

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2949

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 someone who no longer lives in NL but will always consider it my home; it is a grounding reminder to me that I will always be a proud Newfoundlander. When I hear I get goose bumps.

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

Yes it should. MUN was built in memory of those who fought for NL when it was its own colony. It is in its name. Not playing it is disrespectful to the memory of those who fought for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't know why it was or planned to be stopped but why? Is it for DEI concept? I fully believe is DEI, [REDACTED] but that does not mean forgetting the roots of why something started or where it came from. That is actually exclusive and not inclusive of the past.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2950

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other: [REDACTED]

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is part of my identity as a Newfoundlander. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Pertinent to 'Memorial', it has been sung hundreds of times by veterans honouring the war dead.

The Ode is part of the grounding of our culture. It is about love of Place; of Community; it is about Home. It reinforces our valuing of the land. And there is Not One Word suggesting anything negative, oppressive or judgmental. It mentions no one and therefore excludes no one.

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

Most definitely. It is especially important at convocations; a landmark event for young people embarking on a career, etc.

The reasons given for not continuing it have included:

"It doesn't mention Labrador or Mothers" (would have no objection to tweaking)

"The need to create safer and more welcoming spaces for students" (what drive!!! I couldn't imagine a safer or more welcoming university than Memorial, except for reported crumbling infrastructure impacting safety?)

"The lyrics were written by someone from the Colonial period" (they were written to express love for the land and sea; there is absolutely nothing colonial about them).

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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This decision (and the subsequent many months of indecision) has changed the way I feel about Memorial; [REDACTED] It was a decision hastily made, in a closed meeting and without consultation. It is a travesty.

The prolonged hovering over whether to reverse a decision that should never have been made in the first place is outrageous and maddening.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2951

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means pride and respect for the beautiful province we ALL life in.

Do you believe that 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 don't care where you have come from but if you are at MUN then you live in NEWFOUNDLAND! You want to add the Labrador anthem, go for it! ADD, don't delete and erase the importance of an Ode that honours the province our soldiers fought to protect! You disgrace them when you remove an Ode dedicated to their province at a university that was called MEMORIAL for a reason!!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Continue to disgrace our history and pride in who we are by removing OUR Ode to OUR province

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This entire ordeal is a disgrace!

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2953

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The ode represents the independent spirit of Newfoundland. It provides a tie to our pre-Csnadian roots. It instills a sense of what it means to be a Newfoundlander.

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

I absolutely believe that the Ode should be included in Convocation. It serves to remind graduates that they have earned their degree from an institution with a history that predates 1949.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If there are concerns regarding inclusivity in the words to the Ode, an instrumental version can be played. Attendees can sing the words that are most suited to their sense of propriety. It is the symbolism of the Ode that matters.

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A tribute to ALL who have lived on this island and in this province. It is also a reminder that we were a separate country with our own national song

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

Yes it should be included. MUN is named Memorial for a reason.

Banning the ode is equally insulting to their memory

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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 my culture, my heritage. It is who I am... a Newfoundlander first...

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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?

Definitely YES ... re above!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

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Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's a part of the tradition of Newfoundland. Is part of who we are and how we grew up.

Do you believe that 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?

People are coming to our province, not by force but by will. This shouldn't even be a topic of conversation when we need to be proud of the province we live in, its heritage and its people. Stop trying to be neutral. Be proud.

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a beautiful piece of music and poetry that describes this wonderful place we live. I believe it defines and unites the people of this province regardless of their origin or background. It is entirely appropriate as a part of the convocation ceremony for an institution which was named as a memorial to those who gave their lives for our freedom.

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

It absolutely should be included, see comment above

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode is a most beautiful and respectful piece of music. It became the unofficial anthem of the country of Newfoundland by the people (and not by government) because the people loved it. They sang it proudly and respectfully because it represented the way they felt about this place. For a university committee to decide without consultation that it was not to be a part of convocation was wrong.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is a song of pride!!! Yes, it should be sung. We should all remember who we are and take pride.

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

Yes! It is a remembrance of who we are just like O Canada!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It should never had been removed and why was the general population not consulted before it was taken away!!

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

s. 40(1)

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Memories growing up in Newfoundland

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The melody and words evoke the place ('when sun rays crown thy pine clad hills' 'we love thee frozen/windswept land') and when I hear the Ode, I remember singing it at assembly at school and at significant events. I see the forests in my mind's eye and remember the feeling of snow and ice pellets as the wind beat them against my face. The Nature of this place forms us and arguably, the Ode arguable tells us something about who we are being from this special island.

I recognise that this experience with the Ode is one that was completely naive as to its origin story, name of composer, etc. It is important to take into account the social construction and re-construction of our relationship with the Ode over time.

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

Problematic as the lyrics may be it remains the provincial anthem. As the only university in the province and as a memorial to those lost to war, I think for many it evokes a sense of belonging and community.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think the problems with the Ode reside mainly in the final verse. The first three are a fair representation of the land we recognise as Newfoundland and Labrador.

Is a performance of the 3rd verses with a more contemporary rewrite of the final verse being considered? One that acknowledges colonial harm as well as the efforts and responsibilities of restorative justice and reconciliation? Perhaps in a First Nations or indigenous language? Or a performance that is purely instrumental in the interim accompanied by contextualisation? Is there room for a creative 'mashup' of Western and First Nations/indigenous musical traditions?

I don't think it is out of place to perform an anthem during convocation, a serious and sometimes solemn occasion. Instead it is an opportunity to reflect: honour the best of what the Ode represents and respect its contemporary positionality - providing context, particularly around the Ode's underlying identity with colonialism.

If we as MUN and as Newfoundlanders and Labradorians are to genuinely and fully to acknowledge our colonial past and its continued legacy, we would first and foremost acknowledge the name of our province and university - New - Found - Land. (minus Labrador I should add). It doesn't get more colonial

than that and yet it is the Ode that is focused on. Seize this opportunity to be bold and brave, and state the undeniable fact that we are who we are - good and bad - as a result of our historical and current ties to colonialism. In the spirit of mutual respect and restorative justice, rethinking our relationship with the Ode is an opportunity as decolonising effort.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

I think of it as the "national" anthem of the province. It makes me feel proud and patriotic. I identify with the description of our geography and weather. I feel an emotional connection to our history and the people before us- 'a pride of place'.

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

Yes, it represents us, the tough people we are on this tough but beautiful land. I support adding a link to Labrador in the Ode and the Music Faculty can help with that.

and didn't expect them to change their traditions at Convocation because I was from another province. When I travel internationally, it's to experience other countries traditions. I can't believe the international students have a problem with the Ode being sung at convocation- they must feel the pride and support in the singing of the Ode.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think it is "much to do, about nothing". Why would anybody be threatened by the singing of the Ode at Convocation... It is the height of wokeism and takes 'being politically correct' to the extreme. Really!

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A pride in our home and a recognition that we were an independent 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. For our tradition, for our pride in our independence,, for the recognition of the harsh land in which we live.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2965

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Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is about pride in where you live and the cultural values that have become the fabric of this beautiful place and the people who make it home.

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

The Ode should be included in the convocation ceremonies at Memorial University because it is a tribute to the province after which the university is named and most of the graduates were either born here and/or live here and consider this place home.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't really understand why this is even being considered. If we went to university somewhere else, I'm sure we would take part in their cultural traditions or sing their special songs. Why discontinue this tradition here? Who suggested getting rid of it anyway?

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Yes

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Proud

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

Absolutely

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 means a great deal of pride and we sacrifice so many of our young to the war.

Do you believe that 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 used it for a long and should use it for ever

Is there anything else you would like to add?

the pendulum has swing to far and it is time to correct it

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Yes

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is our history, our rallying sound and a bond that brought us proudly together ...the university is a recognition of our support to the war years when so many Newfoundlanders, (and that includes the Labradorians as the name Newfoundland when written covered the whole province.) fought and many gave their life to protect the free world, to protect Newfoundland. Memorial University is so named and the Ode is part of that tribute.

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

Absolutely YES as stated in Q2

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The removal of the Ode from the convocation Ceremonies and other important University ceremonies shows total disrespect to an important part of the foundation of our Province. Its removal gives me second thought as to future supporting the University which is sad. I stand proudly whenever the Ode is performed.

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It reflects the beauty, love and belonging to the land. It connects to our heritage/status of once being a country. If we stop using it, something will be lost, not gained. Inclusion shouldn't mean erasing distinction or difference.

Do you believe that 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. You don't have to identify with every single word and every single line for passages to be significant and have meaning. Anyone who has enjoyed a summer here or survived a winter can identify with the main idea behind the song.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Keep it! It's one of the least backward things about Newfoundland. 🍷

In all seriousness, if the objections have to do with 'fathers' and 'god guard', that's just so depressing, and I say that as a [REDACTED] Language and thoughts and values are all connected, but at the same time we don't want to be milquetoast either.

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is an important reminder and recognition of the former Dominion status of Newfoundland and Labrador. It should never be forgotten that Newfoundland and Labrador is the only Canadian province that held the status of nationhood prior to joining the Confederation.

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

Yes. Absolutely and unequivocally.

MUN has an important role in sustaining the memory of NL's former national status with its graduates and the public of NL, Canada, and the world.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

An important aspect of MUN's role as a preeminent institution of higher education and advanced learning is to contribute to the continued growth and development of the Province and its people as well as fostering knowledge of our history.

The Ode instills pride in our people. It should instill pride in MUN, its students, its faculty, and its graduates.

Perhaps the Senate should look inward and reflect on why it has members who are not motivated by pride in MUN and Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Yes

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	Memorial Staff		Alumni
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X	Current Memorial Student		Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode to Newfoundland is our way to express the pride we have in the province we live. It's about how beautiful and yet harsh it can be and still we persevere. It IS the pride of Newfoundland!

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

Absolutely, it should be a part of our convocations! NOTHING about this ode segregates or diminishes any individuals! If it's about Labrador not being included then sing Labrador's song as well. The entire song is about the land in which we ALL live. There is NO reason why this song was removed to begin with.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is idiotic moves like removing the Ode to Newfoundland from our convocations that make Newfoundlanders hate immigrants and it's ALL YOUR fault! It has nothing to do with them and everything to do with the moronic individuals running OUR NEWFOUNDLAND university that is causing this divide and increasing discourse! Why don't you focus on how to repair the decrepit buildings that once stood so proudly instead of wasting time on removing something that should NEVER have been up for discussion at any point. We ARE Newfoundland and our convocations are exactly where our Ode should be sung...loud and proud! Go fix a REAL problem and leave our song in our university at our convocations. We ARE Newfoundland...ALL of us together as we sing our song dedicated to the land in which we live!

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is an important symbol of my province - where I came from. It reminds me of our roots - the place I call home. The Ode is part of who we all are.

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

The Ode has been part of convocation for decades - thousands have stood proudly to sing it at this event - an event which for many is a very important milestone in their lives.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The university should take into account the views of the wider community when making such decisions - it's our university - not that of the president, or an hoc committee, or some other select few. This needs to be understood.

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Yes

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

A connection with my heritage.

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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 is called Memorial University of NEWFOUNDLAND and was dedicated to the men and women from our province (country or dominion) who served in protection of our heritage. To eliminate the Ode would be an insult to them and the generations who followed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is our Ode and to discontinue its use because some people may be offended is downright insulting to us who Newfoundlanders whose families have been here for generations.

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Yes

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☐	Current Memorial Student	☐	Other:

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's sort of old-fashioned, but it's fine. I don't have a particularly strong attachment to 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?

I don't have a strong opinion either way, but if it is included, and if there is a Labrador song, it should be played as well.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This has been a very politicized issue (particularly among anti-progressives) so I would be very careful when making this decision. "Tradition" to these people means the exclusion of every other group, and to be blunt, racism and nationalism. Do not make the decision based on public backlash, but what the feelings of the actual students and alumni are.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2976

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a song that outlines our proud history and heritage of living in this difficult yet beautiful place. I always feel a swell of pride when I hear it sung, and love to hear voices all around me join in. The Ode has been an official anthem of Newfoundland since 1904 - well before Confederation. No other Canadian province or territory has such a strong tradition.

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

Yes, the Ode should be included at Convocation. We began as Memorial University of Newfoundland. Tradition helps grow pride, in this case in an institution. The decision to remove the Ode from convocation was done without public input - and while the intentions may have been without malice (Indigenous groups in the province not included, international students left out, etc.), there are ways to include these groups in the ceremony. [REDACTED] I was saddened that the Ode was not part of the ceremony.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

I feel the Ode to Newfoundland should be brought back as a part of Memorial University's Convocation ceremonies.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2977

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?

Colonial ode to part of the province.

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

No. I think you should get music students to write and compose something which praises our whole province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No thank you.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2978

Response Summary

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

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a testament to what makes our province special

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

Yes. Memorial University is our provincial University and we should play our provincial anthem at events.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2979

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Sense of place and patriotism

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Withdrawing the Ode was a big mistake

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 # 2980

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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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?

N/a

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

No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2981

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2982

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is central to My sense of being of this province. While an update of the lyrics to be more inclusive would be welcomed the music, lyrics with their connections to the primal nature of our province are a source of pride. It is a reflection of cultural identity and ironically a symbol of resistance to thinly veiled upper Canadian colonial attitudes.

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

Absolutely yes. Modified lyrics could be easily and sensitivity rewritten to deal with issues of inclusion. One can be inclusive with out being disrespectful of Newfoundland and Labrador cultural sensitivity. The decision to remove the Ode showed incredible tone deafness to how Newfoundland culture has historically had to struggle to find acceptance within Canada.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for this opportunity. It is commendable that Memorial has seen fit to have reflection and second thought.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2983

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 way of paying respect to NL and it's history.

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

Yes - need to include it for the students that are moving forward in their lives among other reasons.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2984

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a proud reminder of our history and heritage. Our “Memorial” University honours those who have gone 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. We are Memorial University of Newfoundland! The Ode is part of our history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Versions of the Ode which include Labrador and indigenous have been put forward and can be used.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2985

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's like a national anthem and I'm very proud of it and that sense of pride increases 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!

Because its an important part nor our heritage and all those graduating should appreciate it, even if not from here!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I hope the right decision is made to keep it. I don't know anyone from this province who would want to get rid of it! Why do things that have always worked and brought so much pride to us as a province, have to be changed!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2986

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

Yes

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2987

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 is about our history , the beauty of our landscape and it has and always will be the Ode to Newfoundland for me. Each time I sing it with pride and on many occasions it has brought tears to my eyes.

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

The Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies and all public performances.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2988

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 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

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please honor our history

With lease do not erase

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2989

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride in the province of NL

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

Of. Course. The university is called MEMORIAL to remember the lives lost and the money raised for the university. In the name of brave people who went to war and gave everything....terrible to think so little of the history and just drop the Ode...we should be proud..the university in particular.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Be proud. Of where we come from. School children know the Ode I'm disgusted with MUN FOR DOING THIS, BUT IN THE NATURE OF LEARNING IT CAN BE UNDONE.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2990

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It represents the pride and determination of our ancestors. All the sacrifices, achievements, glory and defeats we as a people have endured. It was a slap in the face to get rid of 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 brings pride to the graduates ND honors them be matter where they are from. To say it was exclusionary was utter foolishness.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Removing it from the ceremony was an knee jerk reaction to someone who obviously had an agenda and had no concept of what the Ode meant to the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador. If you are worried it will does not include Labrador than add the Ode To Labrador to the ceremony. If that one verse offends some people keep the others. in short, BRING IT BACK.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2991

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 very integral part of our culture that has been important for generations. Its language and its imagery has always created pride within Newfoundlanders.

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

Absolutely yes. It is definitely part of the memories in Memorial".

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please include this important part of the ceremony.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2992

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It symbolizes the pride that I have in my home province. Newfoundland is a special place, people are so helpful, kind and generous. I feel so fortunate to have been born and live all my life here.

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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 definitely the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in the Convocation Ceremonies. When it was discontinued, I was shocked. The University was named as a memorial and in honor of those brave men and women who sacrificed so much and in many cases, their lives. To honor them it definitely should be included. Labrador has an anthem, it too could/should be included as well.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Memorial University of Newfoundland, so absolutely the Ode to Newfoundland should be included. I feel certain that universities elsewhere don't discontinue their own anthems because students from other areas/countries graduate there. Discontinuing the Ode was a huge mistake, and should be reinstated ASAP.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2993

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 has always been an important part of my identity as a Newfoundland and Labrador citizen.

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

Yes, as it is an important part of our history and identity.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2994

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?

Not very much. It's a beautiful song, but doesn't have much relevance in today's society.

Do you believe 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. To be perfectly honest, I think that Newfoundland's desire to cling to the past holds it back. For better or for worst, the world is heading towards a global culture. Placing too much emphasis on provincial heritage is becoming a liability, not an asset. Yes, we Newfoundlanders are unique, every other culture, province, country etc. says the same thing about themselves as well. And where has that got us as a society?

I fear that focusing too much on self-identity in an interconnected world has now become a vice, not an asset. Playing the Ode re-enforces an attitude of self-importance that could very well be holding us back rather than pushing us forward.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Taking into consideration what I have said above, perhaps I'm overreaching. The Ode's lyrics do aligned well with other famous songs and phrases heard from our southern neighbors.

God guard thee, Newfoundland.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2995

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 beautiful ode that sums up Newfoundland and its people. It references our history as well as our physical space.

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

Yes. Our university is Memorial University and as such is anchored to our past, present and future. To loose the ode is to loose a part of who we are.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2996

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?

I love my province! I'm proud of who we are and what values we hold and represent! The Ode to Newfoundland is something I sing to show honor and pride in my province!

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

ABSOLUTELY!!! I was absolutely disgusted with the University administrators that allowed this to be taken out of our convocation! This university was founded in memory of those strong, brave Newfoundland and Labradorians that lost their lives in the first world war, fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today! Singing the Ode to NL is part of showing our pride in our identity and honoring who this university was named in memory of. How DARE you diminish and erase who and what this university was founded on!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I am appalled that the administration felt they needed a committee to convene for a YEAR to figure out how we Newfoundlanders feel about this! Shouts loudly and clearly how out of touch they are with us and the province that employs them!

Put the Ode to NL back in convocation and EVERY other ceremony at MEMORIAL University of NEWFOUNDLAND!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2997

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a unique piece of heritage with an interesting history that is a point of unity and shared experience for people who grew up 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, if for no other reason than I think the reasons for removing it are flawed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I don't envy the University's position. We're reckoning with a massive shift in values and how people view themselves in the tapestry of the community. I think we sometimes forget that it is a tapestry. The mere existence of a piece of heritage doesn't necessarily negate any other.

I think we have the correct idea when we start questioning traditions in the face of changing times, but the singling out of the Ode seems arbitrary and its omission reactionary. The Ode is as much a vestige of a problematic past as the rest of the academic and cultural paraphernalia on display during the ceremony, or any number of things about the university including its name. There may come a day when the Ode is obsolete, but the mere fact that so many people feel so strongly, even if they don't necessarily know how to articulate their thoughts, indicates that that day has not yet come.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2998

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 poignant love song from the people of this province to the place that is their home. It is a gentle and kind poem from the heart that brings us together during important occasions such as graduations. It is to be celebrated and enjoyed not hidden away like something shameful.

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

It should absolutely be sung with joy at each and every convocation. It is a celebration of people and place.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Please do the right thing and put the Ode back in the University and its celebrations.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 2999

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

History of our province

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

Yes

It's tradition. It helps define our uniqueness as Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3000

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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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?

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

No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3001

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 anthem of our province. This anthem honours our veterans who put themselves in harms way so we could have our freedom and this university. It is a Memorial to our veterans. The Ode should definitely stay. Removing it is an insult to all our residents of NL.

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

Yes. For the reasons given in #2..

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Keep the anthem.

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 # 3002

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Newfoundland anthem adopted in 1904 was an integral part of the acceptance of Newfoundland as a British Dominion in 1907. It was still the anthem [REDACTED] but then was rescinded in 1949 when we became a province of Canada. I graduated from MUN in [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?

Yes! On this special day when one has completed a major milestone in their career the playing of the provincial anthem is like winning the gold medal and having the Canadian anthem played at the olympics while you are on the podium..

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We are the province of Newfoundland and Labrador so lets be inclusive and play both the Ode to Newfoundland and Ode to Labrador at the convocation!!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3003

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means a lot. It has become an ode that is a symbol of pride in our homeland.

It can be argued the lyrics apply to both Newfoundland and Labrador and simply including 'Labrador' in the singing will make it inclusive. s. 40(1)

It should be noted that [REDACTED] and I think this age group is more in favour of continuing to sing the Ode than younger groups. As one young person said to me, young people are happy to convocate, they couldn't care less about the singing of the ode.

I think tradition for tradition's sake is not a bad thing.

Do you believe that 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 acknowledgment of our pride in our province. It is unifying.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

This has gone on long enough. Just make the decision. You can't please everybody and there will be those who are disappointed with the decision. With all the chaos in our world today, surely this really doesn't deserve such scrutiny. Thanks for the opportunity to offer an opinion.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3004

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3005

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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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?

No

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3006

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 says who we are as a people. Memorial University was founded to honour the brave men who fought for Newfoundland. At the time the ode was written we were our own country and a proud patriotic people who put everything on the line to fight for freedom. Singing the Ode to Newfoundland at convocation reminds each and everyone of us what we as Newfoundlanders stand for. There could also be a song included in the convocation that exemplifies what it is to be a 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. We need to remember and honour those who have gone before us.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

In this world we are facing today filled with uncertainty and turmoil we need to be reminded where we came from. Strong independent people. Isn't this the qualities we want to see in these new graduates. This is who we hope to look after our world after we are gone. As a proud graduate of Memorial I feel pride when I hear that beautiful Ode. It is a dishonor not to have the Ode sung at Convocation. Do the right thing.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3007

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

See above

Do you believe 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 reminds us of our commitment to the democratic freedom which underpinned Memorial's foundation

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Anyone who has been part of the University can rightfully say that I have walked amongst a proud people that earned their right to hold their heads up high anywhere.

Nevertheless it is important that a modest revision to remove gender bias should be worked out with the Government.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3008

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's part of 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?

Definitely

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3009

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 reminds me of when we sang it as children during school assemblies. We were taught about how it connected us to our history. It raised a sense of pride. To sing along to it [REDACTED] makes me feel proud to be a Newfoundlander.

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

It should absolutely be included in Convocation Ceremonies. It is our history. It describes our province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

The Ode should be sung more often. It is Newfoundland and Labrador's anthem.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3010

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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It is a profound part of my heritage as a Newfoundlander [REDACTED] and a Canadian

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

yes, with pride and a sense of history

Is there anything else you would like to add?

thank you

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3011

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is our heritage and we should stand tall and proud when we sing it.

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

Yes, it should never have been removed.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3012

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 means the greatest respect to all the generation of young Newfoundlanders who gave their lives in the two World wars for the freedom that we all enjoy today. Those who fail to recognize the sacrifice that they made do not understand our Newfoundland 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, I believe that the Ode to Newfoundland should be included in Convocation Ceremonies at Memorial University... because the University itself has always been a "Memorial".to our proud Newfoundlanders. To exclude the "Ode" would be very disrespectful to those that gave their all for our freedom.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I can understand those from other cultures not having any respect for The Ode to Newfoundland.. But this is our Newfoundland University.our "culture" which should never be eroded and it was our fathers, sons, daughters ,relatives and friends who made the supreme sacrifices for us . Hence we are Proud Newfoundlanders through and through.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3013

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?

Every time I hear the Ode to Newfoundland being sung I get goose bumps. It reminds me of our forefathers. I think that it is a disgrace that it was discontinued!

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

Yes! Our university is called MEMORIAL for a reason. We are honouring those who came before us. The Ode to Newfoundland is part of our heritage and it honours those who came before us as well.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

God guard thee Newfoundland!

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3014

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 poignant piece of our provincial 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?

Yes. Memorial University is the only university in Newfoundland, and its students and faculty should recognize the role the Newfoundland plays in the university's existence and operation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3015

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 the deep connection to a formidable physical environment and the unique sense of community that emerged from our survival in this harsh and beautiful land.

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

Academia is the pulse of society. It both reflects and challenges current ideology to ensure our evolution as a society. The question is whether the Ode is relevant in current Newfoundland and Labrador society? Sadly we are gradually losing that connection to our environment the Ode represents and like the granite underneath our feet our traditional community values are eroding. To answer the question of whether the Ode is relevant in today's society and has intrinsic value we should consider the perspective of our current student body as they represent our present and future!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3016

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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Despite not having been born in Newfoundland and Labrador, I have become quite enamored of the Ode since [REDACTED] Anytime I am at a public gathering in this province and the Ode is sung by what seems to be everyone in attendance, I am truly affected by the mass show of pride in and love of the province and its people. Besides, it is a beautiful song and should be maintained as an integral part of MUN's convocation ceremonies.

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

Yes, it should be included in MUN's convocation ceremonies. My comments above explain why I feel this way. I've got to say that the dropping of the Ode has definitely affected my feelings towards MUN, my alma mater.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3017

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 represents a commitment to my belief in and support for this province. It is a reminder of the unbreakable link between alumni and the province's success.

Do you believe that 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 and its alumni are integral to the success of this province. The ode that represents this province should be acknowledged and heard at convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I have no problem with simple changes to incorporate Labrador and changes to include the broadest community (minorities) that encompasses all the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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

Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3018

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?

I have never really felt a deep connection to the Ode. The lyrics have religious references which make me relate less to it than other beloved Newfoundland songs, such as Saltwater Joys or Song for Newfoundland. I am not religious, so I cannot sing "god guard thee" with much sincere feeling. I do, however, appreciate the history behind the song and the deep connection others have to it. I, in no way, am offended by the song being sung. I'm happy to sing it or listen to it and witness others' connection, joy, and 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?

I am a proud Newfoundlander, but I do not hold a strong position in either direction for the Ode to be played at convocation ceremonies.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I believe that some are affected by this change because we live in an ever changing world that can be overwhelming for some. We need to empathize with those who feel a deep connection to this Newfoundland tradition while holding space for new values and new ways to show Newfoundland pride. At the end of the day, is playing the song hurting anyone?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3019

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 has been a part of my life. It represents who we are as people of this great province. Take the time to read and understand the meaning of the words. It has helped give me the foundation to be the person I want to be.

Do you believe 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. What is the downside of including it. Do the small minority dictate what we do. Sing it proudly regardless if you are from NL or not.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3020

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 Beaumont Hamel to me

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

It reflects the sentiments of the vast majority of Newfoundlanders

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3021

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Pride, a sense of ownership and custodian 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. We are a proud Provinc and should show that pride whenever we can.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3022

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 an important part of connecting with my heritage as a Newfoundlander. It sings of a time before our "pine clad hills" were stripped and sent to England, and as well of our love for our island of Newfoundland.

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

Yes it should be included. The Ode is an important part of our history as Newfoundlanders (and was a part of the convocation history at MUN until 2022), and I think it should be sung and respected as a glimpse into our history.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3023

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is historic, as is the university. "Memorial University" was named to honour Newfoundland war veterans as well as those young men who never returned from wars for which they volunteered, to serve and protect their country.

Both the ode (equivalently Newfoundland's national anthem) and the university's name are a tribute to this place and those who, through many hardships, made it what it is today. Newfoundland has always welcomed newcomers. If those people liked this place and it's people, they stayed. They and their cultural additions were embraced. Presumably they came to join a community they wanted to call home and doing so respected and embraced integral aspects of Newfoundlands history and culture as well.

Do you believe that 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 comments.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3024

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 was our national anthem before we joined Canada in 1949 and still evokes the pride we have in our unique culture and heritage. It was our national anthem when Memorial was established after world war I to commemorate and remember the sacrifices of our country, and its people, especially our fallen youth.

Do you believe that 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 the Convocation Ceremonies. We are "Memorial University", We are bound by our very existence - our name and raison d'etre to be a source and purveyor of knowledge and learning, within the memory of our country and its people who sacrificed so much so those tenets can be met.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Be positive rather than negative. Rather than omit the Ode from the ceremony add an Ode to Labrador to recognize and celebrate its long standing and continuing contribution to our Province.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3025

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 is, as it says, a tribute to our province and the people who live here. It expresses love and has been sung for generations, representing continuity with those who came before us, many of whom died defending freedom. And the ode is inspiring.

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

Yes definitely. I can hardly believe that it was deleted from the ceremony and that you need to have a Committee to look at bringing it back. This has alienated alumni, many of whom stopped their donations to MUN, and it has stopped setting up of new scholarships as well. The lack of respect for the tradition of our Ode by the administration and Senate at MUN is appalling and I imagine it was done to cater to a small segment of the population who have some problem with it. It shows the lack of leadership at the institution and the continuing kow-towing to a "woke" agenda that should be none of the university's business. I wish as much attention was spent on improving the quality of education at MUN and the quality of its teaching staff. MUN should focus on its key mission. Furthermore it is funded by the government and the taxpayers of this province who are mostly appalled by the administration's lack of respect for tradition and pride. And how many years now since that happened? And you are only now getting around to addressing it? That tells everyone everything the need to know about the effectiveness of this administration and its lack of leadership.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Bring the Ode back period. And hope your institution can begin to regain back some of the respect from the public and the support of an alumni who are mostly stunned and distressed by this decision.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3026

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 means just as much to me as O Canada. It is a testament to our heritage as a people and should not be erased due to some populist woke agenda.

Do you believe that 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 is owned by the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. This has always been played and means much to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Perhaps more effort should go into the quality of education and less on chosen politics or personal beliefs of the people making the decisions. My guess is the reputation of the University would be lifted and less controversial.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3027

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

The Ode is a piece of our identities as Newfoundlanders. It's over 100 years old, and for a university named to honour Newfoundlanders who gave their lives so we could live as we do today, it's insulting to deconstruct further what it is to be a Newfoundlander. The Ode is tradition, and Newfoundland is a place rich in tradition. Something we need so that not every place in the world is a carbon copy of each other.

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

Yes. We are a distinct province with distinct traditions. There is no reason to remove it; it does not require an excessive amount of resources, time, or money for a University to uphold. For the little bit that it does take, maybe reflect on that hypocrisy, as our previous president of the Uni spent money in the stupidest places, such as upgrading her office, taking trips out to expensive hotels with her friends, maintaining one of the highest paid salaries in Canada for her position despite having some of the lowest tuition costs in the country and lowest revenues. It is insulting to students, staff, and others and the university to have things like this taken away when that stuff is going on.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Society in all places will evolve and progress, no doubt. I think this is a good thing. But changing and progressing does not mean you have to destroy the past. If it isn't broken, do not fix it. People in NL are proud to be from NL. We lost the Ode as our anthem when we joined Canada, we lost our flag in the 80s, and we continuously lose things that make us Newfoundlanders year after year. Do not take away another tradition that makes people proud to be from the rock.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3028

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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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?

[Redacted]

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3029

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 characterizes the history of our province and is symbolic of our traditions

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

Yes, for reasons noted in 2 above.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3030

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 a tribute to our land (and it's weather!) and reminds us of how blessed we are to live here. It doesn't mention the crown, or the Europeans, or anyone else for that matter. It is a simple homage to everyone who has lived here and enjoyed the beauty of the land, and been taught to respect the fierce and unpredictable climate.

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

Yes. The university is called "Memorial" for a reason. Soldiers, sailors and air crew served in both World Wars singing this anthem. It has been a part of our heritage since 1904. When I sing this Ode at public gatherings, I feel I am honoring those who served, and giving thanks for our awesome land and sea.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

A tree is only as strong as its roots grow deep. If we keep cancelling and changing every tradition and culture simply because someone somewhere may take offense, our society will scatter at the first breeze of challenge that comes our way, and there's a terrible tempest brewing to the south of us as we deliberate this.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3031

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?

No, I don't. The tradition of singing anthems and odes at sporting and other events was a means of expressing support and patriotism during the world wars. But, if we're not in a world war right now, and if the Ode is to be sung at the beginning of every convocation, shouldn't it also be sung at the beginning of every university class session? Of course not.

At that time I didn't understand what patriotism, etc. was all about

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I think O Canada and other patriotic songs (e.g., the Ode to Newfoundland) belong in churches and at military and political events, but not at general public gatherings or at athletic events, and definitely not in our tax-supported schools. It's been done at Convocation for countless years now and simply out of habit. And, you'll notice that most of the students and half the audience don't join in the singing. I'm all for honoring those who have fought and died, but the singing of the Ode is just ritual now; it doesn't touch the affective domain; and there's nothing reverent about it ... plus it disrespects Labrador. Private schools and institutions should be allowed to do whatever they want.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3032

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's an exceptionally well written melody.

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

Yes. Why shouldn't it be sung?

"Because the students are not all from NL"

- but they chose a school that is in NL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Should we not sing O Canada either because not all students are Canadian? If so, when is it ever appropriate to sing any national anthem?

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"Because it excludes Labrador"

- this requires some careful thought. If we're talking about the campus in St. John's, then I don't understand the problem. It's the Ode of the place in which the university exists.

If we're talking about the campus in Labrador, then why not sing the Labrador anthem there?

And yet, I would ask who decided that the Ode to Newfoundland doesn't include Labrador? Isn't the second verse about Labrador?

The word "Newfoundland" only shows up at the end of the last verse. Maybe we can omit that verse to avoid an unbalanced representation. OR rewrite the final phrase to set the text "Newfoundland and Labrador". (But please, please, please get a professional to do so, so that the proper syllables are stressed musically).

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3033

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 Provincial Anthem. I grew up singing this beautiful tribute to my home. It is an important part of NL history and tradition.

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

Yes. I am not going to write a thesis about this. It is a tradition. It shows respect for our province.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Just get on with it! Play the Ode at Convocation.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3034

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 connects me to being a Newfoundlander in a way that is unique. It is a song about love for a place, not about conquest or victory. It is about appreciating your homeland and all of it's characteristics.

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

Yes, absolutely. I believe it means to many Newfoundlanders the same as what it means to me. I struggle to find how any of the wording is offensive, other than to those whose mission it is to find offense in everything historical about the history of European settlement in North America. There's surely lots of that history that does need to be examined and reconciled. The Ode to Newfoundland is not one of them.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Yes, try consultation before acting.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3035

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 proud part of our culture and heritage.

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

Absolutely yes!

This ode makes us proud to be Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, even if Labrador is not specifically included in the words. It is part of our history. I think what people fail to recognize in trying to be inclusive is that we can't erase our past. We can apologize for it and reconcile it but it is a part of our past and a part of our history and our culture. Not all provinces even have an anthem so it makes me very proud to have the ode and to sing it at special occasions such as convocation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think whomever decided to omit this was very short sighted and this consultation should have been done before any decisions were made.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3036

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?

For me it is a sacred piece of music, a piece that deserves respect, and which brings joy and pride to my heart and soul whenever I hear it. It identifies the distinctiveness of the province and celebrates the unique characteristics of this land we are lucky enough to call home.

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

Yes absolutely. I believe removing it was the wrong move. I understand the need to celebrate diversity and inclusion, and I support that in the University's activities. But the ode is historical and history is history. And that cannot be changed. The melody is stirring and brings joy. It is an ode to the land, not a political statement. I believe it is an important part of the province's identity and since the University is named as a memorial to the province's people of the past, including the Ode is a respectful tribute to that obligation.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for seeking input. It is an important issue.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3037

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 says and sings more beautifully about OUR NL than anything I could ever articulate.

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

Yes!

[REDACTED] and the Ode to NL was a big part [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] just see overly sensitive, politicizing adults make a decision for them to erase
history. Classy.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

Thank you for allowing my say. This decision infuriated me.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3038

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Everything. I am proud to be a Newfoundlander, born and raised. Being a Newfoundlander distinguishes us from other provinces. We have our own culture and traditions, and the Ode is one of them.

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

Absolutely! Why would it not be included? The University is in Newfoundland, so obviously the Ode would be included in the convocation ceremonies. Regardless of where the students come from, (domestic or foreign) or what their faith or language may be, they are studying at Memorial University of "Newfoundland". I am very proud of the University and the fact that it is in Newfoundland. It has done great things over the years for many, many students, and again, it sets us apart from other provinces. Playing or singing the Ode to Newfoundland would be a great way to acknowledge the province and it's people.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3039

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?

Honestly I do not feel especially strongly about it on a personal level. But it is literally the anthem of the province. It is a part of this 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?

I do. There are enough random and pointless bits of the ceremony that mean nothing to students that we have to sit through [REDACTED]. An anthem of the place you're in actually makes sense, and is relevant. Of all the things to cut, this isn't it.

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

If your concern is Labrador being left out - include the ode to Labrador. If your concern is indigenous people being left out, include a land acknowledgement. If you're concerned about international students having some issue with this, that's silly - they chose to come to Newfoundland. They don't expect it to not be a real place with real history and things like an anthem.

Im really not sure why this issue has been make into such a dramatic thing. This is once again an issue of memorial eating time and money better spent on other things, cresting issues where there were none, making unilateral decisions, etc, etc. The student base never felt sternly about this issue either way and it is ridiculous that you have turned it into such a thing.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3040

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

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

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Is there anything else you would like to add?

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No

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3041

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It's probably the only anthem in the world that doesn't contain colonialist references. It's about resilience, nature, and the people. To be inclusive, you could remove the fathers and say, "Where once they stood." I understand people may find the God reference problematic, but whether you call God, Jehovah, Allah, Creator, etc., the ODE is not the sin you think it is.

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

Yes. Because it's inclusive already. It doesn't contain colonialist tropes, a rarity amongst all other national anthems. You didn't do your research. You thought a couple of noisy people knew everything and you didn't stand by your principles. Not everything is what other people say it is. Have some backbone. Grow a spine already.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Your consultative process disrespects the great work of the Harris Centre in effective community engagement. How you thought this committee would work is beyond me.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3042

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It is impossible for me to put this into words that would suffice. For me, the Ode is a very old symbol of this place, its history, geography, weather, traditions and people. It is linked to us culturally and practically since childhood. It is synonymous with this place. It is something that transcends where you were born, who your parents were, if you were/ are rich or poor. It is forever linked to each one of us deeply and forever. It makes us proud and unique in the world.

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

Yes. For all the reasons above and most especially as the reason for the existence of MUN is to remember the blood sacrifice of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment, the Foresters, the Royal Naval Reserve Members, The VAD's, The Registered Nurses and the people of NL who fought for and preserved this place in the World Conflicts. To decide not to include the Ode as part of Convocation at MUN is to be disrespectful to that purpose.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

For an Institution of higher learning to make the decision to exclude the Ode from its Convocation Ceremonies demonstrates a blatant lack of vision and a failure to comprehend the past and an inability to plan for the future. I strongly urge Memorial University of Newfoundland to reverse this misstep in its path and to recommit itself to the original purpose for its creation.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3043

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It reflects our unique place in the history of this country. The Fucking name of the University is "Memorial University" and [REDACTED] he did so as a Newfoundlander, Not a Canadian.

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

It's always been done that way and the removal of it was a clear attempt by the university to divide people from each other in the context of its cuts

Is there anything else you would like to add?

If you're worried about colonial legacies in the University, maybe Hire an Indigenous studies prof and stop investing in the zionist entitiy before you start attacking our province

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3044

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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 identifies us as Newfoundlanders.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3045

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

Loyalty Inspirational Unique 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. Because it sets us apart and makes us unique. It's federally funded so ties to NL are very strong.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Several like me.

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Yes

Feedback Form – Ode at Convocation – Response # 3046

Response Summary

Indicate your relationship to the university:

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

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What does the Ode to Newfoundland mean to you?

It means celebrating our unique history and thinking of our ancestors.

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

Yes definitely. It is the icing on the ceremony making us all think of the past, present and future. If you have to change some words to make people happy or add in works about Labrador then go ahead but don't keep it out of our ceremonies!

Is there anything else you would like to add?

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☐ and it was so sad to not stand together in a packed house at the Arts and Culture Centre and sing the ode. The whole audience was mumbling about it and shaking their heads.

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Yes