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**Newfoundland and Labrador Defense League (NLDL)**



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Please enjoy the second edition of the **NLDL** newsletter and if you have any suggestions for upcoming editions or if you wish to contact us about the issues facing Newfoundland and Labrador please email: [nldl\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:nldl_nl@yahoo.com)

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**Tackling the Issues:**

*(For a full transcript of the following items send your request to: [nldl\\_nl@yahoo.com](mailto:nldl_nl@yahoo.com))*

**November 1, 2006** – the **NLDL** began working directly with the developer of the web site, [thesealfishery.com](http://thesealfishery.com). “Mike”, who manages the site, has been working with the local fur industry association and the **NLDL** on the ways to develop an approach for spreading the truth about the industry and uncovering the lies put forward by some animal rights groups. “Mike” as well as other **NLDL** members including NL-Expatriat and Isdaby, have all been very active in discussing this complex topic and it is through their invaluable input that **NLDL** is formulating a direction to address a number of interrelated sealing concerns. Keep up the great work we really appreciate the time and effort you’ve all given.

**November 10, 2006** – the **NLDL** threw its support behind Newfoundlanders and Labradorians Against Student Debt. This group, which is spearheaded by **NLDL** member Travis Parsons, is in the process of lobbying the provincial government to ease the burden on university graduates by dispensing with the crippling interest charges currently applied to student loans. We wish Travis the best in this endeavor and are more than happy to support him in any way we can.

The following is an excerpt from a letter sent by the **NLDL** in support of this cause.

Excerpt: “...The **Newfoundland and Labrador Defense League (NLDL)** wishes to inform the government of Newfoundland and Labrador that it fully supports initiatives to lessen the burden of student debt currently being experienced by our youth.... older workers who are forced to leave the province often return, our youth rarely do. We must do everything possible to ensure that our educated youth are given every opportunity to utilize their knowledge and skills right here at home, for their benefit and for ours...”

**November 15, 2006** - the **NLDL** makes a submission to the provincial government for their consideration in developing a Labrador Transportation Plan.

Excerpt: “...While desperately needed improvements to Labrador’s internal transportation infrastructure are the core issue being addressed, as they should be, it must be recognized that Labrador itself is a part of the province as a whole. In order to ensure that the objectives identified (*by government*) are met, Labrador cannot be viewed in isolation. The **NLDL** strongly believes that the physical separation between Labrador

and the island of Newfoundland has created a psychological, social, cultural and economic divide among our people that has hampered the province's development and more specifically the development of Labrador."

**Throughout November 2006** – In October the **NLDL** contacted federal Fisheries Minister Loyola Hearn to inquire about government documents that outlined cuts to DFO over the next 3 years. Minister Hearn has publicly denied that any cuts are planned but internal documents imply that this is not the case. The **NLDL** has requested clarification on the issue. During November **NLDL** has continued to request this information from government. As yet there has been no resolution to the issue however we are still working on it and will continue to do so.

### **Internal Activities:**

Since its formation in September the **NLDL** leadership team has been very busy on a number of fronts.

November 22, 2006 – **NLDL**'s official web site went live. Our web site is open to the general public and contains a wealth of information about our group, what we stand for and what we are hoping to accomplish. Feel free to visit the site anytime at [www.nldl.org](http://www.nldl.org) and let us know what you think. The entire **NLDL** team would like to express its gratitude to member "Mr. Chills" who did such a great job with the design and development of the site. We would also like to recognize member "BNB" for his great photo collage which really brings the site to life. Great work folks.

November 1, 2006 – **NLDL** set up a bank account at the Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union. As a Newfoundland and Labrador focused group we felt that making use of this local institution for our banking needs was the way to go. The account is active and is being managed by members "BNB" and "Patriot".

With the account in place we are now ready to accept any financial assistance the public or our members see fit to provide. We hope to be able to build a little nest egg that can help us maintain our web site and pay for incidental expenses such as postage, printing costs, etc.

If you would like to help out, you can visit any branch of the Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union, or use our PayPal services available through the **NLDL** web site. You can also send a check or money order to:

**NLDL** Account  
C/O Newfoundland and Labrador Credit Union  
341 Freshwater Road  
St. John's, NL  
A1B 1C4

November 7, 2006 – **NLDL** sets up a postal mailing address for standard correspondence.

The leadership team at **NLDL** has recognized for some time that while the internet allows our members to easily discuss issues from many diverse locations, it does little to foster an interest in anyone who does not have internet access or who would prefer not to use this method of contact. In order to allow members of the public to more easily reach us and join our ranks, the **NLDL** has setup a standard postal address. We hope to also provide direct phone services once our financial situation permits but for now anyone wishing to reach us via Canada Post can do so at:

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## Membership Diversity:

As we identified in our last newsletter, our membership has continued to grow at a steady pace and we have been attracting some very talented and diverse individuals, all of whom have one thing in common, they care about the future of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The abilities our members can be seen in the quality of our new web site, the promotional materials we've developed and the presentations we've made to government. Yes indeed, we have some very diverse and talented folks among us who are capable of bringing their unique perspectives to our cause. For that we are justifiably proud.

## Request for volunteers:

Early in our formation the leadership team recognized that there are so many issues facing our province it would be difficult to address them all. In an effort to ensure that most of our major concerns are given the attention they deserve, the **NLDL** issued a request for volunteers on September 27<sup>th</sup> to any member willing to "Champion" specific issues of interest. So far several portfolio leaders have come forward however there are still other positions that have not yet been filled. While the issues contained in those portfolios are being addressed as a team effort, we would prefer to have a dedicated resource addressing each issue so we can ensure that they are fully explored. We call upon our members to step up to the plate and get the ball rolling on those outstanding issues. Here is how things look so far:

### Culture

- Portfolio Manager: [Darren Fancy \(tdbreen@yahoo.ca\)](mailto:Darren.Fancy@tdbreen@yahoo.ca)

### Labrador Issues

- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

### Out-Migration

- Portfolio Manager: [Travis Perrins \(shaw.ca\)](mailto:Travis.Perrins@shaw.ca)

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- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

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- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

### Government Reform

- Portfolio Manager: [Greg Byrne \(gtmakmc@hotmail.com\)](mailto:Greg.Byrne@gtmakmc@hotmail.com)

### Commercial Diversification

- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

### Natural Resources Development

- Portfolio Manager: [Myles Higgins \(higginsmyles@yahoo.ca\)](mailto:Myles.Higgins@higginsmyles@yahoo.ca)

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- Portfolio Manager: [Darren Fancy \(tdbreen@yahoo.ca\)](mailto:Darren.Fancy@tdbreen@yahoo.ca)

### Education

- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

### Provincial Image Management

- Portfolio Manager: [Apply Now!](#)

### Sovereignty

- Portfolio Manager: [Steve Penny \(penneysteve@hotmail.com\)](mailto:Steve.Penny@penneysteve@hotmail.com)

*The **NLDL** was formed in 2006 and is a non-profit organization made up of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians from across Canada and around the world. The **NLDL** is dedicated to the planning, development and promotion of initiatives for the empowerment of the Newfoundland and Labrador people. The **NLDL** is not affiliated with, or funded by, any political party.*

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