



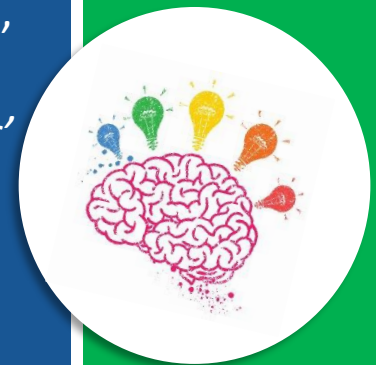
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Accelerating Change

# FEEDBACK SUMMARY

'IDENTIFYING Our Challenges & Needs and  
CONNECTING Our Opportunities & Resources'

*'Brainstorming Get-Together'*



*Held in Labrador Straits Region*

*May 18, 2021*



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## IDENTIFYING Our Challenges & Needs and CONNECTING Our Opportunities & Resources

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Why? *Because WE Live Here*

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### Participants:

Community Individuals, Groups & Organizations,  
Municipalities and Businesses within Labrador Straits region.

### Session Held:

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, L'Anse Au Loup Town Hall



## Summary

On May 18, 2021, 32 people met at the town hall in L'Anse Au Loup for a regional brainstorming get-together. The focus of the initial session was the first step in bringing together community representatives to discuss and determine individual/shared priorities and high-level ideas on how to advance the region, collectively (Opportunity Identification).

Attendees were advised that the session was intended to be a 'safe space', this was an opportunity to explore some questions on how we can advance the region, to listen and to hear. Individuals were given the opportunity to contribute to the discussion vocally or by submitting unnamed written comments.

The facilitator reviewed the purpose of the session and noted that it would likely advance to another session(s) of opportunities that can be advanced in the region.

## Representation:

The session was attended by a great cross-section of individuals from all communities in the Labrador Straits region, including 19 community organizations/groups\*, outlined below; representation was provided by the three sectors: Community Sector - Community individuals, nonprofit and volunteer groups; Private Sector – Business Community and Public Sector – Government Services and Departments.

\*Age-Friendly Community Committee

\*Association of New Canadians (ANC)

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

\*Better Together (newly formed community group)

\*Community Youth Network (CYN) Memorial University

\*Harbour Authority

\*Fire Brigade

\*Labrador Straits Historical Development Association (LSHDC)

\*Cultural Heritage Art Resources Team (CHART)

Labrador Affairs Secretariat

Office of Member of House of Assembly (MHA) for Cartwright-L'Anse au Clair

Office of Member of Parliament (MP) Labrador

\*Labrador Straits Ladies Hospital Auxiliary

\*Lion's Club

Local Businesses

\*Labrador Straits Minor Hockey Persons with Physical Disabilities

\*Labrador Straits Regional Recreation Committee (Arena)

\*Mount Nascopei Ski Club (MNSC)

\*Municipalities

Eagle River Credit Union

\*Southern Labrador Development Association (SLDA)

\*Living Waters Pentecostal Church

\*United Church Women (UCW)

\*Labrador Straits Senior's Housing Inc.

\*50+ Groups

Community Youth

## Questions???

Participants were asked THREE QUESTIONS:

1. What are the shared strengths that we have as a region that we can use to our advantage? And How do we build on those strengths and collectively have some impact?
2. What are the top challenges facing the region generally?
3. What are some things we might focus on in the short term to increase collaboration and to help address these challenges?

## Wishes

The group was asked to share 'wishes' in which the Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador (CSC NL) might be able to help their organizations or items that they would like to see develop in the Labrador Straits Region.

## Next Session

In an effort to advance further, a more detailed second session will be arranged to more clearly identify/define from the contributions provided to advance projects/initiatives within the region.

## Feedback Summary – “At a Glance”

### #1. What are the shared STRENGTHS that we have as a region that we can use to our advantage?

<p><b>People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers</li> <li>• Pride of the area</li> <li>• Innovative, Brilliant and ‘Crafty’ People</li> <li>• Vibrant Senior Growing Population – Mentorship, sharing skills, lived experiences</li> <li>• Newcomers</li> <li>• Diversity</li> <li>• Very Resilient People</li> <li>• Very Knowledgeable</li> </ul>	<p><b>Communities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong Business Community</li> <li>• Close Connection and Knowledge of the Land</li> <li>• Strong Sense of Place and Strong Culture – Tourism Industry</li> <li>• Strong Community Well Being and Infrastructure</li> <li>• Security and Stability</li> <li>• Growing Community of Diversity</li> <li>• Strong Sense of Community</li> <li>• Strong Sense of Home</li> </ul>
<p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labrador Shrimp Company</li> <li>• Grenfell Association Credit Union</li> <li>• Fishery</li> <li>• Ski Club</li> <li>• Transportation - Connection to Rest of Labrador</li> <li>• Long History of Successful Cooperatives</li> <li>• Heritage – UNESCO Site and Lighthouse</li> <li>• Age-Friendly Community Committee</li> <li>• Association of New Canadians</li> <li>• Climate</li> <li>• Beautiful Area</li> <li>• Community Groups and Organizations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential to be a Great Cross-Connection Hub</li> <li>• Community Seeking Interest for - Regional Economic Development Officer (EDO)</li> </ul>

### #1(a) How do we build on these STRENGTHS and collectively have some impact?

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## 'WISHES'

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<p><b>Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Volunteers</li> <li>• Trust</li> <li>• Access to Translator</li> <li>• Education – post-secondary, college</li> <li>• Support completing government applications/proposals</li> <li>• Recruit local entertainers</li> <li>• Increase training for fire brigades</li> <li>• Recreation – Forteau for softball field</li> <li>• Community Dog Parks</li> <li>• Younger memberships</li> <li>• Share 'stories'</li> </ul>	<p><b>Region – Work Together</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern Labrador Development Association (SLDA) and Community Sector Council NL (CSC NL) to work together, plan and create Regional Hub</li> <li>• Municipalities organize to replace Zonal Boards</li> <li>• Develop a sports-plex</li> <li>• Pioneer Foot Path – build on it, improve to higher standard, increase awareness and usage</li> <li>• Municipalities meet regularly as a region</li> <li>• Work together to make the arena a top-notch facility</li> <li>• Set up an agency to work on gaps in economy development in this region.</li> <li>• A partnership with South Eastern Labrador for shared development on regional initiatives, ie. Tourism</li> <li>• Municipalities provide funds or resources, apply for project funding together for a stronger application for the region.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More community participation</li> <li>• Discontinue barriers between faith traditions</li> <li>• A full building of worshippers on Sunday</li> <li>• Municipalities can collaborate and plan for one particular community-focused event/service for each town, to make everyone feel included and important.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Stronger Health Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Optometrist and Eye Care</li> <li>• Access to Audiologist</li> <li>• Increase in Staffing</li> <li>• Dentist</li> <li>• Mental Health Nurse</li> <li>• Family Doctor</li> </ul>
<p><b>Shared partnership with Quebec (Lower North Shore)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bio-economy</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Hydrogen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transit</li> </ul>

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## Feedback Summary – “Detailed”

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### Question #1:

What are the **Shared Strengths** that we have as a region that we can use to our advantage?

#### *Discussion and Answers:*

##### *Volunteers*

- ✓ People who sincere and genuinely care;
- ✓ Individuals freely giving of themselves to the community, groups and organizations.

##### *Strong Business Community*

##### *Close Connection and Knowledge of the Land*

##### *Strong Sense of Place and Strong Culture – Tourism Industry*

##### *Fishery*

##### *Labrador Shrimp Company*

##### *Ski Club*

##### *Great to Have So Many People to Be Proud of The Area*

##### *Innovative, Brilliant and ‘Crafty’ People*

- ✓ Members in the communities are very crafty, able to craft high-quality handmade items;
- ✓ Very innovative individuals here in the region, creative and able to ‘make things work’;
- ✓ People in this region are most resilient and knowledgeable;
- ✓ Great at coming up with ‘contraptions’.

##### *Transportation, we Are Linked to:*

- ✓ The rest of Labrador;
- ✓ Newfoundland;
- ✓ Quebec – which we are not tapping into
- ✓ Strengths in transportation in the local region perspective

##### *Potential to be a Great Cross-Connection Hub:*

- ✓ Labrador Straits is a really good place to develop cross-connection hub, for example, shipping, and having access to other products in other areas, such as Quebec.

### *Long History of Successful Cooperatives, Having the Ability to Work Together:*

- ✓ Credit Union
- ✓ Grenfell Association

### *Heritage*

- ✓ UNESCO World Heritage site in Red Bay
- ✓ Point Amour Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site

### *Strong Community Well Being and Infrastructure*

- ✓ Health
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Strong people
- ✓ Resourceful, we have lost some of that – we are interested in getting back there
- ✓ Strong by area
- ✓ Strong in infrastructure

### *Vibrant Senior Growing Population*

- ✓ Strength and challenges - an area that we can gain experience from:
  - ie. Community, churches, community groups, 'we don't have a collection of the history of our senior's knowledge and experienced expertise'.
- ✓ Municipalities – there are people who have been there for a very long time in active roles; how do we make sure this community is a strong and vibrant community?

### *Security and Stability*

- ✓ A key part, as an investor, one of the things you would look for is the risk factor, a lot of issues you would have to contend with, we don't have to contend with that here, don't have to worry about that here like in other areas. Stability allows you to plan. Outward migration is steady, stable trend.
- ✓ 'Stability' is a strength that can be tapped into.

### *Aging Population - Great Asset is Our Older People*

- ✓ Mentorship;
- ✓ Passing on their lived experiences;
- ✓ Sharing skills to our younger generation;
- ✓ Undervaluing of older people – we need to tap into, need to take time to be part of and learn from our aging population.
- ✓ Age-Friendly Community Committee is proving to be a positive initiative through SLDA.

### *Newcomers*

- ✓ Through a SLDA planning effort in 2018, that was identified at that time, a need to have someone/some way to coordinate newcomers – we now have that, we now have the Association for New Canadians office set up.

### *Diversity*

- ✓ Newcomers bring different kinds of talents and diversity to the region.



### *Growing Community of Diversity*

- ✓ Immigration Association of New Canadians (ANC)
- ✓ Many individuals from many different countries that have made this area their home.

### *Climate*

- ✓ Is a positive strength for communities and the economy;
- ✓ Greatly contributes to those who enjoy and aspire a lifestyle of spending time outdoors, recreation, exploring by boat, side-by-sides, and snowmobiling, etc.

### *Beautiful Area*

- ✓ Sometimes the beauty of the area is taken for granted, we have so much to offer here
- ✓ Beautiful beaches in the communities – let's use them for organized sports, playgrounds, etc.

### *Very Resilient People*

- ✓ Many people in the area have gone through some hard times – region still always continue to do well; folk adapt and find new opportunities; very fortunate.

### *Strong Sense of 'Home'*

- ✓ Everyone has a home, homelessness not an issue – we do not have many of the major problems to deal with here as in other areas of the world.

### *Strong Sense of Community*

- ✓ Strong volunteer groups, ie. If someone's house burned down, or if there is someone sick, communities always come together and raise money for the families and individuals in no time at all; great community strength in Straits region.

### *Seeking Interest for - Regional Economic Development Officer (EDO)*

- ✓ Town of L'Anse au Loup seeking interest from other municipalities for regional EDO.

## Question 1a) How do we build on those strengths and collectively have some impact?

### *Discussion and Answers:*

#### **Leadership in Technology**

- ✓ Build on being able to connect throughout the world effortlessly – need to build on having a stronger digital connection.

#### **Having Financial Representation**

- ✓ Build on our Cooperatives – having financial representation is a strength; being able to personalize for members; credit union hasn't lost its personal touch, you are a member that we know and are able to give approval because we 'know' you; whereas in other areas you are just a number.

#### **Digital Tools and Upskilling**

- ✓ CSC NL has helped 'build on' by providing Digital Devices to community individuals and community groups in the Labrador Straits region and are able to provide resources and 'upskilling' through a variety of webinars and online learning opportunities.
- ✓ The senior's complex has recently received some digital devices through the CSC NL project, now the devices are being made available to its residents. The complex recently upgraded to have internet connection for all residents, now our seniors are getting '*connected*'.

## Question #2:

### What are the **Top Challenges** facing the region generally?

#### *Discussion and Answers:*

##### *Transportation*

- Strengths in transportation in the local region perspective – however, in the global perspective it is a challenge as we are not close to markets.
- Transportation and shipping
  - Difficult for small businesses to sell and ship products, inside and outside the region, as shipping is expensive.
  - Suggested to have a link to getting things in, cheaper;
- If transportation was improved, it would encourage more opportunities for tourism and drive through

##### *Internet Speed and Bandwidth Infrastructure*

- Current digital connection limits people to connect online; the digital economy can thrive if there was a better and stronger connection.
- As seen since COVID, we can work digitally however we need improvements to the digital economy
- Need fibre op at a minimum
- In order to support online learning and digital classrooms, the digital economy needs to be upgraded. It is frustrating to participate and complete studies with poor digital connection.
- Broadband – there are active applications in place to advance for the region; to build upon what we have.

##### *Untapped Beautiful Scenic Area of the World – Labrador Straits*

- Since COVID – we have all these beautiful things in the world; we have such beauty here - if we are able to tap into;
- Million-dollar homes throughout the world are being sold so owners can move into smaller waterfront homes;
- People can work from anywhere, from their homes;
- Many individuals can call, email, video call – need improved stronger digital economy.
- A lot of the jobs coming forward are due to being able to work remotely;
- People don't have to leave if the infrastructure is here;
- So much has gone online now and may never come back;
  - Studying is online;
  - Classes are online – take 2 hours to watch a short video is frustrating – need better digital connection.
- Beauty of the region, history of being 'organized and innovative and have done some great work'
  - Municipalities – water and sewer;
  - Wonderful organizations that have done amazing work;

##### *Something is Missing – From a Regional Perspective*

- Somehow, we have, in last 10 years, when we had Zonal boards, something is missing from a regional perspective, since 2018.
- No one gets together to talk of concern;
- Resource sharing is a concern and issue;
- Regional planning/facilitation is a major issue.

### *Southern Labrador Development Association (SLDA) Having Limited Resources - Which Is A Problem*

- Early formation of SLDA in 1960's – the gym was filled with people from L'Anse Au Clair to Red Bay; there was so much drive; so much interest;
- SLDA still moves on because of dedicated volunteers who stayed with the organization – these are the kind of people we need.
- Always need to plan and carry on – accept to work with what we have. Build upon that strength.
- Recommend to add additional resources to the SLDA, this could help connect, work together and build on what we currently have here in the region, our community groups, community organizations, businesses, municipalities, etc.
- We need someone to facilitate the 'coming together of the region' – need more get-together sessions like this 'Brainstorming Get-together';
- If we identify actions how can we proceed to work on these items.

### *'WE' Are All Going After the Same Thing – Working in 'Silos'*

- Review of proposals for local seniors;
  - Seniors bus is rarely used – issues with 'why';
  - Need to come together to plan;
  - Proposal to support bus initiative – all without coordination – all in 'silos'
- Government does not have the responsibility to do for us – We Do

### *Competition Between Communities*

- This is 'strangling' us;
- Communities 'fighting' against each other – need to work together;
- *History - Years ago, the Lion's club was struggling; the group contacted each community seeking interested individuals and groups to work together on a week-long project, sadly the club did not receive feedback or willingness from anyone to work together on the project.*

### *Missed Opportunities - Feeling 'Out of Touch':*

- For a member of the community who recently returned/relocated back home, it was noted they felt 'out of touch', feeling 'lost', not knowing 'what's going on' in the community and region;
  - Not aware of opportunities,
  - Lack of social infrastructure, or not clear how to access it;
  - Opportunities for employment

### *Traffic Speed - Major Safety Concern for Persons with Physical Disabilities*

- Utmost concern with speed of traffic throughout the community, especially large equipment and tractor trailers;
- No safe areas for 'persons with physical disabilities' to navigate throughout the community;
  - Fear of not being seen and feeling unsafe

### *Public Infrastructure - A Challenge for Persons with Physical Disabilities.*

### *Lack of Recreational Facilities/Infrastructure for All Ages*

- Need a place to go to connect, common place to gather with others with similar interests, ie. table tennis, darts, sport activities both indoor and outdoor.
- Need organized sports for all ages
- The Youth centre is only for youth – no where for young adults to go

### *Community Centres Not Utilized to Capacity;*

#### *Municipalities*

- It was felt that municipalities and the region are lacking 'Vision';
- Resources are not being maximized;
- Municipalities each have a town clerk, many people do not know the duties and responsibilities of town clerks and assume they only 'collect funds';
- Municipalities can play a big part in this area; approach as a region – we have the resources to do it;
- Municipalities have a clear mandate – economic development; are they really doing community development;
- Weakest link – is involvement with municipalities – need the support of municipalities

### *Regional Ownership - Not Enough Emphasis Put on Regional Ownership;*

- 'Missing the ball' – not collaborative;
- Need to start looking at the region as a whole (1400 people).
- Lack of vision – stuck, reluctant to change;
- Municipalities, Community Groups and Organizations should be some means to come together, to collaborate on an annual basis;
  - Came together for regional recreation – we did it back in 1984, we should be able to do it now.
  - Doesn't matter which community it should go in.
- Is it a lack of vision or lack of resources to execute the vision?

### *Need to Bring People Together and Need Some Means to Make It Happen*

- The ideas are here;
- There are many different types of initiatives;
- People in this region are most resilient and knowledgeable, they are innovative and brilliant people. Great at coming up with 'contraptions'

### *Zonal Boards Removal is a Challenge*

- 38 years ago, there was a problem, a crisis, and the region came together and helped.
- Nothing on the go since the zonal boards have folded.
- People are not committed.
- Definite feel for people's time.
- In 1995 money from governments was cut; Zonal boards folded – what happened? People just sat down; now we are at 'top down'.

*People Have Become Complacent and Comfortable in Their Own Little Spaces.*

*Volunteers Play A Major Role – How Do We Capitalize on That?*

*Crisis – ‘Burn- out’ Among Volunteers*

- Lack of people to contribute; people who are aging out; problem with increasing participation of new people; people are reluctant to part with their ‘free’ time.

*Age is a Big Issue*

- Is there anything we can do for stability?
- Top thing we can do work with what we got; take to another level.

*Regular Regional Planning Sessions and Good Follow Up is Needed*

*Newcomers – 50% Moving Away*

- Since 2018, 50% of newcomers have moved away.
- The Association of New Canadians (ANC) is asking:
  - How do we keep newcomers here?
  - What is needed to keep newcomers here?
- Many newcomers have concerns about the number of locals and youth who leave and don’t come back.
- Concerns over employment opportunities; many newcomers want to work part time, want to buy a house and maybe start their own business, however it is very challenging for many.

*Newcomers - Challenge with Medical Emergencies*

- Medical emergencies are a concern for many newcomers, for example, if a new mom is expecting a child, they have to go to St. Anthony for a month prior to having the baby. This is very expensive and majority cannot afford for family members to travel with them and be away from work. This is always a tough decision for many newcomers, and locals, even though locals are used to this lifestyle and how it works, it is not how they wish to experience it.
- Other medical emergencies – travel during adverse weather conditions. Another great concern for many newcomers is the fear of not being able to travel outside the Labrador Straits region to get the proper medical attention when/if needed.

*Newcomers – Challenge with Post-Secondary Education Costs*

- Majority of newcomers cannot afford to send their children out to school after graduation thereby they choose to move their families so their children can continue to post-secondary school.

### Question #3:

What are some things we might **FOCUS** on in the **Short Term** to increase **Collaboration** and to help **Address these Challenges**?

#### *Discussion and Answers:*

*Suggested to Have Regular 'Get-Together' Sessions Like this One*

*Have an Online Platform – For Similar Discussion Items brought up at the 'Brainstorm Get-together.'*

#### *Labrador Straits Arena - Committee is Struggling*

- Asking council members to bring concerns to each council noting that help is needed and would like some representation from all councils.

#### *Like the Idea of Coordination and Collaboration*

- Many different challenges and opportunities – going to be everything, that we can throw at it
  - This has been a 'trend happening' the last 10 years;
  - Need to put a structure in place to start taking 'baby steps', opportunities, ideas and begin to put them together to achieve them
  - Only happened only once in last two and half years
  - Report on progress, able to communicate, nothing is too silly or too outrageous
  - Take all of suggestions into consideration:
    - Create a structure
    - Meeting spaces
    - People can rely on
    - We can contact these people
    - Volunteers

#### *Traditions – Being Forgotten*

- A lot of the traditions are no longer being done.
- How do we go back to those traditions?
- How do we get there?
- Who do we speak to?

#### *Recreational Activities*

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Hockey
- Build/create events that people start looking forward to it
  - Get traction and build on it.

#### *Recognize and Commitment to A Follow Up Session – Gain the Strengths and Opportunities*

*Communicate, Be Transparent so as Not to Duplicate What Someone Else Is Doing.  
Have Further Dialogue.*

### *Who Will Organize and Take the Lead?*

#### *Need Commitment from Municipalities to Come Together for Discussion on Regional Opportunities*

#### *Need Some Place/Online Community Platform*

- Where people can look to for regional updates;
- Something that is timely and *meaningful*;
- Updated and 'real time'; a holistic community approach.

#### *Somewhere That All Communities, Groups, Organizations, Municipalities and Businesses Can Contribute to This 'Hub'*

- What is available? Funding?

#### *Business Community Does Not Have an Organized Advocate for Business Concerns.*

#### *Southern Labrador Development Association (SLDA) Work Plan*

- The SLDA have a structure work plan in place according to meeting held in 2019;
- We need to support the SLDA and not recreate another workplan, instead, work with what is available to us and build on it.

#### *We Already Have Lots of Resources*

- How do we influence that?
- How do we increase the interest?
- How can we add impact?
- How can we build on what we have?
- Need to have committed and devoted people.
- Credit Union and Shrimp company are members of SLDA
- The SLDA Board of Directors includes municipalities; SLDA's plan is to have and encourage even more engagement from municipalities, businesses, community individuals, community volunteer groups and organizations.



## 'Wishes'

The group was asked to share '*wishes*' *anonymously*, by writing them on note cards and placing in a drop box, of ways the Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador (CSC NL) might be able to help or opportunities they would like to see develop in the Labrador Straits Region:

- 👤 Volunteers
- 👤 Trust
- 👤 Sounds like Southern Labrador Development Association (SLDA) and Community Sector Council Newfoundland and Labrador (CSC NL) can work closely together so there is not overlap in these events.
- 👤 Instead of grieving Zone Boards – why can't municipalities organize to replace it?
- 👤 Health Care Services – needs improvement
  - Staffing shortage
  - Dentist
  - Mental Health Nurse
  - Translator
- 👤 To have a College in the area, more education is needed. Something that was here long ago.
- 👤 Support with completing Government Applications/Proposals
- 👤 Regional Involvement
- 👤 A shared partnership with the Quebec North Shore for shared development of initiatives
  - Bio-economy, ie. Marine agriculture
  - Tourism
  - Hydrogen
- 👤 Recruiting entertainers (local)
- 👤 Develop a sports plex in the area
- 👤 Transportation – Public transit from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay – catering to newcomers and seniors.
- 👤 Pioneer Foot Path – needs to be advertised more; something communities can do together and provide a map outlining the trail.
- 👤 Really think we should get together monthly. Should get together as a region just one council for the region instead of one in each community.
- 👤 Health Care – Access to family doctor.
- 👤 Health Care – Access to optometrists and eye care without having to travel from the coast.
- 👤 Access to Audiologist without having to travel from the coast.
- 👤 More training is needed in the Straits for the Fire Departments to keep interest and add interest to the departments.
- 👤 Communities need to get together for the Arena
- 👤 Forteau has a great place for a softball field. Communities get together to help this improve.
- 👤 Improve Arena – not have a few people have all say.
- 👤 All Communities to come together
- 👤 Dog parks
- 👤 Younger memberships
- 👤 More community participation
- 👤 More sharing our stories
- 👤 Amalgamation – get communities together on the same page
- 👤 Set up an agency to work on gaps in economy development in this region.
- 👤 Set up committee with municipalities representatives.
- 👤 Municipalities provide funds or resources, apply for project funding.
- 👤 A partnership with South Eastern Labrador for shared development on regional initiatives, ie. Tourism
- 👤 Discontinue barriers between faith traditions.
- 👤 A full building of worshippers on Sunday
- 👤 Invitations to more events.
- 👤 Municipalities can collaborate and plan for one particular community-focused event/service for each town, to make everyone feel included and important. Events/Services such as:
  - Arena in L'Anse Au Loup
  - Ski Club in Forteau
  - Town Hall in Capstan Island
  - Heritage Museum in Red Bay, etc