province that has stood for generations. "As loved our fathers, so we love, Where once they stood we stand," honours our past "fathers" indiscriminate of race or creed.

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

Unequivocally YES! It is disrespectful of the men and women of past generations to exclude it from the ceremonies of Memorial. Men and women that have served this province and country have song his "anthem" when they went off into battle during world wars. Memorial University of NL is named to remember these fallen heroes and to take this "anthem" away from Memorial's ceremonies is in direct neglect to the sole purpose of their namesake.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The term "God" is symbolic of a greater being. It could be Allah, Shiva, Buddha, Muhammad, etc. Even if a person does not believe in a greater being then the Ode's verses and words are meant to relay protection for this wonderful province. The students, faculty and staff of Memorial come from diverse backgrounds. They have lived or moved to NL to embrace our culture with theirs. By denying the right to sing the Ode, you are essentially taking away the essence of our culture and denying them the right to be part of our heritage. The Executive of this university have lost the focus of why Memorial University has been created. It is to educate and broaden the minds of the younger generation and build their respect of where they come from both near and far.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents pride in being from Newfoundland and Labrador. It represents a connection to the past and an appreciation for those who came before me and fought for my right to live 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 it should. The university is in Newfoundland, why shouldn't we sing our own anthem and show our pride? Having pride in your place doesn't exclude others from feeling whatever they feel on their convocation day. It's a beautiful song and should be included.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It reminds all Newfoundlanders of who we are and where we come from.

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

Yes, because the Ode just like Memorial is a reminder of those who went before us. Both reflect the importance of what it means to be newfoundlander.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I hope that you keep the ode in. It is a part of history. Memorial was built to remind everyone of the great sacrifice of those who died, it is one of the many reasons why Memorial is a special place. so to the Ode reminds us that this Rock in the North Atlantic is a special place and that we are called to love it. Thank you for this opportunity.

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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?

The Ode represents the specificity of Newfoundland culture. Newfoundland is different from the rest of Canada in many ways, and it is good so. It is what makes it an interesting place to live.

Do you believe 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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Yes [REDACTED] I feel that Newfoundland culture, of which the Ode is part, should be something to share. I would argue for playing the Ode alongside music or songs from the Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of our province, and the Ode to Labrador. The Ode provides a balanced counterpart to the nationalism of the Canadian anthem and in my opinion, expressing plural identities is the best antidote to toxic nationalism.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I find it problematic that the discussion is entirely about the provincial anthem, but nothing is said of the federal anthem.

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

It is the province's anthem.

It was written in 1902 and over time has become a key piece of the traditions marking important milestones in the province.

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

Yes, I do.

The anthem uses traditional language and phrases. It aligns with the name and spirit of the origins of our university, a memorial to those who served.

The anthem is very much a love story for our province. Newfoundlanders everywhere have a unique love and sense of pride for the place of their birth and upbringing.

What legitimate reason could exist to stop playing the provincial anthem at Convocation ceremonies?

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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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Connection to the land, respect for the history of people and their dependence on the land, fresh beginnings and renewal.

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

Yes - because it is an important part of our culture. It represents those that love on the island, history, "hearty-ness"

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A beautiful uplifting Melody

A reminder of Nature

A reminder of our History

No political aspects - that is, once we make sure that the full name of the province is included

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

Yes. And I think that inclusion of "Labrador" can be achieved fairly easily.

Surely with the Dept of English, the Music School and other talent on campus, even a whole new verse could be created in the existing style and added seamlessly

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If "Labrador" were added in the final verse, along these lines:

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 Labrador

That would satisfy me, personally. Thank you.

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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?

First, it is a celebration of the rugged landscape of the island, which has been enjoyed by various peoples from prehistoric times. Second, it is a part of Newfoundland's heritage of self-sufficiency; the severity of the climate and terrain caused hardship but also provided freedom for those who counted the cost and marched forward. Third, it is a symbol of the present generations' connectivity to the past. Our modern luxuries were purchased by the toil of earlier Newfoundlanders who suffered and died at war, at sea, on the ice, and in many other ways. A cynical eye may dwell only on their faults, but a noble and humble heart will also turn with gratitude to their moral and societal triumphs. May we, today, learn to make our hearts noble once again.

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

Yes. I believe it should be included, essentially for the reasons I stated in question 2. MUN is not just another university; it is an integral part of our provincial society. Its graduates should be encouraged to embrace the spirit of this society as well as the core values of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ode identifies us to the world. It is necessary to acknowledge Newfoundland and Newfoundlanders at every opportunity and to demonstrate the pride hardwired into all residents.

Do you believe 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.

What is a wedding without tradition, ceremony, vows and life long commitment. What is the convocation without acknowledging, with respect, the place that provides for the education and opportunity, inspiration and challenges for a positive future way forward.

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?

This anthem is part of my roots, grounding me wherever I go. The Anthem makes me burst with pride and connects me to my ancestors who worked so hard to develop this beautiful province I call home regardless of where I live.

Do you believe 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, connect all those present in a common purpose... a great memory of your homeland on a very important and celebratory day

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?

It is a testimony to the beauty of our province and the pride that we have being a Newfounlander and Labradorian..

Do you believe 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 exemplifies the pride of being a part of this province and the privilege of receiving the education accomplished here.

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?

It has always been a significant part of Newfoundland tradition and without it that tradition is ruined

Do you believe 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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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Love of nl and history

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

Yes

History

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?

Our anthem.

Love 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.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Do not try to be inclusive by being exclusive. Use a Labrador ode as well

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2600

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an emotional anthem to the Province

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

Yes. It is an Important historical connection to the Province and the University

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?

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 celebrates our land and culture.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I do not believe it to be exclusive.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2602

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?

As a native, it means everything - of course!

Do you believe 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 previous.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I just wish all those connected with MUN would listen to "US." Or at least make an effort to understand who we are and what MUN means to us ...

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2603

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?

Celebrates the beauty and success of the province.

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

Yes, since it's a provincial anthem. O' Canada should also be played, but I presume this is already the case.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2604

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an important part of our history. At the time that it was written, it was an important part of our identity and nationhood.

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

Yes. It represents who we are as a people.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It should never have been discontinued.

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2605

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 was and remains part of the Newfoundland national and cultural 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?

No. It is appropriate in provincial government settings and official events, however I don't feel that Memorial University or its convocations are part of that.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

As Memorial continues to recruit and retain students from across Canada and the world it is a truly internationally-represented school. As the Ode primarily represents or resonates with Newfoundland students (not including Labrador residents, as a whole I don't believe the Ode resonates with or means much to them) I don't believe it is appropriate to sing or play at Memorial convocations or other events.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2606

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is an indication of the unique situation of the province in the Canadian nation, and celebrates our highlights and history.

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

Yes. It is part of the memorial of Memorial.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2607

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[REDACTED]

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

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2608

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 Provincial Anthem and should be sung often.

Do you believe 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 response above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

What is the big deal. All those meetings to discuss the inclusion of a Provincial Anthem which should be sung at every Convocation. If there are issues with the wording of the anthem or other reasons which some may find offensive, then make representation to the Government, and continue with the Ode until told otherwise.

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 # 2609

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 has always been one of my favourite pieces of music. To me, the lyrics fully capture the vision of Newfoundland and Labrador. In particular, the phrase “As loved our fathers, so we love; where once they stood we stand” represents everything on which Memorial was founded.

Do you believe 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 represents both Newfoundland AND Labrador in its lyrics through its stanza reference to “we love thee frozen land”. As a woman, I am not offended by the reference to “father” as I see this as referencing our forefathers which includes all men, women and others who built the province. Reference to god can be to any god (small ‘g’) based on an individual’s faith or religious beliefs. The Ode is a piece that most people know, its distinct and moving; perhaps it’s as simple as including different stanzas when singing the Ode at convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

PLEASE bring back the ode. Perhaps education about how it can be interpreted would address the concerns. I suspect most of the general public would like to see its return.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2610

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode represents an outdated colonial view of Newfoundland and Labrador. I acknowledge that there is a certain nostalgia and pride associated with it, but I believe those emotions are generated in individuals who have benefited from the colonial past of our province. 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?

Given that the Ode represents an outdated colonial view of Newfoundland and Labrador, I don't believe it should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University, at least not in its current form.

Here's why:

Inclusivity: Memorial University is home to a diverse student body, including Indigenous peoples and individuals from various cultural backgrounds. The Ode's colonial perspective may alienate and exclude some graduates, making them feel unwelcome or unrepresented during what should be a celebratory occasion.

Historical Accuracy: The Ode presents a romanticized and incomplete picture of Newfoundland and Labrador's history, neglecting the experiences and perspectives of those marginalized by colonialism. A convocation ceremony should strive for a more accurate and inclusive representation of the province's past.

Looking Forward: As a university committed to progress and critical thinking, Memorial University should embrace symbols and traditions that reflect its values and aspirations for the future. The Ode, rooted in the past, may not align with the university's vision for a more inclusive and equitable society.

While acknowledging the nostalgia and pride some associate with the Ode, it's important to prioritize inclusivity and historical accuracy in such an important ceremony. Memorial University has the opportunity to choose symbols and traditions that better represent its diverse community and its commitment to a brighter future.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

While some might see the Ode as set in stone, there's potential to reimagine it for our current times. For example, we could acknowledge that we have the opportunity to be able to learn from the past. Afterall, MUN is in institution of higher learning and critical thinking. It could be valuable to openly

acknowledging the Ode's colonial context and the harm it can cause. We could take the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with Indigenous communities and other marginalized groups to understand their perspectives and experiences.

Updating the Ode could represent an opportunity to incorporate diverse voices and perspectives. This might include inviting Indigenous artists, poets, and musicians to contribute to a reimagining of the Ode.

To be more inclusive, a reimagined Ode could focus on shared values and aspirations. There is plenty to celebrate in our province, but also plenty of opportunities to emphasize themes of unity, resilience, and respect for the land and its people. There is much that we can celebrate about our province's natural beauty and cultural richness, and we lose nothing by doing this in an inclusive way.

I believe that if the Ode is used, we should collectively strive for a revised Ode that is both meaningful and aesthetically pleasing.

Updating the Ode is an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to "knowing better and doing better." It's a chance to move away from a colonial past and embrace a future that values inclusivity, reconciliation, and respect for all.

However, it's crucial that this process is done with care, consultation, and a genuine desire to create something that truly represents the people and spirit of Newfoundland and Labrador today.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2611

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 peaceful reflection on Newfoundland across the seasons, with recognition of those who came before us.

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

Yes, It is part of our heritage. The university was not named Memorial University by accident; this is in keeping with references to past conflicts in the original version. For a more inclusive version, it would be relatively easy to refer to Labrador in an additional verse and to add a French refrain. In the meantime, let the original be performed at convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode to Newfoundland resonates strongly with me. As an alumni,

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2612

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 is part of our heritage. I grew up singing the Ode at the beginning of the school day.

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

Yes, I do. Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) was founded in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in WW1. Anyone who does an internet research on MUN looking to see if they would like to attend this university would learn this in the opening paragraph describing MUN. I feel MUN is a major focal point in our beautiful province, that helps bridge the gaps between rural Newfoundland and the capital city. The Ode to Newfoundland is part of our heritage that was written during a time when Newfoundland was it's own nation and it deserves to be heard at what I consider to be MUN's most celebrated event, Convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We are currently living in a world where everyone wants to be included and have their voice heard. No one wants to alienate the next person or be disrespectful. But what about those of us who want to hold onto our traditions and beliefs. What makes one persons beliefs more important then the next persons. I am a Newfoundlander who grew up singing the Ode to Newfoundland at the start of the school day. I know there are many students who will be attending convocation ceremonies who will probably have no idea what the Ode means to many Newfoundlanders and that's fine, but why should I have to sacrifice one of my beliefs to make a person feel more at home and part of a ceremony. If I were to visit their home country and they had a tradition that I didn't understand I wouldn't expect them to stop it for my benefit. Why can't we respect each others traditions and belief system without anyone having to stop a tradition

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2613

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?

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It brings a tear to our eyes. Nothing evokes our sense of grounding and our ancestry as much as this gem of a song. From infancy to adult life, we sang it with gusto and will continue to sing it, despite what MUN will do. It is embedded in our DNA. When the whole of Canada is celebrating their personal ancestry, why shouldn't we?

Do you believe 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 baffling to me that eliminating it is even a consideration.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We love thee smiling land.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2614

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?

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2615

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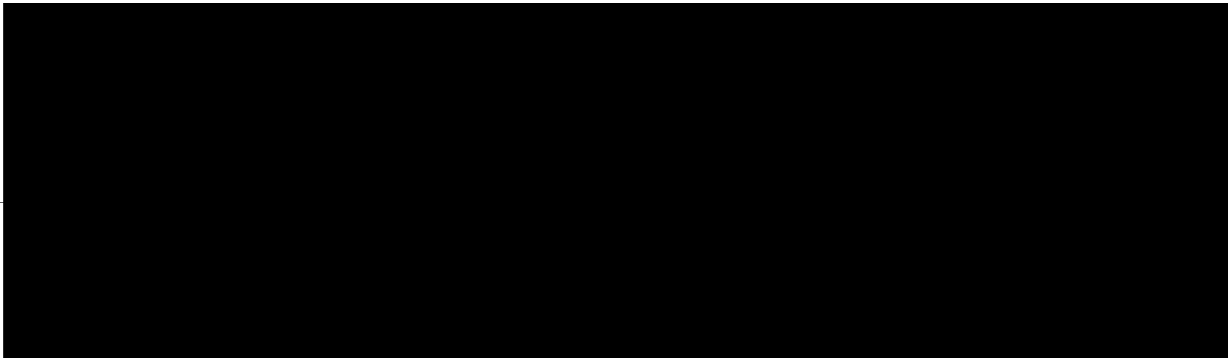
Do you believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland? If yes, why so? If not, why not?

s. 40 (1)



Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)



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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2616

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is a source of pride and belonging. Important part of 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. Tradition and pride.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If the Ode is removed, the Canadian national anthem should be removed also.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2617

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 one of the many symbols/institutions that create an identity of being a citizen of Newfoundland and Labrador. The continuity of the symbols/institutions is very important, though change can be made in response to new realities.

The Ode is not a contract. The words do not bind citizens to the specific ideas or inferences that the words convey. At the same time, though most citizens including myself do not often think about the words when we hear and sing the Ode, we do recognize that words matter. While we enjoy the Ode as a symbol of our community, we also regret that the Ode has not adapted to the changes in our society. We want the Ode to persist and to be changed.

It would be better to renovate the house rather than tear down the whole structure. If there is a new safety code, upgrade the wiring. If the building is inaccessible, provide ramps and elevators. We want to save the structure because it is meaningful to us and preserves continuity and a sense of community.

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

Yes.

Memorial's convocation ceremony is a convergence of many symbols and institutions: academic, provincial, national and universal. Many of these symbols and institutions have flaws and are in need of improvement. The Ode is just one more.

Memorial University itself is a symbol and institution of the province, being our only university and having been conceived as a memorial to the soldiers who died in World War 1. Memorial University has worked hard to accommodate changes in society and remain relevant and respected within the whole province. It should be applauded for this ongoing effort.

Therefore, just like Memorial University itself, efforts are needed to modernize the Ode. To exclude it from the ceremony, selecting out one symbol from the family of symbols, without any effort to sustain it, seems an arbitrary act that tears down part of our shared identity.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2618

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 sense of pride in NL. It is unique to this province and dating back to our history as a sovereign nation.

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

Yes. Memorial University was established as a memorial to the NL soldiers who fought in the world wars, particularly World War 1. You only need to look at the engagement and sense of pride displayed during the repatriation of the Unknown Soldier of the Newfoundland Regiment. The Ode is the anthem that celebrates NL, just as the O Canada celebrates Canada. Given the history of MUN's establishment and the fact it is the only university in this province, I am of the belief the Ode should be played during Convocation Ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2619

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 represents an opportunity to celebrate our heritage and show pride in our province. It's important to embrace patriotism and honor the traditions that connect us to our history and identity. Including the Ode in ceremonies like Convocation reinforces a sense of belonging and respect for where we come from.

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

yes. I support including the Ode to Newfoundland in the Convocation ceremony as it honors the province's heritage and reflects the tradition and pride of both the university and its graduates.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2620

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A sense of pride in our province, its culture and its 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 I do. The university is an integral part of NL and is an important part of our history. I am not sure why we would want to exclude it as it has been a part of the ceremony for so many years.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2621

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?

Praise of my homeland in verse with a memorable tune. Unique and direct

Do you believe 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. Demonstrates a uniqueness of our province

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2622

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 a respectful tribute to our history and our culture.

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

Yes it most definitely should be included!!!!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It was totally disgraceful that it was ever removed

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2623

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)

████████████████████ The singing of the Ode is recognition of this wonderful island, my homeland. Memorial University was named as a tribute to those who gave their lives for Newfoundland. It is appalling, disrespectful and disgraceful that our ode

was dropped from MUN's 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 should never have been dropped.

"God guard the Newfoundland " speaks volumes every time it is sung.

I am an Alumni of MUN and I speak proudly of this institution o I did until the ode was dropped.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Absolutely disgraceful decision to drop it.

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2624

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?

I'm not from Newfoundland so to me it's just a song about 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?

Sure why not? It's tradition

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2625

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?

The Ode is unique to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. It expresses my love of the Province and I am always proud to sing it anywhere. Memorial University's convocation is one of the most important moments in our graduates lives and thus a fitting time to remember who, what, where and why the university exists.

Do you believe 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 states in 2 above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2626

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)

Not much honestly, as an alumni [REDACTED] I did attend Convocation in-person though.

Do you believe 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 don't mind if it is included (it was included at my Convocation). So long as MUN continues it support programming for international, BIPoC and 2SLGBTQ+ students.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I felt it was preemptive/performative allyship to remove the Ode (unless there were several calls from MUN community members to remove it).

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2627

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 generations of my heritage and the remembrance of thousands who gave their lives in WW1 & 11 .

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

C 2 above ! The words 'memorial' & 'ode' have obvious similarities. It is as dishonourable to drop the 'ode' as it is to drop the word 'Memorial' in name the University.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2628

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?

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED] but I appreciate the Ode honouring those whom Memorial was created in memory of.

Do you believe 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 honours the veterans whom the university was created to honour.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2629

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 the National Anthem

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Memorial and its place in Newfoundland and Labrador is not like that of other Canadian Universities. It is vital and intrinsic to the province. No other Canadian University is as important to its community as Memorial, and that community is the whole province. If you think about the closure of an Ontario or Nova Scotia university, that would not be a good thing but the impact on Ontario or Nova Scotia's future would be far less dramatic or even non-consequential. Not so Memorial. There is no separating Memorial from the fabric of the place.

Second, it's "Memorial" University of Newfoundland, not The University of Newfoundland. It was born in a time and place as a living memorial to those who fought and died for Newfoundland and Labrador so that through freedom of learning their sacrifice need not be repeated. They fought and died with the Ode as their national anthem. When Memorial students sign the Ode we remember and honour them.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2630

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?

I am hugely proud to be from NL...a Newfoundlander. The Ode holds a great deal of meaning, and sentimental value for me. I love singing the Ode...am proud to sing it, and every time I do, I reflect on each word. I have been singing it "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?

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am very open to singing another songanthem etc. at Convocation, or adding another verse to the Ode...if that is practical, sensible and wise.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2631

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 growing up in Newfoundland and Labrador, it means being from a unique place in the world, where you can find ruggedness and beauty and simplicity. The melody is recognizable and moving. It means having something intangible that symbolizes Newfoundland and Labrador that can be shared with those who move here, especially for others who invest their time at Memorial University, as a reminder of the place they have choose to live, the "smiling land" and resilient people they join 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. Memorial University is located in Newfoundland and is as much a part of Newfoundland and Labrador as the pine-clad hills and wind-swept land; as much as the frozen land and star lit night; as much as the Ode to Newfoundland.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2632

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?

Patriotism and 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?

Absolutely.

It's a form of provincial identity.

Nothing says the ceremony cannot be expanded to include other songs or anthems that also reflect the provinces proud indigenous cultures.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I sincerely hope that MUN's current fiscal situation will not be used as any kind of rationale to not take action to reinstate this proud tradition.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2633

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I don't know the Ode well but I do believe that the imagery it encapsulates is moving and the music stirring. However,

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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?

Is there a way to include both versions dependent on the location and the context ?.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2634

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 the anthem of my province. It reflects the beauty and ruggedness that makes us Newfoundland proud and resilient.

Do you believe 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 the best representation of our province and people.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2635

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 what I have known all my 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?

Yes, it should be included. It is representative of the sacrifices from WW1 and WW2.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2636

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

Yes because it is part of NL heritage.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2637

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 my heritage. Provides pride , ownership ,my place to belong

Do you believe 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 an anthem of belonging, as a university named for Newfoundland it solidifies our heritage, pride our our culture

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2638

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[Redacted]

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

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[Redacted]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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[Redacted]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2639

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 a symbol of how special and unique NL is as a province and even as a previous country. It's a small and mighty place and I feel that way every time I sing or hear it.

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

Yes. It's a reminder of where exactly people from all over the world have received training - in a small, special province that is not easy to get to but for some reason, people have chosen to come. It's a source of pride that is effectively relayed with the inclusion of the anthem.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2640

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 a reminder of the history and tradition of the people of this island. It seems as time passes, there are less and less things which give this island some identity distinct from everywhere else in the country.

Do you believe 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 absolutely should be. Because of tradition and to be proud of the accomplishments that new graduates were able to make by standing on the shoulders of the people before us who made this university even possible. It's an acknowledgement of the past.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

no

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2641

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is the provincial anthem, just like O Canada is the national anthem. Although no musical piece is perfect, official ones have a standing and a significance that should have it performed, especially in government or government-funded institutions.

From a more emotional view, the Ode captures the hopeful nature of a place that still faces hardships and challenges.

Do you believe 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 played because it is our provincial anthem.

As I stated above, it is a hopeful piece, and that's why I think it is stirring to the heart.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If there issues with the lyrics perhaps consideration could be given to an additional verse, or a tasteful change in lyrics. I favour the former.

If the province decides to replace the Ode with a new anthem, then the Ode would become obsolete.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2642

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

To me the singing of the Ode means I am of this place and I belong. I feel a deep sense of patriotism when I am involved in a ceremony or event that begins or ends with the Ode to Newfoundland. When sung at the convocation ceremony, the Ode has deepened the meaning of the ceremony and heightened my sense of pride of my accomplishments at Memorial University. I am proud to be an alumna ☐ from Memorial and I attended every convocation ceremony. I fondly recall singing the Ode to Newfoundland and feeling a strong sense of pride and accomplishment.

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

Yes. It emphasizes the special place and role that the university has played in the province and the accomplishments of its people.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Memorial University of Newfoundland is an important part of the province and has made and will continue to make a difference in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Ode is a distinctive symbol of this special linkage between our past, present and future. Leaving it out of convocation would make it no different than convocation from any other University.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2643

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?

The Ode is to a Newfoundlander what Oh Canada is to a Canadian. In fact it is more special than that because the words evoke a relationship to the land, the weather, and our forebears, rather than patriotism. That said, we certainly could have a shift in the lyrics to include Labradorians.

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

A resounding YES. To sing the Ode is have pride in ourselves and our province and a reminder of the dedication of the University as a living Memorial to our forebears.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

While I understand some of the opposition of the singing of the Ode, it seems to me that those same reasons could be said of singing the national anthem. Do we strip all ceremony aside, and if so what is the point of having Convocation. You could just mail the diplomas out.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2644

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] hearing the Ode to Newfoundland I feel excluded.

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

Although the song is beautiful, I think we should use something more inclusive of the entire province (our provincial name is Newfoundland AND Labrador).

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Personally, [REDACTED]

s. 40 (1) [REDACTED]

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2645

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?

Everything ♥

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2646

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, and always has been, symbolic of our landscape, traditions and history, including paying homage to our ancestors and our soldiers/veterans, especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

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

Yes, for the above reasons.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is absolutely shameful that Memorial's leadership dropped the Ode from convocation, and that this committee and survey are even being conducted. Haven't you heard the outcry?? As a MUN alumnus, I am embarrassed by this action and the ongoing missteps that Memorial's leadership continues to make. The Ode should never have been deleted from convocation to begin with. By all

means, adding a tribute to convocation ceremonies that recognizes Labrador and its cultural and historical importance to our province (there are numerous excellent and appropriate examples) would have been entirely appropriate versus dropping the Ode. This is yet another example of the tone-deaf attitude of Memorial's leadership.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2647

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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[REDACTED]

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

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[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 # 2648

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?

Our ode invokes a deep sense of connection to our past and to who we are as a people. It speaks to our history and our pride.

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

Yes. It shows respect our heritage and to those who have come before us. And our University is "Memorial" - It seems disrespectful not to use the Ode.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am a supporter of Inclusion and Diversity. I think it would be fine to ADD more to make people feel included in our convocation ceremony. For example, if people of Labrador would like to add the Ode to Labrador, then add it and use both. Include more - not exclude

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2649

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?

This Ode is very clearly the official Newfoundland 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 Ode is clearly the official anthem of Newfoundland. This question is absurd in its formulation. The question itself is as inane as questioning, for example, whether an American ceremony should include the American anthem, or whether a French ceremony should include the French anthem.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The formulation of the survey seems to put the onus on the responding persons to establish that the Ode should be included in convocation. However, the onus properly ought to be on the university to justify its removal. To date, I have heard only strawman arguments on this point, and have heard no convincing reasons for the removal of the Ode.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2650

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 a symbol of our culture and heritage, it emits feelings of patriotism when I hear it.

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

Yes, 100% it should be. There shouldn't be a question as to why it be included, MUN is the only university in our province, and the Ode to Newfoundland is our provincial anthem, it just seems logical that it would be included.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Taking away traditions that has made us distinct in our province is slowly destroying our culture, this needs to stop.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2651

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?

Unconditional mother's love

Do you believe 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. We, as Newfoundland and Labradorians, respect every other nationality in the world and practice their culture and history. Why change our culture and practices for other nationalities? Please pay respect to the province and it's people that are providing good life. Thank you

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Great to see someone stepping up. Thank you

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2652

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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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's a big part of our history. It's was always sung in school when I was growing up and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I always viewed the ode as an expression of pride 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?

Yes the ode should be included in convocation ceremonies at MUN. While the world continues to change and the meaning of some words evolve, the meaning of the words in the ode remain the same. It represents pride and commitment to our province.

Words can be modified to make the ode feel more inclusive and 'politically' correct.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We should be proud of the Ode to Newfoundland. It's part of our history; an important part. If we continue to eliminate everything that makes us different, what would then make us unique and why would anyone be interested in visiting NL, living in NL or attending or working MUN.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2653

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

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

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED]

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2654

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?

An expression of pride in belonging to this place, coupled with a commitment to support it.

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

Yes. It should never have been discontinued.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2655

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, Culture, History, Family, Love for the land, Perseverance

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

Yes. It speaks to our place, history, love for the land, and culture.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The name of the province is only said in the last verse. If there is a way to add Labrador do that, but don't cancel it all together. For example, sing:

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 Labrador.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2656

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 being a Newfoundlander.

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

Absolutely. It's our anthem. Perhaps some would prefer something by Taylor Swift?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't believe that this should even be a topic for discussion.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2657

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 has been an important tradition throughout my education. Any assemblies in primary and elementary school, would open or close with the audience singing the Ode. The same goes for Junior High and High School. I take pride in the Ode as a proud Newfoundlander and have welcomed its inclusion in various gatherings throughout my education.

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

I absolutely think the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies. A large portion of the Memorial community are born and raised Newfoundlanders. Like myself, they would have experienced the Ode included in celebrations throughout their education as well. It only seems right that it would be included in Convocation Ceremony since this is such a huge milestone in our education. Memorial University is the only university in Newfoundland and the Ode to Newfoundland is an important tradition in embracing our culture as Newfoundlanders.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I strongly think the Ode to Newfoundland should be included at Convocation.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2658

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

It is an expression of the pride and connection that I feel to my home province of NL. I also feel that the inclusion of our provincial anthem it is an act of respect when made a part of important local events 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?

Yes I do, for the above reasons. As well, MUN is an integral educational institution in our province so each year when a cohort of young students graduates from MUN, I feel it acknowledges the importance of the event as well as their accomplishments.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I do not want to speak to the cultural / racial etc appropriateness of the current provincial anthem, in particular, if this is part of the debate. I know the wording has been changed to reflect more inclusive, appropriate language. If this is part of the reason that consideration is being given to its place in the annual Convocation ceremony, then I feel it is a legitimate thing to acknowledge / review and make any corrections that are deemed necessary. However, overall, the designated provincial anthem should be included in the ceremony, in the same way that any ceremonial anthem is included in important events based on the location of that event.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2659

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland reminds me of the beauty of our home and the strength of our people. It makes me proud of our history, culture, and traditions. To me, it's more than a song—it's something that brings us together and celebrates what it means to be a Newfoundlander.

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

Yes, I believe the "Ode to Newfoundland" should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University of Newfoundland. As the university represents the heart of higher education in our province, including the anthem honors our shared heritage and reinforces the connection between graduates and their home. It serves as a reminder of where we come from and the community that supports and inspires us. The "Ode to Newfoundland" adds a sense of pride and unity to the ceremony, celebrating not only academic achievements but also the unique identity of our province.,

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I've said enough.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2660

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I've never experienced it myself, but it's an identity or somewhat symbolic to memorial.

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

To continue a long legacy

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Add it in upcoming spring convocation 2025 as its 100th anniversary too.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2661

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 the traditional anthem of Newfoundland which extols love and 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! The Ode to Newfoundland is part of our shared history and deserves to be played during Memorial convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Why can't Memorial play both the Ode to Newfoundland and the Ode to Labrador at all its convocation ceremonies? Seems like an easy solution to me!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2662

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 Newfoundlands unique 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?

Of course it should be played. The fact that this is even being debated illustrates the complete cowardice shown by MUN''s leadership. Universities are being destroyed from within because their faculty are too cowardly to just say no to the parasitic DEI dimwits who have colonized their institutions.

s. 40 (1)

Look to the US. The public have had it with this type of idiotic virtue signalling. Keep the Ode or lose public support and funding.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Grow up. Universities are not kindergartens.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2663

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, it should be sung at Convocation Ceremonies because the words express our strong pride and love for the heritage and culture of our beautiful island that was founded by our forefathers.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We can't forget the past hardships and struggles of our ancestors as they eked out a livelihood for their families in the early centuries of our settlement, and carved out a way of life for those of us who followed to fill their shoes. The young among us must not be allowed to forget where they came from. Too much history is being lost. The young should have this Ode sung at their school concerts and graduations...They need to be taught by example how to be proud of our past and present.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2664

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, it's been part of NL's history since NL has existed. It adds to the uniqueness and culture of our province. The lyrics are beautiful, defining our history and our future.

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

Yes, it should remain! It is meaningful and defines what it is to be a part of this unique province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

s. 40 (1)

[REDACTED] and I love to tell people I meet about NL. One way of defining our province is to sing this lovely Ode!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2665

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: [REDACTED]

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

I was born. In NL [REDACTED] It will always be close to my heart as we sang 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. We were am independent country and should not lose sight of our heritage.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Not at this time.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2666

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?

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 # 2667

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Historical verse for ceremonial use; having the Ode demonstrates distinction from other provinces;

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

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It could be updated to reflect NL as we now celebrate it through the several citizen cultures

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2668

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 part of the fabric of our culture.

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

Yes, it should be included with all four verses sung.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I feel the ode should be included. I am also in favor of slight lyrics changes to be more inclusive.

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Yes