

Immigration Portal

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This section of our website has been constructed to help you, the visitor to this link, to get a better idea of the lifestyle and services that Channel-Port aux Basques offers you and your families as immigrants to our community. Please log on to the various links and hopefully, you'll find the answers to your questions about Channel-Port aux Basques.

In the event that you need additional information, don't hesitate to contact the Economic Development Strategist for the town at any of the following means:

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67 Main Street
P.O. Box 70
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

History

Channel-Port aux Basques, the Gateway to Newfoundland, has been welcoming visitors for 500 years, from Basque Fisherman in the 1500's who found the ice free harbour a safe haven, to ferry passengers who commenced arriving on the "Bruce" steamship in 1898 to take the railway across the island.

The area was actually settled on a year-round basis until fisher-folk from the Channel Islands established Channel in the early 1700's, although people had been working the south coast fishery year-round for a century before this. The name Port aux Basques came into common usage from 1764 onwards following surveys of Newfoundland and undertaken by Captain James Cook on behalf of the British Admiralty. Captain Cook went on to fame, if not fortune, as a result of his surveys in the Pacific Ocean, but it was he who surveyed the St. Lawrence prior to Wolfe's Assault of Quebec and was awarded 50 pounds gratuity for his "selfless service".

What created Port aux Basques was the coming of the railway in 1898. The location was chosen by the Reid Company, who had been contracted by the Newfoundland government to build a railway across the province, partly because of its proximity to Cape Breton, but also because the area was usually ice-free through the winter. Channel and Port aux Basques merged into a single community in November 1945.

Today, Channel - Port aux Basques is a community of some 4319 people and still serves as the Gateway to Newfoundland through the Marine Atlantic ferry service which connects the island to Mainland Canada. The town, with its modernized facilities, provides shopping, business, education and recreational services to the area; is known as the hub of Southwestern Newfoundland.

People and Culture

English & French Speaking

As Canada is considered a bilingual (English and French) country, approximately 95% of individuals living in Newfoundland and Labrador speak English as their primary language. In this Province, French speaking individuals are mainly located in the Port-au-Port Peninsula regions, just North of Channel-Port aux Basques. The English spoke in Newfoundland and Labrador contains features that originate from the British Isles in southwestern England and southeastern Ireland (Association for New Canadians Newfoundland and Labrador).

Current Immigrants

Immigration is an important element of population growth in Canada. It is estimated that by the year 2030, 100 percent of Canada's population growth will be attributed to immigration. According to the Atlantic Business Magazine, by 2026 the growth of the Canadian population will be dependent on the number of arriving immigrants.

In 2005, then Prime Minister Paul Martin stated that "Canada needs more immigrants, plain and simple, and we need them to succeed. Too often, today's new Canadians, despite higher levels of education on average, are not achieving economic success as quickly as in previous generations".

The 2006 Channel-Port aux Basques Census developed by Statistics Canada revealed 35 immigrants residing in the Channel-Port aux Basques area. This number consisted of individuals who had been granted the right to live in Canada by the immigration authorities. The majority of these people were born outside of Canada, however, a small number were born within.

Nationality

In terms of Ethnic Diversity, Newfoundland and Labrador has been described as having a population of European origin. With an aboriginal population, Newfoundland and Labrador's present inhabitants are descendants of individuals who migrated from southwestern England and southeastern Ireland in the mid-17th and mid 19th century.

Towards the end of the 19th century, a number of Chinese men came to Newfoundland and Labrador, despite discrimination. Several of these individuals opened businesses—primarily laundry mats and later restaurants. The Chinese first landed in St. John's and some decided to open businesses in some of the larger centers in the province such as Channel-Port aux Basques.

Culture

Newfoundland and Labrador has a distinguishing culture that is closely linked with traditional importance of fisheries. Presently, the fish stock has been depleted, yet the influence of the fishing culture has remained in the province. The province of Newfoundland and Labrador has strong communities and provincial identity that was built upon the foundation of when it was an independent dominion. Because Newfoundlanders are outgoing and friendly, they are individuals who are liked across Canada.

Geography and Climate

The province of Newfoundland and Labrador has been considered Canada's most easterly province which consists of the island called Newfoundland and the mainland portion, Labrador. It covers a land area of 405,720 km², which is almost one-and-three quarters the size of Great Britain. Newfoundland is located near the Gulf of St. Lawrence and has a unique geography with Channel-Port aux Basques situated on the Southwest Coast tip of the province.

The province has more than 29,000 kilometers of coastline with its headlands, deep fjords and an abundance of small coves and offshore islands. Channel-Port aux Basques is situated among one of the provinces most established harbours. The community is located in a rural setting of the province and as such is ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Popular local activities include fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, hunting, skiing and kayaking among others.

Channel-Port aux Basques has a moderate and maritime climate. The community experiences mild, wet winters that are warm by Canadian standards, and cooler, moist summers that tend to be shorter than other areas of the country lasting approximately three months. The summers in the province range from cool to hot with a basic temperature of 16 degrees Celsius while the winters on the island are mild with normal temperatures of 0 degrees Celsius with annual snowfall of 300cm.

Newfoundland and Labrador has four seasons:

- Summer (July, August) Temperatures are typically mild to hot, with some rainfall
- Fall (September – November) Cool to cold temperatures, some rain and snowfall
- Winter (December – March) Cold to very cold temperature, snowfalls light to heavy
- Spring (April – June) Cool to warm temperatures, with some rainfall

Cost of Living

The Cost-of-Living Index(CPI) is a measurement tool that measures the amount consumers need to spend to reach a certain standard of living. The cost of living in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador is relatively low in comparison with the rest of the provinces in Canada, the US and European countries. Residents of Newfoundland and Labrador have also experienced, on

average, less fluctuation in the CPI during the past 15 years, thus creating a more stable measure of what it might cost to live in the province over a longer period.

There are many item costs to consider when immigrating to Newfoundland and Labrador. Below is a list of the monthly expenses to be considered for a typical household budget:

- Housing (Mortgage or Rent payments)
- Home Heating
- Electricity
- Telephone
- Television
- Transportation (taxi or vehicle payment)
- Gasoline (~\$1.10 per litre)
- Insurance (Home & Vehicle)
- Food
- Personal Items (Soap, Shampoo, Clothing, etc.)
- Recreation and Entertainment (Social Activities)

Health Care

The healthcare system in Canada is funded by the federal, provincial and territorial governments with the main source of revenue being taxation. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the health care system consists of services between a patient and a health professional, including physicians, nurse practitioners, public health officials, social workers, occupational therapists, and physiotherapists. Ensuring that individuals have access to services in a timely manner is one of the most important goals of the primary health care system in the province. The Town of Channel-Port aux Basques provides residents with tremendous access to health resources.

Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre

The main source of healthcare is given to individuals at the Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre, which serves approximately 9,000 people of the Southwest Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. This facility has 44 beds, with 26 of those being designated for Long Term Care, 2 slow paced Rehab beds, 2 Respite, 12 Acute Care, 21 ICU beds and 1 Palliative Care Room.

Additional services available at the Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre include:

- Medical Services
- Nursing Services
- Ambulatory Care (OPD, Chemotherapy, Day Surgery)
- Emergency Services 24/7
- Obstetrical Services (minimal)
- Surgical Services (minimal)
- Lab & Diagnostic (including ultrasound)
- Recreation & Outreach
- Rehab Services (OT, Physio, Social Work)
- Pharmacy Services
- Speech/Language Pathology

- Nutritional Services
- Support Services (Housekeeping, Maintenance, Dietary, Medical Records, Accounting, Material Management).
- Volunteer Services

The health centre also provides health services at three satellite clinics, Doyles in the Codroy Valley, Rose Blanche Clinic on the Southwest coast and the La Poile clinic which is accessible only by boat or helicopter.

Under the Auspice of the centre there is a Senior Complex adjacent to the site that consists of twenty one cottages and a twenty one unit apartment building.

Dr. Charles L. LeGrow Health Centre
 P.O. Box 250
 1 Grand Bay Road
 Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
 Tel: (709) 695-2175
 Website: www.westernhealth.nl.ca

Medical Care Plan In Newfoundland

The provincial Medical Care Plan was developed in 1969 and was designed to cover costs affiliated with physician services received by residents of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Medical Care Plan (MCP) merged with the Department of Health and Community Services on April 1, 2000 and continues to provide services including:

- visits to Physician Office, Hospital or Beneficiary's Resident
- surgical, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, including anaesthesia
- pre- and post-operative care
- complete maternity care
- radiology interpretive services
- certain surgical-dental procedures which are medically necessary to be performed in hospital by a dentist or oral surgeon

Eligibility

Those eligible in being covered by the Medical Care Plan must be in at least one of the following categories:

- Canadian Citizens
- Landed Immigrants
- Foreign Workers
- International Students (as long as their program of study is at least 12 months)

Those types of individuals not eligible for the Medical Care Plan, even if they are living in Newfoundland and Labrador include:

- Students from other provinces and territories
- Dependents of residents of another province/territory

- Certified refugees and refugee claimants
- Foreign workers with Employment Authorizations that do not meet the established criteria
- Tourists, transients and visitors
- Dependents of any of the above excluded categories
- Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel
- Inmates of federal prisons
- Armed Forces personnel of other countries stationed in the province

MCP Application

In order to qualify for the MCP in Newfoundland and Labrador, the individual must provide required documentation. For Further Information on eligibility and required documentation visit: http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/mcp_applications.html

For Inquiries Regarding MCP Registration:

St. John's/Avalon Region: 1-866-449-4459

All other areas, including Labrador: 1-800-563-1557

By Mail or In Person:

Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan

P.O. Box 5000

22 High Street

Grand Falls-Windsor, NL. A2A 2Y4

Or

Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Care Plan

P.O. Box 8700

57 Margaret's Place

St. John's, NL. A1B 4J6

Dental Health Plan-Children Dental Health Program

Children 12 years and under and between the ages of 13-17 are eligible for dental services in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador if their parents are in receipt of income support benefits. This category of children has automatic coverage. Coverage now extends to those children between the ages of 13-17 living in families with low income, with an annual net income of \$30,000.00 CDN or less but are not in receipt of income support benefits. Families under this category must first apply for coverage through the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program.

The children's dental program covers the following dental services for all children, up to and including age twelve:

- examinations at six-month intervals
- cleanings at 12-month intervals

- fluoride applications for children ages six to 12 at 12-month intervals (except where the School Rinse Program is in place)
- some x-rays
- routine fillings and extractions
- sealants

Services covered for children 13 to 17 in families receiving income support or eligible families with low incomes include:

- examinations every 24 months
- some x-rays
- routine fillings and extractions
- emergency examinations when a patient has pain, an infection or experienced trauma

For further information on Newfoundland and Labrador's Dental Health Plan, visit:

<http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/dentalplan.html>

Dental Health Plan Application

To apply for the Newfoundland and Labrador Dental Health Plan, visit:

http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/mcp/CDHP_Application.pdf

For Inquiries Regarding Dental Eligibility and Dental Letters:

Tel: 1-888-859-3535

Fax: 1-888-272-2444

For Inquiries Regarding Dental Services:

Tel: 1-800-440-4405

General Practitioners in Channel-Port aux Basques

Dr. David Thomas

37 Main Street

Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-6295

Fax: (709) 695-6296

Dr. Mothafar Mosawe

11 Water Street West

P.O. Box 68

Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-7303

Fax: (709) 695-7345

Dr. Richard Taor

37 Main Street

P.O. Box 658

Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-3921

Fax: (709) 695-7946

Dr. Tamazadeene Razaik
11 Water Street West
P.O. Box 370
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-2196
Fax: (709) 695-2198

Dr. Tawfik Husni
11 Water Street West
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3303
Fax: (709) 695-3342

Dr. Wendy Graham
37 Main Street
P.O. Box 10
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7775
Fax: (709) 695-5757

Massage Therapy

South West Coast Massage Clinic
3-9 Bar Haven Drive
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-9333

Optometrists

Dr. Douglas Cote
27 Grand Bay Road; Suite 3
P.O. Box 1209
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-2169
Fax: (709) 695-2160

Dentists

Dr. Dulach O'Brien
37 Main Street
P.O. Box 1150
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7557
Fax: (709) 695-3061

Getting Settled

To assist newcomers to the community and country, there are various services available through the provincial, federal and municipal governments, as well as additional community organizations.

Two organizations that are specifically designed to helping newcomers to Newfoundland and Labrador are:

The Association for New Canadians (ANC)

The ANC is a non-profit, community based organization dedicated to the provision of settlement and integration services for immigrants and refugees. For nearly 30 years, the Association for New Canadians has provided settlement assistance as well as programs and services to support all aspects of newcomer integration. Some of the services offered by the ANC include ESL language training and career related services to assist newcomers integrating to the province.

P.O. Box 2031; Station C
144 Military Road
St. John's, NL. A1C 5R6
Tel: (709) 722-9680
Fax: (709) 754-4407

The Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism (OIM)

The OIM office for Newfoundland & Labrador provides leadership on all matters relating to Immigration and Multiculturalism and is actively engaged in the promotion of Newfoundland and Labrador as the premier destination of choice in Canada for immigrants.

Tel: (709) 637-2313
Fax: (709) 637-2931
Web: www.nlimmigration.ca
Web: www.nlpnp.ca
Email: immigration@gov.nl.ca

Learning English

Language training is an extremely important element in helping newcomers transition into a new community or country. Whether its English language training or French, it can be one of the main contributing factors in attracting and retaining immigrants.

The Town of Channel-Port aux Basques does not currently possess an Enhanced Language Training program, however, the post secondary institutions in the region offer ESL training.

The College of the North Atlantic

The College of the North Atlantic is one of Newfoundland and Labrador's public colleges and one of the largest post-secondary institutions in the Atlantic Provinces. The college in Channel-

Port aux Basques does not offer a basic ESL Program. The nearest CNA location to offer the ESL program is the Corner Brook campus. Individuals must have some knowledge of the English language in order to register. Any individual who does not have any knowledge of English would have to be taught by either a private tutor or an individual from the Literacy Council. The program usually runs from September to June, is part of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) Level I course and is free of charge.

Some of the colleges also offer Intensive ESL programs yearly to individual desiring to ‘teach’ English as a Second Language. They offer short courses that are approximately 6 weeks long usually in the month of May or the summer. The programs are offered at 5 levels including beginner, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced I or Advanced II. This program is self-paced and can be started at any level and completed at any speed. All instructors are highly qualified and have standing achievement for Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL).

College of the North Atlantic
P.O. Box 760
59 Grand Bay Road
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3343
Fax: (709) 695-2963
Website: www.cna.nl.ca

Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council (NLLC)

The Newfoundland and Labrador Laubach Literacy Council is a non-profit, volunteer organization that helps all individuals in the province reach their literate potential. This organization provides free, confidential tutoring to adults in reading, writing, speaking, listening, numeracy and other skills. The main headquarters is located in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, approximately 200km from Channel-Port aux Basques.

Newfoundland & Labrador Laubach Literacy Council
141 O’Connell Drive
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6H6
Telephone: (709) 634-5081
1-800-863-0373
Website: <http://www.nald.ca/nllc/>

Additional Helpful Links to Getting Settled:
Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Council (RIAC)
www.riac.ca/

Education

One of the benefits of immigrating to Canada is access to a free primary education system for all children. Information on educational services offered in Channel-Port aux Basques allows newcomers a background in local education system and programming offered. New-comers like to

be in easy reach of facilities including elementary, secondary and post-secondary institutions. Many individuals may be attracted to a community solely upon the number of high-caliber educational amenities.

Educational Information

The province of Newfoundland and Labrador offers free public education to all Canadian citizens and permanent residents less than 18 years of age. Parents of children are responsible for school supplies and school uniforms; however, the uniforms are only worn for Band and Sports teams.

Registration for elementary and secondary schools usually takes place several months prior to the school year. In order to register, an individual must contact the particular school their child wishes to attend and find out all the registration details. Certain schools may charge an administration fee for the registration of a child. There are a number of different schooling options available in Newfoundland and Labrador educational system. A child may enter a public, English, French Immersion, Francophone or Private institution. Those parents that may want to home school can also have that option in this province.

The town of Channel-Port aux Basques offers residents easy access to both elementary and secondary schools. Most children start their schooling at the age of 5 in the province where they begin at Kindergarten level. In the kindergarten level, children attend 5 days of either morning or afternoon classes. As a child gets older, they will continue to attend elementary school grade 1 to Grade 6 (ages 6-12). High school is from Grade 7 - Grade 12 (ages 13-18). All elementary and secondary schools in Channel-Port aux Basques overseen by the Western School District

St. James Elementary School (Kindergarten-Grade 6)

The community of St. James Elementary School is committed to providing a caring environment, developing the qualities of self-esteem, creative thinking, a love for learning, and a respect for self and others realizing that quality education is an individual lifelong process involving physical, spiritual, emotional and social development to produce happy responsible citizens. St. James Elementary School has 327 children enrolled with 23 teachers providing instruction. This school has been established since 1975 and continues to maintain academic excellence.

Woodland offers children the following services:

- English Instruction
- French Classes
- Special/Supportive Services
- Guidance Counseling
- Physical Education

St. James Elementary School
P.O. Box 1060
Port aux Basques , NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3186
Fax: (709) 695-9589
Website: www.sje.k12.nf.ca

St. James Regional High (Grade 7-12)

St. James Regional High Schools' mission is to foster the intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development of each student, and to encourage lifelong learning by working with the school community to provide a safe and healthy learning environment. There are approximately 24 staff members at the school teaching courses such as English studies, mathematics, industrial arts, computer technology, social studies, art, physics, biology, chemistry, workplace safety, music, physical education and fine arts. St. James Regional High offers:

- English Instruction
- French Classes
- Skill Trades
- Special/Support Services
- Guidance Counseling

St. James Regional High School
P.O. Box 910
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3551
Fax: (709) 695-9704
Website: www.sjrh.k12.nf.ca

Youth Centre

The Gauge is a youth centre is operated by the Gateway Community Youth Network in Channel-Port aux Basques. This facility is open to youth ages 12 to 18 and offer recreation based programming. Various personal development and skills oriented programming are available for youth and the centre offers a relaxing atmosphere to socialize with others.

25 Grand Bay Road
P.O. Box 626
Tel: (709) 695-6901

Post Secondary

History

A number of District Vocational Schools were established throughout Newfoundland and Labrador in 1964 with one located in Channel-Port aux Basques. This school offered training in a variety of trades. The local college allowed students to participate in programs close to home instead of traveling to Corner Brook or St. John's for post secondary education. For over 45 years the local college has offered skilled trade and university preparatory course offerings.

The College of the North Atlantic

The College of the North Atlantic is the Newfoundland and Labrador's public college system and is one of the largest post-secondary institutions in the Atlantic Provinces. The college in Channel-Port aux Basques offers full time credit course registration with approximately 140 students per semester, with additional 25 registered part-time. The college also has upwards of

200 students participating in the Continuing Education evening courses. The Port aux Basques Campus offers the following programs:

- Welding
- Metal Fabricator
- Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) Technician
- Business Administration
- Office Administration
- Cabinet Making
- Adult Basic Education
- Marine Hospitality
- Personal Care Attendant
- Heavy Equipment Operator

The College of the North Atlantic offers an open admission policy. Students are admitted into various programs on a first come first serve basis as assessed by the date of receipt of their application and on the provision that the candidates meet the minimum qualifications prescribed.

P.O. Box 760
59 Grand Bay Road
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3343
Fax: (709) 695-2963
Website: www.cna.nl.ca/campus/pab

Newfoundland Food

There is no better way to experience Newfoundland than by sampling the province's traditional food, and there are some delicious and interesting items on the menu. If you have never had a good old Newfoundland scoff, you're in for an unforgettable experience.

Newfoundlanders are well known for their cooking abilities and serving up a variety of dishes as interesting as the land. Newfoundland prepares its dishes with the freshest ingredients from their oceans, lakes, rivers, game, plants and gardens. Lobster, Cod, Caribou, Salmon, Moose can all be served up as tasty recipes that have been used for generations.

Some of these famous Newfoundland items include colcannon, doughboys, pea soup, salt fish and brewis, toutons, and cod tongues. Many Newfoundlanders enjoy dishes including delicious Jigg's dinner which is made up of beef stew, cabbage, turnip and potatoes followed by Figgy Duff pudding as a desert. Newfoundland and Labrador's cuisines include Salmon Ravioli, Braised Rabbit Pie, Caribou Bourguignon, and Bakeapple Cheesecake.

Religion

For most individuals, religion or worship is an important part of their life as well as their society and culture. How an individual perceives religion depends upon their personal beliefs and cultural views. These beliefs offer people something to hold onto in times of trouble or indecision with the idea that a higher power exists somewhere in the universe.

A study conducted by Statistics Canada in 2002, demonstrates the importance of religion to ones life by region of residence. The survey resulted in the Atlantic Provinces viewing religion to be of highest importance to residents, with 54% compared to other regions of Canada. The study also verified the important of religion to ones life by immigration status. This ethnic diversity survey put fourth results whereby individuals immigrated to Canada before 1982 felt a high importance (55%) of religion while those who immigrated in 1982-2001 also felt a high importance of religion with 57%.

The town of Channel-Port aux Basques offers a variety of denominational and non-denominational churches for individuals to choose and practice their religious beliefs. Churches in the area include the following:

- Anglican Church (St. James' Anglican Church & St. Paul's Anglican Church)
- Roman Catholic Church
- Pentecostal Church
- Salvation Army
- United Church of Canada
- Jehovah's Witness

St. James' Anglican Church

5 Church Lane

P.O. Box 178

Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-2256/2592

Fax: (709) 695-7996

Email: stjamesanglicanchurch@nf.sympatico.ca

St. Paul's Anglican Church

43 Grand Bay Road

Port aux Basques, NL. A0N 1K0

Tel: (709) 695-2518

Faith Pentecostal Tabernacle

87 LeGrow Street

P.O. Box 371

Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-2309

Fax: (709) 695-2602

Website: www.fptabernacle.com

Salvation Army
P.O. Box 620
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7152
Email: saportauxbasques@nf.aibn.com

Wesley United Church
P.O. Box 58
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3434
Email: wesleychurch@nf.aibn.com

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
49 LeGrow Street
P.O. Box 2388
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3475

Communication

Upon arrival to the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, it is your responsibility to arrange for telephone and internet services in your residence. Normally, companies will charge an installation fee and then you will be billed monthly depending on the telephone/internet package you choose from. Another option is to have a mobile or cellular phone as this is available in most parts of the province. Residents of Channel-Port aux Basques can choose from a variety of regular and specialized telephone networks, cellular communications packages, television, and internet services.

Service Providers

BellAliant
Services: Satellite Television, Cellular, Internet
1 Morris Street
P.O. Box 208
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-4850
Fax: (709) 695-3132
Website: www.bellaliant.net

Rogers
Services: Television
87 Grand Bay West Road
P.O. Box 219
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-9514

Fax: (709) 695-9383
Email: christina.hayward@rci.rogers.com
Website: www.rogers.com

Transportation

Channel-Port aux Basques is situated on the Southwest Coast of the island of Newfoundland. Transportation within the community and throughout the region will require the use of a personal vehicle or taxi. Public transportation is not available within the community. The travel distance to other regional centres are indicated in the chart below.

Distance Chart from Channel-Port aux Basques

Community	Distance (km)	Approximate Driving Time
Stephenville	170km	1 hour, 48 minutes
Corner Brook	220km	2 hours, 15 minutes
Deer Lake	267km	2 hours, 42 minutes
Grand Falls-Windsor	478km	4 hours, 51 minutes
St. John's	910km	9 hours, 35 minutes

Taxis

Gateway Taxi
28 Main Street
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3333

Scott's Taxi
Main Street
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7777

Vehicle Dealerships

If you are an individual who possesses a valid Canadian driver's license, you can purchase a new or used vehicle. There are several dealerships in Channel-Port aux Basques available.

City Chrysler
24 High Street
P.O. Box 2070
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7007
Fax: (709) 695-7538

Humber Motors Ford
Grand Bay West Road
P.O. Box 996
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Tel: (709) 695-7212
Fax: (709) 695-9468
Website: www.humbermotorsford.ca

Woodward Motors
1-3 Grand Bay West Road
P.O. Box 550
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7363
Fax: (709) 695-7437

Travel Within Newfoundland & Labrador

The province of Newfoundland and Labrador is connected to the world land, sea and air transportation. Labrador is connected to mainland Canada and separate from the island of Newfoundland. The island portion of the province is home to the province's capital city, St. John's and is situated in the Atlantic Ocean with connection by sea and air transportation.

Ferry Services

The province has several ferry services which connect the island portion of Newfoundland to Labrador and mainland Canada. Marine Atlantic provides year-round passenger and vehicle ferry service from two ports in Newfoundland to Nova Scotia. The first route is a year-round 96 nautical mile daily ferry between Channel-Port aux Basques, Newfoundland and North Sydney, Nova Scotia. The second route is a 280 nautical mile tri-weekly ferry service that runs between Argentia, Newfoundland and North Sydney, Nova Scotia. This route is only available between Mid-June until late September.

For additional information on Marine Atlantic ferry schedules, fares, and payment options, please visit: www.marine-atlantic.ca

Airport Services

There are five airports on the island portion of Newfoundland and two airports in Labrador. Through various airports, Newfoundland and Labrador accommodates international commercial flights, military aircrafts, air cargo, transshipment, corporate and private aircrafts. Canadian customs services are also available at specified airports. For air services and carriers, please see the following airport website.

Gander International Airport (YQX): www.ganderairport.com
St. John's International Airport (YYT): www.stjohnsairport.com
Deer Lake Airport (YDF): www.deerlakeairport.com
Stephenville Airport (YJT): www.cyjt.com
St. Anthony (YAY): www.tc.gc.ca/eng/atlantic/air-airports-st_anthony-menu-1288.htm

Distance to Local Airports

Airport Location	Distance (Km)	Approximate Driving Time
Stephenville	165 km	1 hour, 45 minutes
Deer Lake	272 km	2 hours, 47 minutes
Gander	578 km	6 hours, 7 minutes
St. Anthony	633 km	7 hours, 24 minutes
St. John's	912 km	9 hours, 37 minutes

Bus Service

DRL Coachlines offers commercial bus transportation between Channel-Port aux Basques and St. John's daily. Multiple pick-up and drop-off points are located across the island for passenger convenience. Meal and lunch stops are taken at select times throughout the voyage. Fares for travel are dependent on the distance of the voyage. DRL Coachlines operate every day of the calendar year.

DRL Coachlines Ltd.
361 Main Street
Triton, NL. A0J 1V0
Tel: 1-888-263-1854
Tel: (709) 263-2163

Banking

Moving to a new country or community can involve using an entirely new monetary system. The official Canadian currency is the Canadian Dollar (\$). One dollar is equal to 100 cents (¢). When arriving in Canada, new residents will notice how the money system is written in several ways. To demonstrate:

\$1.33= One Dollar and 33 cents
\$0.33= 33 cents
33¢= 33 cents

Canadian currency consists of both coins and paper money, known as bills. While there are six forms of coins, each has a different size, markings and shape so they can be easily identified. All paper money is the same size yet different in color and includes Braille for the visually impaired.

For newcomers to Canada, it is advisable to have a small quantity of Canadian Currency prior to arriving in the country. This will allow for small purchases and emergency savings on hand for the initial days of arrival.

In Canada, most individuals have bank accounts where they are able to store their money and savings. Using a bank can ensure that your money is safe, secure and unable to be stolen.

Debit Cards

Debit cards are referred to as check cards or ATM cards. These cards look like credit cards but they operate similar to a personal check or cash and require a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access funds. They are means of paying now as opposed to credit cards which require the individual to pay later. Once a debit card is used, your associated checking or savings account is deducted instantaneously. Many individuals choose to use debit cards as opposed to cash because the card can be easily carried with you and doesn't involve carrying large amounts of money. Debit cards are widely accepted at most locations, including grocery stores, retail stores, gasoline stations and restaurants.

Tips to Using Debit Card Responsibly

- If your debit card is stolen or lost, report to your financial institution immediately
- If you suspect your card is being used fraudulently, report to your financial institution
- Keep receipts from debit card transactions
- Memorize your PIN, do not carry it with your card
- Never provide your PIN number to anybody else
- Always be aware of how much money is in your bank account
- Keep all receipts in one place

Credit Cards

In addition to cash and debit cards, most businesses accept credit cards as payment for purchases. Larger purchases acquired through a credit card can make the transaction easy and safe. Credit cards are widely accepted throughout Channel-Port aux Basques to provide an additional payment method and allow the user to select the most appropriate payment option for the purchase. The use of credit cards has multiple advantages:

- They allow an individual to purchase larger items without paying any interest until the due date
- Monthly statements allow an individual to keep track of their spending
- Usages of these cards allow added security and convenience
- They can be essential to purchasing certain items and services such as a cell phone, renting a vehicle or online buying

All banks in Newfoundland and Labrador offer a variety of banking services, with three of these established banks to choose from in Channel-Port aux Basques.

Leading Edge Credit Union
27 Grand Bay Road
P.O. Box 680
Port aux Basques, NL. A0N 1K0
Tel: (709) 695-7000
Fax: (709) 695-7014
Website: www.lecu.ca

Bank of Nova Scotia
176 Caribou Road

P.O. Box 670
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-5630
Fax: (709) 695-9736
Website: www.scotiabank.com

Bank of Montreal
33 Main Street
P.O. Box 1300
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-5603
Fax: (709) 695-7867
Website: www.bmo.com

Helpful Links

Universal Currency Converter www.xe.com/ucc
Royal Bank of Canada www.rbc.com/canada/before/finances/money.html
History of the Canadian Dollar www.bankofcanada.ca/en/dollar_book/dollar_book.pdf
Symbols of Canada www.filibustercartoons.com/canguide_money.php

Childcare

When relocating to Newfoundland and Labrador, there are a number of childcare options available to parents/guardians who work and/or study. Childcare may come in multiple offerings, which can be used to suit the needs of any family.

- Private Childcare: find a person to provide care in your home and pay them
- Place your child in a Licensed Child Care Provider Home
- Place your child in a Licensed Childcare Facility
- Use the childcare centers offered at your place of study or work

Private Child Care

When hiring a private child care provider, it is advisable to gather some basic information including their full name, age, date of birth, address, phone number, if they hold a valid driver's license, educational, experience, references from previous employers and any additional information you deem relevant. A letter of conduct or background check from the RCMP is also advisable. This information would be readily available if an individual is listed through a Child Care Agency. You may want to interview the potential provider and pose some of the following standard questions:

- What is your babysitting childcare experience?
- What are some of the ages of the children you have cared for?
- Do you have any other individuals that you care for now?
- Do you have your own children? How old are they?
- Do you have any special training or certificates relevant to this position?

- What do you like the most about caring for children?
- How would you handle an emergency situation should it arise?
- What is your approach to discipline?
- When are you available for work?
- How much do you expect to be paid per hour?
- Do you have any questions about the position?

Where to Find a Private Babysitter

There are several methods to finding or advertising for a qualified child care provider in Channel-Port aux Basques:

- Advertise on the Service Canada Job Bank: www.jobbank.gc.ca
- Place advertisements in public locations throughout the community
- Contact the local television provider to have an advertisement issued on the community channel
- Contact the Family Resource Centre
 - 7 Oceanview Drive
P.O. Box 2260
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-2616
Fax: (709) 695-5830

Licensed Child Care Home Provider

A Licensed Child Care Provider is an individual who has received a license to operate a child care program from their home. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have regulations in place to monitor the providers and limit the number of children permitted under care. There are advantages and disadvantages to placing your children under the care of a Licensed Child Care Home Provider, some of which are presented below:

Advantages

- Family Atmosphere
- Flexible Hours with Part-Time Possibilities
- Consistency and Individual Attention due to smaller groups
- Approved homes can be available in various areas
- Licensed to meet and maintain minimum standards of care
- Possibility of inclusion for children that have special needs
- Reduced risk of being exposed to infection
- Receipts provided

Disadvantages

- May have limited choice in provider selection based on location
- Other children not necessarily the same age
- Possible long wait list
- "Sick child" Policies
- Possible isolation of care givers

Licensed Child Care Facility

A Licensed Child Care Facility is a center that has been approved to operate a child care program under the guidelines and regulations set forth by the provincial Department of Family, Youth and Child Services. Below are some considerations to be made in selecting a Licensed Child Care Facility for your child.

Advantages

- Professional, Qualified Staff
- Other teachers available to offer support
- Child of the similar age are grouped together
- Child focused program and environment
- Licensed to meet and maintain minimum standards of care
- Possibility of inclusion of children with special needs
- Reliability
- Access to subsidy system in the area
- Receipts Provided

Disadvantages

- Higher child-teacher ratio
- Higher incidence of infectious disease
- May be more expensive than other means of child care
- Fixed operating hours
- Possible long waiting lists
- “Sick Child” Policies

Childcare Facilities in Channel-Port aux Basques

Debbie’s Down Home Day Care
Reid Street
P.O. Box 331
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-9331

Helpful Links

Department of Child, Youth & Family Services: www.gov.nl.ca/cyfs/index

Improving Child Care Services for Canadian Families:

http://childcaretoday.ca/files/ADCO20child20care20paper_1.pdf

Childcare Resource and Research Unit: www.childcarecanada.org/

Child Care Benefits and Deduction Links

Canada Child Care Tax Benefit (CCTB): www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/cctb/menu-eng.html

Newfoundland and Labrador Child Benefit (NLCB): www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/t4114/t4114-e.html#P300_22145

Child Disability Benefit (CDB): www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bnfts/dsblty-eng.html

Recreation

The residents of Channel-Port aux Basques are very recreation oriented and are involved in numerous varieties of sports and activities. Sports including broomball, softball, ice hockey, soccer, track and field, badminton, volleyball, ball hockey, curling, bowling, basketball, baseball have all been played at a competitive level. The rich sporting tradition of the community remains today as residents are still active on the provincial and national sporting scene.

Bruce II Sports Complex

The cornerstone of recreation for Channel-Port aux Basques resides at the Bruce II Sports Centre. Constructed in 1996 after fire destroyed the original Bruce Arena, this facility is a leader in recreation offerings for Newfoundland and Labrador. The facility boasts an ice rink, two curling sheets, a six lane bowling alley, a swimming pool, fitness centre and meeting facilities. Multiple organizations operate programming from the centre including figure skating, curling, bowling, swimming, aerobics, hockey and broomball. As the hub for recreation activity in the community, the Bruce II Sports Centre offers something for everyone. If you are looking to get involved in recreation within the community, contact:

200 Hardy's Arterial
P.O. Box 70
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-3592
Fax: (709) 695-7683
Email: bruce2arena@nf.aibn.com

Hockey

The first official hockey game was played in 1966 at the original Bruce Arena. This game featured Corner Brook Junior Pats versus the Glace Bay Junior Miners of Nova Scotia. The Bruce Arena was destroyed by fire in 1995 and replaced by the Bruce II Sports Complex in 1996. Today, during the winter season, individuals can watch junior hockey and support the local Mariners hockey team. These games typically take place Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons with the purchase of a ticket. Visit www.gomarinersgo.ca for further information.

Minor hockey in Channel-Port aux Basques also began in the 1966 with the establishment of the Channel-Port aux Basques Minor Hockey Association. The inaugural season consisted of Nathan Kettle serving as the first President of the Association, along with Harry Anderson as first vice-president and Reverend Bellamy as Treasurer. The first All-Newfoundland Tournament to take place in Channel-Port aux Basques was on March 28-29, 1966, as the Bruce Arena played host to the Pee Wee B division. Teams from Bell Island, Botwood, Buchans, and Clarenville played against the Port aux Basques squad. Today, many children are involved with the Channel-Port aux Basques Minor Hockey Association and register every winter to participate.

Port aux Basques Minor Hockey

200 Hardy's Arterial
P.O. Box 1461
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7118
Website: www.portauxbasquesminorhockey.ca

The Port aux Basques Recreational Ball Hockey League offers an opportunity for males ages 15 and older an opportunity to stay fit and active during the spring while improving their hockey skills. This program is available from April to June each year.

A men's recreational hockey league is also provided for those over the age of 30 and an Intermediate league for males and females over the age of 18. In addition there are shinny hockey ice slots available during the week. Please contact the Bruce II Sports Centre for more information.

Bowling

The first bowling lanes were housed in the original Bruce Arena and became a passionate sport of the community. Today, the lanes are operated from the Bruce II Sports Complex, but the same passion remains. There are various leagues and organizations available for bowlers of all ages. The Youth Bowling Canada organization offers league bowling for youth of the region and produces bowlers that compete at national events. For more information on becoming involved in bowling, please contact the Bruce II Sports Centre bowling alley at (709) 695-2642.

Swimming

An addition to the Bruce II Sports Complex, the swimming pool was opened in 2002. Having gone nearly 20 years without a facility, the swimming pool has become a welcomed and well utilized facility. The local Piranha Swim Club offers competitive swimming for youth. Various swim times are allocated to different age groups and type of swimmer from advanced to leisure. For more information on available swim times and offerings, please contact (709) 695-3131.

Figure Skating

The Port aux Basques Figure Skating club offers figure skating instruction and competition to both youth females and males in the region. This organization is well established and offers programming for youth of all ages.

Port aux Basques Figure Skating Club
P.O. Box 1058
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-2449
Email: pabffc@yahoo.ca

Curling

Also operating from the sports complex is the Gateway Curling Club. This organization has made great progress since the construction of two dedicated curling rinks in the new arena. Offering sport instruction for newcomers and experienced curlers alike, the club hosts various leagues and tournaments throughout the year.

Gateway Curling Club
P.O. Box 2244
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0

Other Recreation Facilities

Softball Field

The local softball field has been host to many softball tournaments including men's, female, co-ed and high school. The field is open to the public any time residents feel like hitting or throwing around the ball.

Soccer Pitch

This is the site of the former Lou Hardwick baseball diamond, which has been converted to a new soccer pitch. With lush natural grass, the field can be used for a big game of soccer, American football or simply to kick around the ball.

Skateboard Park

With an increase in skateboarding by local youth, the Town converted a former tennis court in to park for skaters. The park located in the Newtown area of Town has become a popular hangout for skateboarders during the summer months.

Community Playgrounds

Port aux Basques is home to several community playgrounds. There is Little Bay Park in Grand Bay, Andy's Rainbow Park on Stadium Road, Hideaway Park in Mouse Island, the Robert & Paul Memorial park on LeGallais Street, a park in Grand Bay West and a recently developed one on Taverner Drive, the newest subdivision of the community. With an abundance of parks, families and youth in the region have close access to recreation and most importantly, fun.

Employment

As the service centre for the region, Channel-Port aux Basques offers a variety of employment opportunities.

The Town hosts the region's health care facilities and government's community support services, making available a wide range of employment opportunities for skilled professionals. Education employment is also available as the town is home to two secondary schools and a post secondary education centre.

Channel-Port aux Basques has earned a reputation as the Gateway of Newfoundland, opening the door to employment opportunities in marine and ground transportation.

The retail sector offers employment in management and customer service positions. Channel-Port aux Basques is a great place to live for a small-town atmosphere, but still have access to career and work opportunities throughout the province. Consider this information regarding employment and business development opportunities in the province.

Labour in Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland has a rich and long history associated with fishing, at first the European trans-Atlantic migratory cod fishery and from the early 19th century fisheries based from the province.

During the 19th century, Newfoundland cod fishing was pursued by family enterprises. These families would sell their fish to the highest bidder, yet they were bound by debt and credit to a merchant who would take their fish in exchange for supplies. The men of the family would catch the fish, split, salt and lay it out to dry. During the drying process the entire family participated. Fishing families would also hunt, gather wild food, grow vegetables in the family garden and keep livestock. The men would also maintain fishing boats and gear, houses and outbuildings while the women would keep the household maintained, made cloth and clothing and prepared meals.

During this period the seal fishery and Labrador cod fishery began to expand, as did the Grand Bank's fishery. Both provided a source of employment and income for the fisherman who served aboard the vessels and those who worked in ship-building and other marine trades.

The specialized trades soon developed in the larger centers of the province, particularly in St. John's where the first craft union was developed and organized. The city became the first to have a small number of clerical and white collar positions in government, retail trade and small service sector.

Working In Channel-Port aux Basques

At any given time there are a number of employment opportunities available in the Channel-Port aux Basques area. Opportunities can be found in various industries including oil and gas, technology, mining, tourism, fishery, agriculture, manufacturing, marine transportation, service and culture.

Oil and Gas Industry in Newfoundland & Labrador

Over the past few years, the oil and gas sector has been an increasingly important part of the provincial economy. Currently there are three major offshore oil producing fields, Hibernia, Terra Nova, and White Rose. A fourth, Hebron, is scheduled to come into production in 2017.

Hibernia was first discovered in 1979 and is located 315km east southeast of St. John's Newfoundland, in 80 meters of water. The field is very significant by any standards. Hibernia is an offshore oil field that is owned by ExxonMobil Canada, Chevron Canada Resources, Petro-Canada, Canada Hibernia Holding Corporation, Murphy Oil and Statoil Hydro Canada Ltd. The topsides facility accommodates all drilling, producing and utility equipment, and provides living quarters for the steady-state crew of approximately 185 people. This facility has a design capacity of approximately 230,000 barrels of crude oil produced each day. According to the Department of Natural Resource, the Hibernia project generated 804 employed individuals in the onshore and offshore project operations.

The Terra Nova oil field is approximately 350 kilometers from St. John's and 35 kilometers south-east of the Hibernia oil field, in 90 meters of water. This oil field is divided into three distinct areas known as the Graben, East Flank and Far East. In 2007, Husky's share of production from Terra Nova was 5.3 million barrels or an average of 14,500 barrels per day. According to the Department of Natural Resources, there were 909 people employed during the entire Terra Nova Project.

The White Rose Oil Field is located approximately 350 kilometers off the coast of Newfoundland on the eastern margin of the Jeanne D'Arc basin. In November 2005, the first oil was taken from the White Rose with approximately 42 million barrels produced in 2007. Husky is developing satellite fields of West White Rose, North Amethyst and the South White Rose extension through a series of subsea facilities. At peak production, White Rose is expected to produce 115,000 barrels per day with 83,000 barrels per day net to Husky.

The Hebron field was discovered in 1981 and consists of Hebron, Ben Nevis and West Ben Nevis fields. It is estimated to contain 700 million barrels of oil and is located offshore in Newfoundland's Jeanne d'Arc basin, about 350 kilometers out to sea from St. John's. The province of Newfoundland & Labrador reached a deal on the Hebron oilfield project in 2007. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador predicts that the employment levels for the Hebron project will be greater than that of Terra Nova or White Rose projects.

The oil and gas sector of Newfoundland and Labrador directly employs upwards of 3,000 individuals, which represents approximately 1.3% of total employment in the Province. For further information on employment opportunities in the oil and gas sector contact:

Hibernia
100 New Gower Street; Suite 1000
St. John's, NL. A1C 6K3
Tel: (709) 778-7000
Email: hmdc.public.affairs.information@ExxonMobil.com
Website: www.hibernia.ca

Terra Nova & White Rose
Husky Energy
707 - 8th Avenue SW

P.O. Box 6525, Station "D"
Calgary, AB. T2P 3G7
Tel: (403) 298-6111
Website: www.huskyenergy.com

Hebron
Hebron Project Office
215 Water Street; Suite 701
St. John's, NL. A1C 5K4
Phone: 709-752-6444
Email: hebronproject@exxonmobil.com
Website: www.hebronproject.com

Technology

Newfoundland and Labrador is home to approximately 430 advanced technology firms that employ roughly 6,400 individuals. This sector generates annual revenue of \$470 million dollars, making it a significant contributor to the provincial economy. Within the advanced technology sector, Information Technology (IT) is the single largest segment of business activity. A number of factors have contributed to the overall IT growth including the establishment of the broadband Internet and the creation of spin-off opportunities, demand for global telecommunications, the effect of IT products and services.

Mining

The mining industry in Newfoundland and Labrador generates more than a dozen mineral commodities that are contributors to the provincial economy. The industry produces materials used in road construction, electrical generation and distribution. Employment in the provincial mining industry is projected at approximately 4,000 people and has grown substantially over the past decade. The following is a partial list of operating mines and quarries in Newfoundland and Labrador:

- Atlantic Barite Limited (Buchans)
- Anaconda Mining Inc (Pine Cove)
- Atlantic Minerals Limited (Lower Cove)
- Aur Resources Inc. (Duck Pond)
- Beaver Brook Antimony Mine Inc (Beaver Brook)
- Crew Gold Canada Limited (Nugget Pond)
- Galen Gypsum Mines Ltd (Coal Brook)
- Hi-Point Industries (1991) Limited (Bishops Falls)
- Hurley Slate Works Company Inc (Burgoynes Cove)
- Iron Ore Company of Canada (Labrador City)
- Shabogamo Mining and Exploration Limited (Labrador City)
- Terra Nova Granite (2007) Jumpers Brook
- Torngait Ujaganniavingit Corporation (Ten Mile Bay)
- Vale Inco Newfoundland and Labrador Limiter (Voisey's Bay)
- Wabush Mines Limited (Wabush)

Employment in the mining and exploration industries rose to over 3,500 individuals of direct employment in recent years, an increase from 3,264 in 2005.

Forestry

Prior to the global downturn in the newsprint industry there were three operational paper mills in Newfoundland and Labrador. Abitibi-Consolidated had operated a mill in both Stephenville and Grand Falls-Windsor, with Kruger producing print at the Corner Brook mill. With changes in the industry, the Stephenville mill ceased production in 2005, with the Grand Falls-Windsor mill following in 2009. The Corner Brook mill remains in operation today. To obtain employment information, contact:

Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Ltd.
P.O. Box 2001
1 Mill Rd
Corner Brook, NL. A2H 6J4
Tel.: (709) 637-3104
Fax: (709) 637-3469
Website: www.cbppl.com

Tourism

For the past two decades, tourism has become an increasingly important part of the provincial economy. This sustainable industry has generated employment opportunities for many outport communities heavily affected with the collapse of the cod fishery in 1992. In recent years the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador have placed great emphasis on tourism to provide substantial employment throughout the province.

Fishery

Fishing has been the employment staple of Newfoundland and Labrador since the discovery of North America by John Cabot in 1497. With rich fishing grounds, the province initially established itself as a seasonal colony to European countries and later became a colony of Britain with permanent residents. Being rich in fishing heritage, the industry remains a major employer for the province today. According to Statistics Canada, the province of Newfoundland and Labrador employs approximately 24,500 individuals in the fishing industry.

Farming (Natural Resources)

Although a relatively small sector employment wise, farming has seen growth in recent years. With increasing demand for fresh organic foods, the farming sector of Newfoundland and Labrador has been steadily expanding. According to the Provincial Government, the average monthly on-farm paid employment recently reached the highest level in the past decade at 2,150 workers. Traditionally, October is the peak employment season with 3,200 individuals, an

increase from 2,200 in 2002.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing development focuses on the non-resource enterprises and value added development of products. Manufacturing in Newfoundland and Labrador includes boat building, natural stone, plastics, building products, wood products, metal working, and value-added agrifoods among others. Support for industry growth in new economy sectors focus on aerospace and defense, environmental industries, information and communications technology, life sciences, and marines and oceans technology. While not a large sector of the provincial economy, increasing emphasis has been placed on manufacturing and exporting to provide stability within the provincial economy. The Manufacturing sector is composed of approximately 600 businesses which provide a wide variety of products and employ an average of 16,200 workers annually. This represents an increase of 2.3% from 2006.

Service

The growth of employment in Newfoundland and Labrador is evident in the goods and services sector. The service sector includes trade, business services and accommodations and food services. All of these experienced significant growth in recent years. Growth in the service sector is contributed to the expansion of retail, increase in customer contact centers, and ongoing growth in the tourism industry.

Culture

The culture sector includes advertising, architecture, broadcasting, design, festivals, film industry, heritage, performance arts, photography, sound recording and music publishing, visual arts, written media and other information services.

Getting Help Finding A Job

There are numerous community and government support programs that can assist any individual in finding a suitable job and explore employment options. To find out about employment opportunities, newcomers can browse the employment links below or visit one of the local employment assistance organizations.

Port aux Basques Community Employment Corporation
62 Main Street
P.O. Box 2069
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-2112
Fax: (709) 695-3533
Email: pabcec@nf.aibn.com
Website: www.pabcec.ca

Career Information Resource Centre
4-10 High Street; Suite B
P.O. Box 2243

Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7755
Job Line: (709) 695-3255
Fax: (709) 695-7757

Department of Human Resources, Labour & Employment (HRLE)
239 Grand Bay West Road
P.O. Box 38
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: 1-866-417-4753
Tel: (709) 695-6240/6204
Website: www.hrle.gov.nl.ca/hrle

Service Canada
4-10 High Street
P.O. Box 849
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-5003
Fax: (709) 695-9671
Website: www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Other Helpful Links

Marine and Mountain Zone Corporation: www.mmzc.com/Jobs
Department of Human Resources Labour & Employment (Job Site): www.jobsinnl.ca
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador: www.hiring.gov.nl.ca/Default.aspx
Career Beacon: www.careerbeacon.com
The Association for New Canadians (AXIS Career Services): www.axiscareers.net
Service Canada (Job Bank): www.jobbank.gc.ca

Starting A Business

Any individual or group wishing to establish a business within Channel-Port aux Basques are required to obtain a permit from the Town. Assistance in launching operation is available through various organizations and institutions. Individuals have founded companies representing a wide range of industries in Channel-Port aux Basques and many have taken advantage of the services available to assist them in the commencement of their businesses.

Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development (INTRD)
82 Main Street
P.O. Box 430
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-9871
Fax: (709) 695-5817
Website: www.intrd.gov.nl.ca/intrd

Gateway Development Corporation (CBDC) is a non-profit corporation that assists in the

creation of small businesses and in the expansion and modernization of existing business by providing financial services to entrepreneurs. The corporation offers term loans, interim/bridge financing, loan guarantees and equity financing for business start-up or expansion.

Gateway Development Corporation
82 Main Street
P.O. Box 430
Channel-Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7406
Fax: (709) 695-9726
Website: www.cbdc.nf.ca

Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

One of these initiatives of the Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism for the Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment is the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP). The new strategy seeks to recruit immigrants who have specialized occupational or entrepreneurial skills. Through an agreement with the Government of Canada, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador may nominate immigrants, who can contribute to the economic and social goals of the province, for permanent resident status.

Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism
Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment
Provincial Nominee Program
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL. A1B 4J6
Tel: (709) 729-6607
Email: pnp@gov.nl.ca

Registering a Business

In order to register a business in the Town of Channel-Port aux Basques, the following process must be used:

- Business Name
- Form of Business (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership or Corporation)
- Address licensing, permit and bylaw obligations
- Register the Business
- Get a Business Number (Canada Revenue Agency)
- What taxes need to be charged? (GHT/PST/HST)
- Workers Compensation (protect business and workers in case of injury)
- Cover your Business Legally (find a business lawyer)
- Setting the books Straight (accounting information)
- Get Equipped (equipment that may need to be purchased)

Business Permit and Application

For downloadable business permits and applications, visit: www.portauxbasques.ca

Getting Involved

Meeting people in a new community is important and can be achieved by getting involved in activities that are happening. The following section will provide numerous ways in which an individual can participate in the community life of Channel-Port aux Basques.

Community Groups

There are various community groups and organizations within Channel-Port aux Basques that allows newcomers the opportunity to become involved with other residents. Becoming engaged through an organization offers new residents social interaction and integration within a structured setting. Below are lists of some of the organizations newcomers may consider becoming involved with.

Gateway Women's Centre
4 Anderson's Lane
P.O. Box 1359
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 695-7505
Fax: (709) 695-9756
Email: gwec@nf.aibn.com

2357 St. James Army Cadet Corps
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
Tel: (709) 2545

George VI International Order of Oddfellows Lodge #162
17 Currie Avenue
P.O. Box 2248
Port aux Basques, NL. A0M 1C0
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Port aux Basques Lions Club
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Port aux Basques Volunteer Fire Department
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Tel: (709) 695-7418

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #11
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Trans-Canada Highway
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Volunteering

Volunteers are individuals who donate their personal time and service of their own free will. Volunteering with organizations in Channel-Port aux Basques will enable you with the opportunity to integrate into the community and gain valuable experience. There are many reasons to become a volunteer:

- Meet other individuals
- There are a variety of positions available
- It's personally rewarding, satisfying and FUN!
- Opportunity to share your skills and talents with others
- Gain work-related skills and experience

- Organizations will recognize your efforts
Ask around Town for volunteering opportunities that may be available through various community groups and organizations. The community always welcomes volunteers!