



## **Total population: 530,000**

Capital City: St. John's

Population: 212,579 (2021)

#### **Total area:**

- 405,720 km<sup>2</sup>
- 29,000 km of coastline

## **Fiscal Highlights:**

- Highest revenue per capita
- Third highest GDP per capita

## **Diversified Economy**

- Conventional and green energy, minerals, fisheries, forestry, technology, tourism
- Oil and gas emissions amongst the lowest worldwide

## **Credit Rating Strengths:**

- A / A1 Ratings (stable outlook)
- Stronger budgetary performance and return to surpluses
- Strong debt management and favourable maturity schedule
- Significant energy resources and low reliance on federal transfers

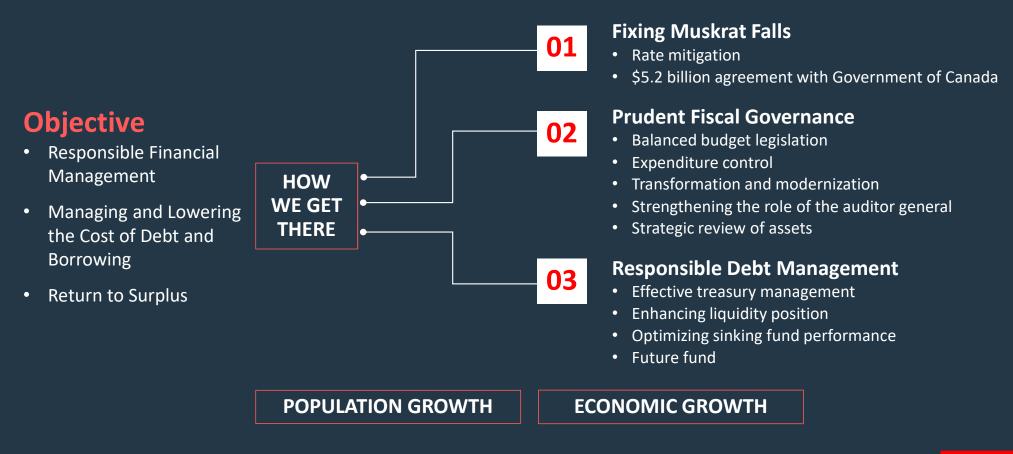
# **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The path from 2020-21 to 2023-24

	2020-21 (July 2020 Update)	2023-24	
(Deficit)/ Surplus	(\$2.1)B	(\$160)M	
Net Debt	\$16.7B	\$16.2B	
Debt to GDP	57.1%	39.9%	
Debt Expense	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	
Debt Expense % Gross Revenue	16.0%	10.9%	
Future Fund – Total Contributions	-	\$284.1M	
Total Employment	213,800	237,700	
Unemployment Rate	14.0%	10.1%	
Population	519,900	531,110	
Net Migration	-245	+7,240	
Children in School	1,000 More Students Than Projected		
Income Support Beneficiaries	31,350	29,344	

## STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT

**GOAL** Stronger, Smarter, Self-sufficient, Sustainable Newfoundland and Labrador



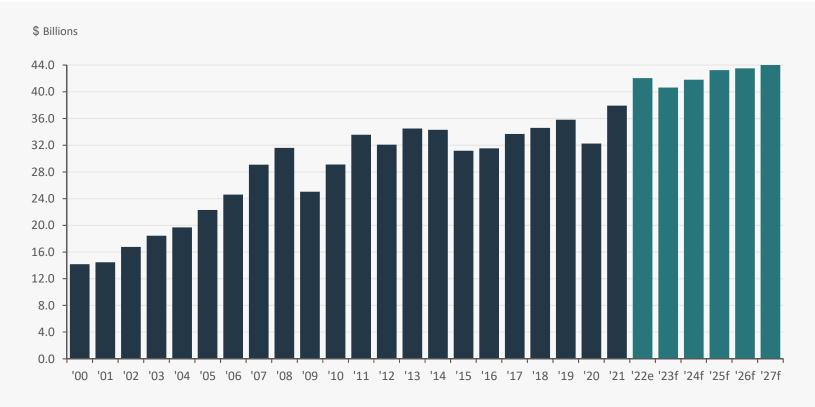
FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW



# **CANADA – ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT**

Indicator	<b>Current Value</b>	Value Date	24-Month Historic Trending
Population	39.9 Million	Q2 2023	38.2M 39.9M
Real GDP	\$2.20 Trillion	Q2 2023	2.08T 2.20T
CPI Inflation	3.3%	July 2023	4.1% 3.3%
Unemployment	5.5%	July 2023	7.5%

# **NOMINAL GDP AT MARKET PRICES, NL, 2000-2027**



e: estimate; f: forecast Source: Statistics Canada (Table 36-10-0003-01); Department of Finance

# **DIVERSE EXPORT PRODUCTS**

#### **Green Economy**

- Hydrogen
- Hydroelectricity
- Green diesel (Come by Chance Refinery)

## **Strategic Minerals**

- Iron ore
- Copper
- Cobalt
- Gold
- Nickel
- Rare earth minerals

#### Oil and Gas

Offshore projects

## **Technology**

- Verafin (cybersecurity)
- Kraken (marine robotics)
- CoLab (engineering software)
- Mysa (smart thermostats)
- Rutter (ocean tech)

## **Fisheries and Aquaculture**

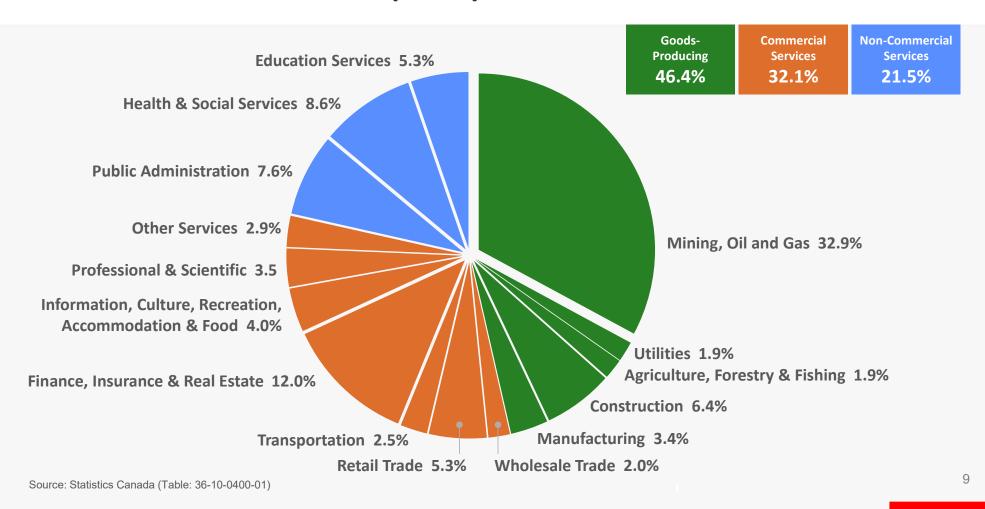
- Crab
- Shrimp
- Cod
- Salmon

## **Forestry**

- Newsprint
- Lumber



# **GDP BY INDUSTRY SHARES (2022)**





#### Standards

- Net Zero by 2050
- 98% renewable energy

#### **Reducing Impacts**

- Hydrogen first mover
- Low carbon oil production setting global standards

#### **Measuring Performance**

 Management of Greenhouse Gas Act



## **SOCIAL**

#### **People**

 Piloting a targeted basic income for youth receiving residential services

#### **Supporting Industry**

Improving unemployment

 July 2023 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 8.7% - lowest rate on record since 1976

#### **Communities**

Advancing the population growth strategy

 Q4 2022 population growth of 3,130 (0.6% quarterly)



## **GOVERNANCE**

#### **Corporate Governance**

- Stable majority government
- Enhanced autonomy for auditor general

#### **Transparency**

- Strengthened oversight and accountability framework
- Focus on transformation and modernization processes across sectors

## Regulation

- Balanced budget legislation
- Established future fund

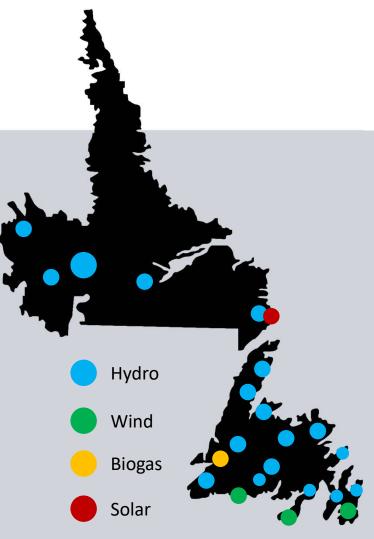
# **DEVELOPED RENEWABLE ENERGY**

## Highly renewable electricity grid

- More than 91 per cent renewable; increasing to 98% via LCP
- Primarily hydro, followed by wind and solar
- Biogas electricity generation pilot Program
- Net metering program (renewables under 100kw)

## Net exporter of renewable energy

- 1.2 terawatt hours/annually
- Increasing to 3.2 terawatt hours/annually via latest project



## **GREEN HYDROGEN**

Newfoundland and Labrador is well positioned to produce green hydrogen:

- Best wind resources for electricity generation in North America (US Department of Energy wind map)
- Numerous ice-free deep water ports
- Vast unpopulated Crown lands
- Abundant fresh water resources
- Proximity to North American and European markets

## Canada and Germany have:

- Released national hydrogen strategies
- Signed a declaration of intent to establish a Canada-Germany
   Hydrogen Alliance



# **GREEN HYDROGEN**

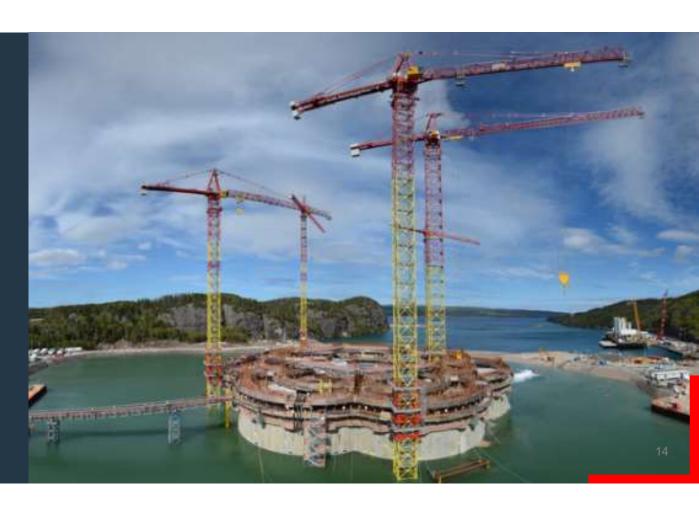
Call for bids for wind-hydrogen development on Crown lands in the province has been completed. Four companies advancing developments:

- EverWind NL Company Burin Peninsula
- Toqlukuti'k Wind and Hydrogen Ltd. (ABO) Avalon Peninsula / Isthmus Region
- Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation Central NL
- World Energy GH2 Inc. Western NL
- During the life of the four projects (35 to 40 years), anticipating:
  - Overall economic impact (GDP) of \$206.2 billion; and,
  - Estimated peak employment at 11,694 full-time equivalents during construction
- Fifth company, Pattern Energy, also advancing a project on privately owned land



# OIL AND GAS – A SOURCE OF COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

- Low carbon emissions relative to international competitors
- Robust supply and service capabilities
- Skilled and readily available workforce
- Offshore reserves and exploration opportunities
- Involvement of major players in the industry



# **OIL AND GAS - CURRENT EXPLORATION**

## **BP Canada Energy**



 In Summer 2023, BP Canada drilled Ephesus F-94 well in the Orphan Basin on exploration licence EL 1168 testing a new play concept

## **Equinor Canada**

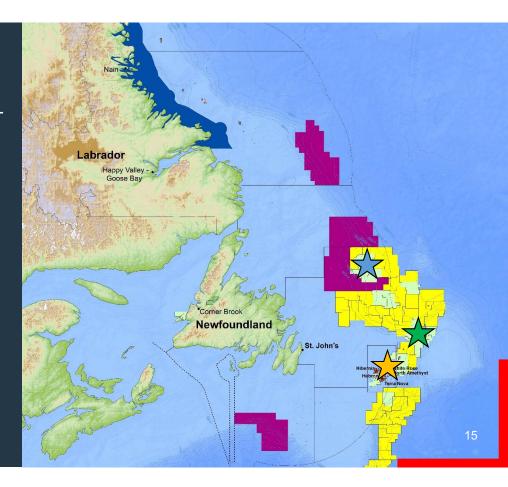


 Recently drilled several successful exploration wells which led to new oil discoveries; Cambriol G-92, Cappahayden K-67/z which resulted in the awarding of a new SDL1059 licence

#### **Exxon Mobil Canada**



 Exxon Canada drilled Gale N-66 well in the Summer of 2023 in the Jeanne d'Arc basin / Central Ridge on exploration licence EL 1167



# OIL AND GAS MAJOR PROJECTS

# **Upstream – Existing**

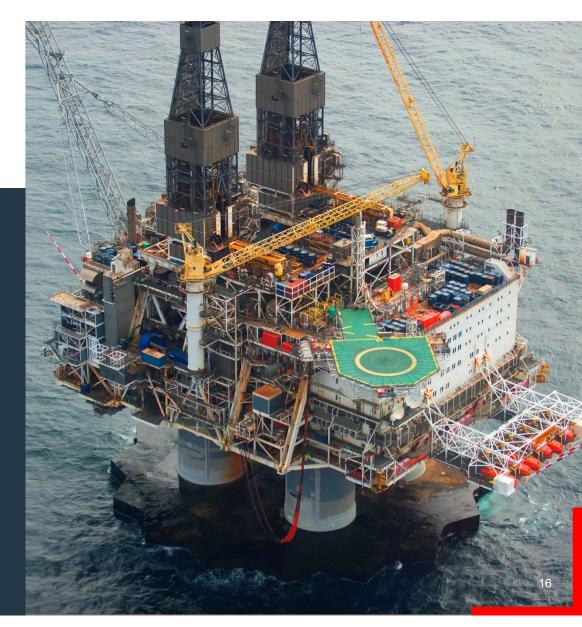
- Terra Nova
- White Rose and West White Rose
- Hibernia
- Hebron

# Upstream - Developing

Bay du Nord

## **Downstream**

Come by Chance Refinery



# **EXISTING MINING OPERATIONS**

## **Existing Operations**

- Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited
- 2. Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC)
- 3. Tacora Resources Inc.
- 4. Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd.
- 5. Atlantic Minerals Limited
- 6. Atlas Salt Inc.

- 7. Trinity Resources
- 8. BarCan (Barite Canada)
- 9. Hi-Point Industries
- 10. Rambler Mines and Metals
- 11. Maritime Resources
- 12. Beaver Brook Antimony Mine
- 13. Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc.

## **Processing Facilities**

- 14. Vale Long Harbour Processing Facility (nickel, copper and cobalt)
- 15. Maritime Nugget Pond (gold)





- 2022 mineral shipments valued at \$5.2 billion
  - 75% iron ore
  - 16% nickel
- 2023 mineral shipments projected to be:
   \$4.6 billion
- 9 active and 4 production-ready mines: iron ore, nickel, copper, cobalt, gold, silver, antimony, fluorspar, barite, dolomite, limestone, gypsum, peat and pyrophyllite
- Seven developing projects with gold, iron ore and rare earth elements

# **GOLD MINING PROJECTS**

- Marathon Gold's Valentine Gold project advancing in construction, which will be the largest gold mine in Atlantic Canada
- Maritime Resources Corp.'s Hammerdown gold project released from environmental assessment; issued a feasibility study highlighting a five-year mine life



# MINING EXPLORATION

- \$243 million spent on exploration in 2022
  - Highest investment in 30 years
- \$238.6 million projected for 2023
- Production capacity in nickel, cobalt, copper, antimony and fluorspar
- Additional funding to expand the support provided by the Junior exploration assistance program to target critical mineral exploration
- Exploration projects include rare earth elements, zinc, copper, manganese, lithium, platinum group metals, uranium



# FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

**17,300** Employed



206,000 tonneswild & farmed fish landed50x province's annualseafood consumption



US, China, Indonesia, UK and Denmark

\$1.4 Billion



Exports to
40+ countries
valued at over
\$1.24 Billion

**Over 80%** 

wild fisheries (by value) are certified to the MSC standard

# TOURISM – ANOTHER WORLD, NEXT DOOR

Tourism generates over **\$1 billion** in spending by resident and non-resident visitors in the province



# FISCAL OUTLOOK, BORROWING REQUIREMENTS AND DEBT

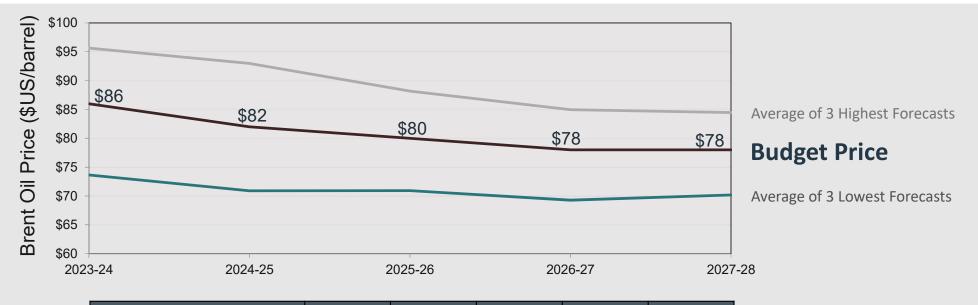


# **MULTI-YEAR FORECAST**

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Revenue	9,689	9,974	10,055	9,905	9,802
Less: Oil Risk Adjustment	-	20	40	50	60
Expenses					
Base Expenses	9,378	9,296	9,358	9,413	9,346
100% Funded	471	361	371	371	371
Surplus (Deficit) \$M	(160)	297	286	71	25

Return to surplus in FY2024-25 based on revenue growth and prudent fiscal management

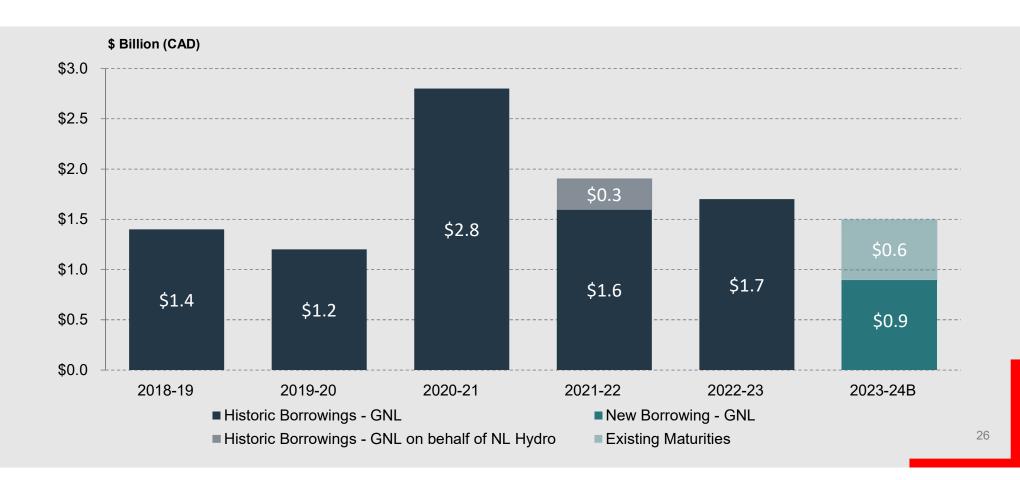
# OIL PRICE AND EXCHANGE RATE FORECAST



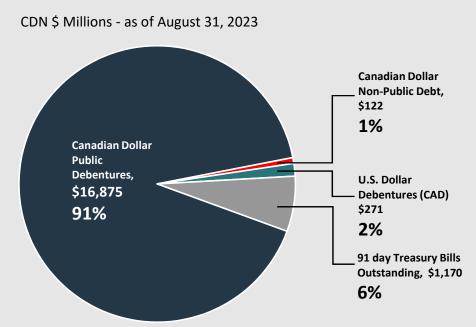
Exchange Rate	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
CAD to USD Exchange Rate	0.757	0.778	0.784	0.787	0.787

# **BORROWING REQUIREMENTS**

## 2023-24 Borrowing \$1.5 Billion



# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR DEBT PORTFOLIO



Agency	Rating	Credit Strengths
S&P	A Stable	<ul> <li>Stronger budgetary performance and return to operational surpluses</li> <li>Growing operating revenues with the easing of pandemic restrictions and rising oil prices</li> <li>Prudent financial management</li> </ul>
Moody's	A1 Stable	<ul> <li>Fiscal flexibility inherent to all Canadian provinces to achieve budget targets</li> <li>Treasury management and regular cash flows facilitate financing planning</li> <li>Strong debt management and favourable maturity schedule</li> </ul>
DBRS	A Stable	<ul><li>Significant energy resources</li><li>Low reliance on federal transfers</li><li>Wage certainty</li></ul>

#### Notes:

- Canadian Dollar Non-Public Debt is composed of debentures issued to the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
- Does not include debt issued on behalf of or directly by government business enterprises, agencies or boards
- \$USD debentures converted to Canadian dollars using March 31, 2023 closing exchange rate of 1.3533

# **SUMMARY**

- Return to economic growth after pandemic
- Projected return to balance in 2024-25
  - 2 years ahead of schedule
  - Significant progress and continued transformations
- Low reliance on federal transfers
- Significant long-term potential with extensive natural resources
  - Several projects proceeding on green hydrogen
  - Offshore oil, minerals, hydro, fisheries, tourism
- Manageable borrowing requirements and maturity profile
- Recent credit rating upgrade (DBRS)



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