



## Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

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Mr. Gary Milley  
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Dear Mr. Milley:

Thank you kindly for your letter on behalf of Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador.

Enclosed are responses outlining the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador's position on the issues you have raised. For more information on our policies, please review our full five-point plan at [www.strongertomorrow.ca](http://www.strongertomorrow.ca).

We look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dwight Ball", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dwight Ball  
Leader of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador



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***If elected, will your party endorse a renewal process for Active, Healthy Newfoundland and Labrador and recognize and support the value of recreation by assigning departmental status (either separately or in-line with related services) and invest resources to ensure all Newfoundlanders and Labradoreans have access to affordable, equitable and safe recreational pursuits?***

Liberals value the role recreation plays in creating healthy communities. If elected, we look forward to working with Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador to advance health promotion and healthy living.

We also recognize the role recreation can play in helping maximize our tourism potential. If elected, a New Liberal Government will study the economic impact of important recreation activities for tourism. For example, we will work with the Newfoundland and Labrador Snowmobile Federation and other snowmobile associations to conduct an economic impact study of snowmobiling in our province.

***If elected, will your party increase the allocation of the health care budget spending on health promotion and active living initiatives as an integral part of a health prevention/primary health care plan?***

Despite spending almost 40 cents of every dollar on healthcare, Newfoundland and Labrador has a poor record on health outcomes. Our province has some of the highest rates of chronic disease and mortality due to chronic disease among provinces, including lung cancer, diabetes, respiratory disease, and circulatory disease. Contributing to these poor outcomes is the province's poor track record on rates of smoking, physical inactivity, obesity, alcohol consumption and fruit and vegetable consumption.

We need to take a smarter approach to managing and delivering healthcare in our province.

A New Liberal Government will work to lower the rate of chronic diseases through a health promotion and healthy living strategy. This will include investment in health promotion, healthy living programs, and early intervention, which will reduce acute healthcare costs in the longer term and achieve a healthy population in our province.

Understanding that a healthy population is in everyone's best interest, a New Liberal Government will ensure people have access to the programs and tools needed, especially at the community level, to facilitate healthier lifestyles.



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### ***If elected, will your party take a more assertive role to implement the strategies of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Framework for Action to Promote Healthy Weights?***

Newfoundland and Labrador has the highest obesity rate in the country. Given the role lifestyle factors like diet and physical activity play in health outcomes, Liberals are dedicated to promoting healthy living in communities throughout the province, and we look forward to discussing this framework further.

Under Prime Minister Trudeau, Canada's new Liberal Government has committed to reaching a long-term agreement on health care funding with the province. We look forward to a productive and progressive relationship with the federal government, something our province has been missing for over a decade.

### ***If elected, will your party commit to the creation of a Comprehensive Community Use of Schools/School Use of Community Recreation Facilities/Services Framework?***

We believe schools hold so much potential for health promotion. If elected, a New Liberal Government will empower schools to be available for after-school physical education programming. We will also establish health risk assessments and wellness coaching in schools, beginning with kindergarten children. We look forward to working with Recreation NL on a Comprehensive Community Use of Schools/School Use of Community Recreation Facilities/Services Framework.

### ***If elected, will your party support the implementation of the Framework for Recreation in Canada?***

Liberals are committed to working together to build healthy communities. As we develop our health promotion and healthy living strategy, we look forward to discussing with stakeholders the Framework for Recreation in Canada.



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