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**Board of Trade presents to Cabinet's Economic Policy Committee**

**CORNER BROOK** – The Greater Corner Brook Board of Trade presented a brief to seven provincial cabinet ministers during a meeting with the government's Economic Policy Committee in Corner Brook on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 outlining the Board's position on a number of priority policies in Western NL on behalf of its membership.

Cabinet ministers present were: Hon. Kathy Dunderdale, Minister of Natural Resources; Hon. Tom Marshall, Minister of Finance; Hon. Shawn Skinner, Minister of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development; Hon. Ross Wiseman, Minister of Business; Hon. Clyde Jackman, Minister of Fisheries; Hon. Tom Hedderson, Minister of Transportation and Works; and Hon. Terry French, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

A copy of the formal brief is attached.

"Whenever you get an opportunity to put your views on the table with key members of the provincial government we view this as very positive," said Keith Goulding, First Vice President of the Greater Corner Brook Board of Trade. "The Board of Trade was able to identify key policy areas that have been on the minds of the business community in this region and its membership."

Goulding considers the meeting a success.

"The cabinet members present, as part of the Economic Policy Committee, were very open to many of the suggestions put forth by the Board of Trade," said Goulding. "The provincial government has made significant investment in Corner Brook and Western NL and we commended members present on this good work. We encourage government to continue its investment into key areas that promote diversification and growth for Corner Brook and the west coast."

Goulding said the Board of Trade was able to focus on various taxation issues, all the way to simple policy and red tape reduction strategies that can be easily implemented and will greatly aid the business community in growing and providing the jobs that support the economy.

"We all know small business is the backbone of the economy in Newfoundland and Labrador," he said. "The Board of Trade's goal is to aid its membership, and the entire business community, to grow and prosper through its advocacy role. Meetings such as the one on Tuesday go a long way in accomplishing this. We encourage regular dialogue with government as we work together for the betterment of the local economy and that of the entire province."

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