



Memorial University Partnering with the

Long Range economic Development Board and the Marine and Mountain Zone Corporation

Holiday Inn, Stephenville, NL

March 28 & 29, 2006

Overview

The Harris Centre's second Regional Workshop was held March 28 & 29, 2006 in Stephenville, in partnership with the Long Range Economic Development Board (Zone 9) and the Marine and Mountain Zone Corporation (Zone 10).

On the evening of March 28, the Harris Centre hosted a Memorial Presents public policy session on the fishery titled "Fisheries Policy and Rural Revitalization: An Integrated Approach" at the Holiday Inn, Stephenville. The keynote speaker Eric Dunne, interim executive director of the Canadian Fisheries Innovation Centre at the Marine Institute, explored the options available to tackle the challenges ahead. The panelists were Allister Hann (Major of Burgeo, Johnny Purchase (inshore fisherman from the Southwest Coast), and Dr. Noel Roy (professor in department of Economics).

On March 29, the workshop morning sessions were divided into Health/Society, Business/Diversification and The Environment and consisted of Memorial participants informing the stakeholders from the zones about current activities (a total of 37) that the university is engaged in throughout both zones, followed by questions and dialogue. The afternoon sessions were used for stakeholders from both zones to inform Memorial representatives and other participants about development priorities. These consisted of Fisheries/Aquaculture, Agriculture/Agrifoods, Tourism and Community Education. Discussion then followed to identify potential new opportunities for Memorial in establishing linkages and partnerships for future projects.

Current Memorial Activities

Environment Projects

1. Hydrocarbon Traps in Cambrian Strata -Dr. Elliot Burden and Dr. Tom Calon
2. Invasive marine species monitoring-Dr. Robert Hooper
3. Sustainable pest management research-Carolyn Parsons
4. Marine Protected Areas (MPA)-Dr. Robert Hooper
5. Rose Hips project-Dr. Wilf Nicolls
6. Fisherman's knowledge and science research- Dr. Barb Neis, Sociology/Coasts Under Stress
7. A new late-glacial sea-level record for St. George's Bay, Newfoundland (2003)-Dr. Trevor Bell
8. The Exploration Potential and Geology of the Steel Mountain Anorthosite (2004)- Pat Collins
9. Rare plants near Stephenville-Dr. Luise Hermanutz
10. Climate Change & Variation Impacts on Provincial Parks and Wilderness Areas, NL-Dr. Norm Catto
11. Coastal erosion and processes at Sandbanks Provincial Park, Burgeo-Dr. Norm Catto, Dan Ingram
12. Rare and endangered plants near Port au Port -Dr. Wilf Nicolls
13. Bird conservation research in Western Newfoundland-Dr. Bill Montevecchi
14. Natural hazards posed by dissolution of gypsum karst in Woodville, Codroy Valley- Dr. Norm Catto, Krista House
15. Checklist of the Birds in Codroy Valley-Dr. Bill Montevecchi
16. Pollution evaluation for Port aux Basques-Dr. Robert Hooper
17. Coastal processes and tourism-related issues at Grand Bay West & JT Cheeseman Provincial Parks, Port aux Basques-Dr. Norm Catto
18. Seaweed aquaculture trials- Dr. Robert Hooper

Health /Society Projects

1. Outrageous seas - shipwreck experiences along the southwest coasts of NL-Dr. Rainer Baehre, History
2. Restructuring, Out-migration and the Health and Well-Being of Mothers Who Stay Behind-Dr. Ingrid Botting
3. 2004-2005 Youth Smoking Survey- Dr. Shirley Solberg
4. Life Outcomes of Former Graduates-Mary Gaultois

5. Women Fishes These Days-Ms. Brenda Grzetic
6. Dynamics of seasonal labour migration-Ms. Brenda Grzetic
7. Rethinking Health Inequities: Social and Economic Inclusion and the Case of 'Lone Mothers'-Dr. Shirley Solberg
8. Breastfeeding and allergies /anaphylaxis- Dr. Wendy Graham
9. Learning About Rural Education: Graduate Students' Perspectives- Dr. Barbara Barter
10. Nutrition Newfoundland and Labrador (1996-2004)- Dr. Barbara V. Roebothan
11. Community Education Network in Stephenville- Dr. Ivan Emke
12. Simulated response to Storm Surge Event- Dr. Norm Catto

Business/ Diversification Projects

1. Business Retention and Expansion in Zones 9 & 10- Ms. Leslie King
2. Family Firms that Export (2004)- Dr. Dan Mosher/Leslie King
3. Strengthening Partnerships in the Labour Market- Dr. Doug May
4. Identifying Skills Gaps in the Labour Market-Dr. Doug May
5. INTRD Regional Economic Renewal Research Support (2005)-Drs. Gary Gorman & Dennis Hanlon
6. Impact of storms & winds on transportation in SW Newfoundland:-Dr. Norm Catto, Geography
7. Woodland Echoes- Dr. Rainer Baehre

Potential new opportunities for further collaboration

Many potential opportunities for Memorial University initiatives for research, teaching and outreach with the Long Range Economic Development Board and the Marine and Mountain Zone Corporation arose from the afternoon session. Below are some possibilities which the Harris Centre will play a role in facilitating, coordinating and partnering with Memorial University expertise and Zones 9 & 10 stakeholders.

Tourism

1. Harvey Story Theatre Project: Fact-checking theatre production
2. Research project on relationship between French and Micmac
3. New ways of marketing tourism attractions in Southwest Newfoundland.
4. Research on Highlands River
5. The impact of technology on tourism
6. Interpreting the region's historical resources

Marine Industries (Fisheries and Aquaculture)

1. Investigating the application of the farming industry model to the fishery
2. A study of the instability of fishing enterprises
3. Generating alternative debate in politics, policy and regulations of fishery
4. Talking to those 'On the Water'
5. Studying the future fate of stocks

Agriculture

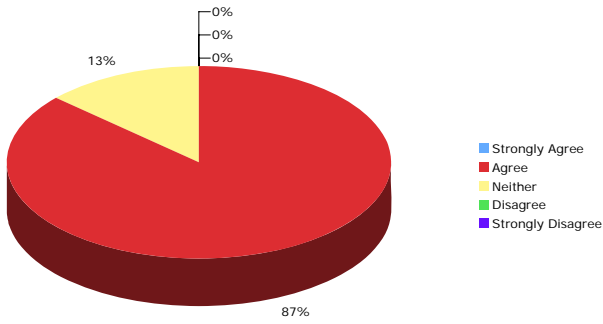
1. Small-scale farming research and conference for Newfoundland and Labrador
2. Study in labour market shortage
3. Memorial University - Zone 9 and 10 Agriculture Workshop
4. Memorial University – Industry Applications Society Collaboration
5. Marine Institute small scale agriculture value processing training
6. Pet food processing operation
7. Farm business succession planning

Community Education

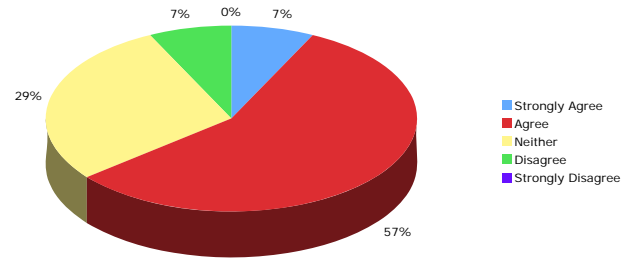
1. Co-op education program
2. MUN faculty integration in community education
3. Video conferencing capabilities and advantages
4. Continuing research to meet local needs
5. Youth mentoring
6. Life-long learning program enhancement
7. Should MUN reinstitute MUN Outreach/Extension?
8. Knowledge mobilization in rural Newfoundland and Labrador
9. Building on Community Education Network work

Evaluation

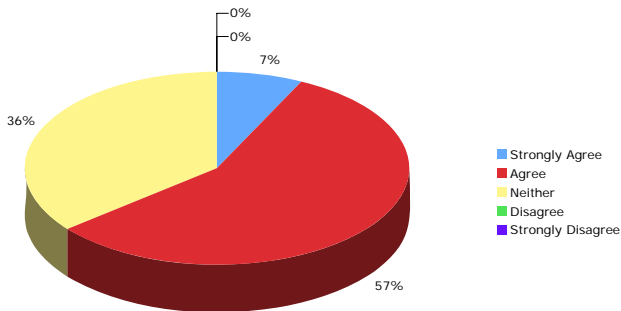
I learned things in the morning session that will be useful in my work



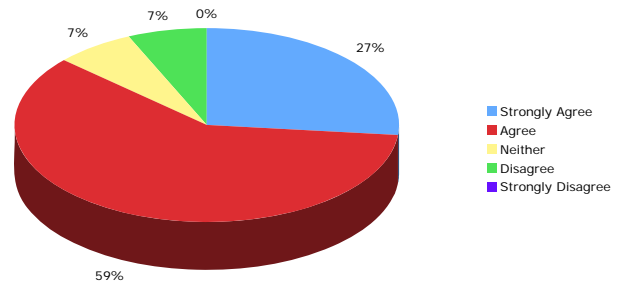
The presentations about the Zone 9 and 10's regional priorities helped me identify new ideas about what else MUN could be doing in the area



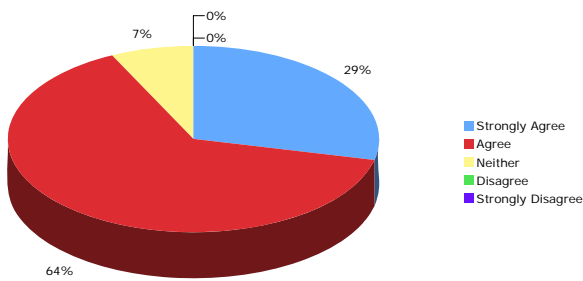
The action items decided upon in the sessions will assist my organization in moving forward with our objectives



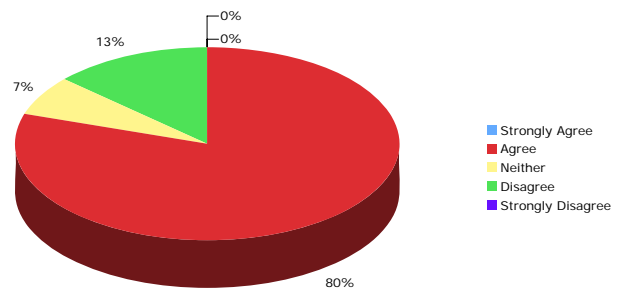
The session made me want to learn more about what Memorial University is doing in Zones 9 and 10



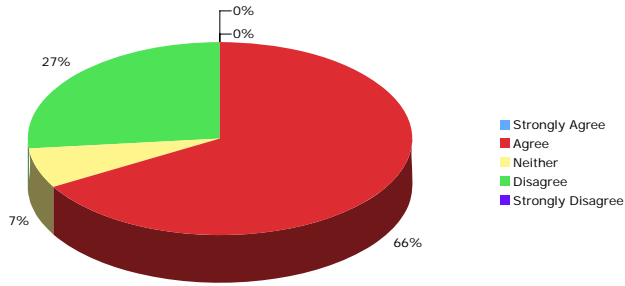
The 'facilitated workshop' format was useful in generating new ideas



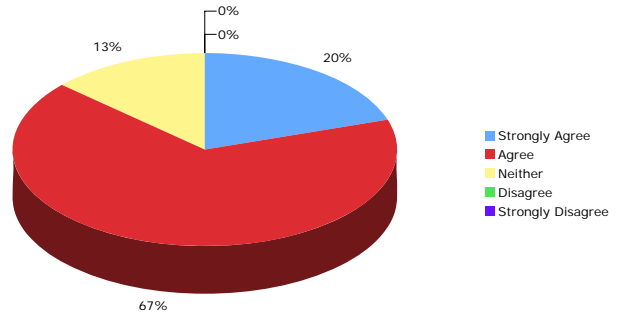
There was sufficient time provided for discussion



There was sufficient time provided for networking



I would be interested in attending a similar event in the future



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