

# EDANL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION  
OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

**Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
December 4-19, 2024  
Online**

EDANL's 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) had two components: (1) a live online event for members on December 4, 2024, followed by (2) formal voting for members via electronic special ballot during the period December 12-19, 2024.

## WEBINAR - December 4, 2025

### Welcome / Opening Remarks

EDANL President K. Hanley provided welcoming remarks and introduced the Annual General Meeting (AGM) agenda as follows:

1. 2024 Year in Review
2. Panel Discussion - Housing
3. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statements)
4. 2025 Year in Preview
5. Description of Next Steps

The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm. and ended at 1:30pm. The webinar had 72 registrants.

### 2024 Year in Review

#### Training

EDANL held its two training courses (Economic and Community Development in Newfoundland and Labrador, and Capacity, Placemaking, and Opportunity Management) on December 7-8, 2023 in St. John's. There were 20 participants. There have been 35 participants trained by EDANL since this program was first offered January 2023.

## **Awards**

EDANL presented its Economic Development Awards of Excellence at an event on the evening of April 18, 2024 in St. John's. The winners of the awards were as follows:

- Best Marketing Project - St. Anthony and Area Chamber of Commerce
- Best Community Project - Tourism Bell Island Inc.
- Best Sector Project - Port of Argentia
- Best Regional Project - SaltWater Community Association Inc.
- Economic Developer of the Year - Pat Curran
- President's Award - Charlene Johnson

The networking event had over 50 participants and was sponsored by North Atlantic.

## **Conference**

EDANL's Annual Conference was held on October 2-3, 2024 in Twillingate. The conference attracted over 70 participants and featured 5 sessions, information tours, and a networking event. The conference was sponsored by the NL Association of CBDCs, Community Sector Council NL, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **Webinars**

EDANL hosted 3 webinars throughout 2024:

- Panel Discussion on Housing
- NL Futures
- Clean Fuels and Economic Development in NL

These webinars featured over 200 participants in total. Members were encouraged to reach out to the EDANL Board with ideas for future webinars.

## **Operations**

EDANL experienced membership growth of 10 (net) new members in 2024.

EDANL's website has been updated with a new back end which will allow for greater security and flexibility going forward.

EDANL has engaged in the services of a Virtual Assistant to assist with some administrative tasks and responsibilities. The Board felt that this was necessary in order to maintain the level of activity which has been – to date – driven entirely by a volunteerism.

## Panel Discussion - Housing

Jeremy Schwartz (Manager of Economic Development with the City of Mount Pearl) moderated a panel discussion on housing which featured:

- Ashley Smith (Owner, Fundamental Inc. speaking to work w/ the Town of Channel-Port aux Basques)
- Brad Hefford (CAO – Internal Operations [Acting] w/ the Town of Gander
- Susan Walsh (Housing Accelerator Fund Coordinator w/ the City of St. John's)

## Treasurer's Report

M. Soucy presented the Treasurer's Report. This included the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and the Statement of Cash Flow for the year ending December 31, 2023.

## 2025 Year in Preview

K. Hanley provided a brief update on what members could expect in 2025, recognizing that many of the specifics were yet to be determined:

- Awards of Excellence - Spring 2025 – Dates / Location TBA
- Annual Conference - Early Fall 2025 – Dates / Location TBA
- Training - Late Fall 2025 – Dates / Location TBA
- Webinar Series – TBD with ideas from membership solicited

## Description of Next Steps

K. Hanley outlined the next (formal) steps for Members associated with the AGM. In the coming days, Members would receive electronic ballots for voting to (1) Approve the 2023 AGM Minutes, and (2) Approve the 2023 Financials.

# VOTING - December 12-19, 2025

Special electronic ballots issued Dec 12, election ran until Dec 19

Ballot included two questions

1. Do you approve of the minutes from EDANL's 2023 AGM?
2. Do you approve of EDANL's 2023 Financial Statements?

Links to the minutes and the financial statements were provided.

27 members voted, exceeding the required threshold as outlined in the association's bylaws.  
Voting members included:

1. Heather Mills-Snow
2. Wendy Mugford
3. Margo Soucy
4. Mark Whiffen
5. Tobi Biggin
6. Jeremy Schwartz
7. Betsy Saunders
8. Ray Greene
9. Kieran Hanley
10. Gary Hennessey
11. Shauna Strickland
12. Steve Tessier
13. Rhonda Tulk-Lane
14. Wanda Chislett
15. Cyndy Stead
16. Ted Lomond
17. Manas Mukhopadhyay
18. Dexter Fewer
19. Chris Mitchelmore
20. Kristina Ennis
21. Pat Curran
22. Colin Corcoran
23. Kerry Murray
24. Rae Miller
25. Paul Pittman
26. Brian Power
27. Wilma Hartmann

The results of the voting were as follows:

Question: *Do you approve of the minutes from EDANL's 2023 AGM?*

Results: Yes 23 votes 95.83%

No 1 vote 4.17%

The minutes were approved by a majority vote.

Question: *Do you approve of EDANL's 2023 Financial Statements?*

Results: Yes 25 votes 100.00%

The 2023 Financial Statements were approved by a majority vote.

One member indicated that they were unable to support the adoption of the Minutes from 2023 as presented. They noted that such minutes should include a list of members in attendance to satisfy quorum requirements.