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PRESENTS:

A PROSPERITY PLAN FOR NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Wednesday, June 8th, 7:30 pm
Innovation Hall, Angus Bruneau Centre

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Over the past ten years, Newfoundland and Labrador has gone from poverty to prosperity, all due to revenues from non-renewable natural resources, especially petroleum. How should we spend this new-found – but temporary – wealth?

PRESENTERS:



Dr. Wade Locke is a Full Professor of Economics at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He specializes in the Newfoundland and Labrador economy, resource economics, public finance, public policy, innovation indicators, productivity, economic impact assessment and cost-benefit analysis. He has published extensively in a variety of public policy fields. In addition, Wade has provided his professional services to all three levels of government, to foreign governments and to national, local, regional and international businesses. He has served as an expert commentator and analyst to the local, national and international media. He is also a past president of the Atlantic Canada Economics Association. His research has had a major impact on public policy, particularly on the public finance of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the development of its oil and gas resources. He was recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador. Wade's formal training consists of a Ph.D. (Econ) and M.A. (Econ) from McMaster University and a B.A. (Econ) and B.Sc. (Biology) from Memorial University. He also has a certificate in Applied Petroleum Economics from Van Meurs Associates through the Centre for Management Development (MUN). He was a gold medal winner in economics at MUN and won a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship and several university scholarships at McMaster University. He returned to the Newfoundland and Labrador in 1984 and accepted an appointment in Economics at Memorial.



Lana Payne was first elected President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour in 2008 and re-elected in 2010. The federation has 30 union affiliates, with 500 union locals, representing 65,000 working women and men. Between 1991 and 2008, Lana worked in Research, Communications and Public Policy for the Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW/CAW), an affiliate of the CAW. She is a working member of a number of committees at the provincial and national level dealing with issues such as the minimum wage, Employment Insurance and Child Care. Lana played a key role in the Federation's Sharing the Wealth project – aimed at creating a discussion in our province about how we ensure prosperity is shared with all citizens.



Bruce Pearce works to develop solutions for healthy, sustainable communities. Since 2002 he has served as the community development worker for the 35-member St. John's Community Advisory Committee on Homelessness, which brings together all sectors to guide local planning and investments under Canada's Homelessness Partnering Strategy. He is a co-founder of the Newfoundland & Labrador Housing & Homelessness Network, and in 2010, he was elected President of the Canadian Housing & Renewal Association (CHRA), a national voice for the full range of affordable housing and homelessness issues and solutions. Bruce also serves on the Board of Green Communities Canada, an association of community-based environmental groups. Before arriving in Newfoundland in 1998, Bruce was an advisor to Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Metro Toronto Councillor Jack Layton.



Jo Mark Zurel is a Chartered Accountant and from 2006 has been President of Stonebridge Capital Inc., an investment company. From 1998 to 2006, Jo Mark was Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of CHC Helicopter Corporation, helping build it into the world's largest helicopter operating company. He is also a director of several public and private companies. Jo Mark is an avid volunteer, governor of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, board member with the Newfoundland and Labrador Angel Network, and on the founding executive of the Newfoundland and Labrador affiliate of the Institute of Corporate Directors. In January 2011, he was elected Chair of the St. John's Board of Trade, the organization which aims to serve as the voice of business committed to the enhancement of economic prosperity and quality of life in St. John's and throughout the province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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