

THE LESLIE HARRIS CENTRE OF REGIONAL POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

Memorial University Presents

The Atlantic Accord, Equalization, and Offsets: An Independent Assessment

Summary of Evaluation Forms

What other information would you like to see on this topic?

- A post-budget session to reflect how this begins to impact on the province.
- Industry not represented.
- If this (AA amended) is the first step towards “have” status what should the next “bold” (asymmetrical federation perspective) step be?
- It is a complicated topic – but a better break-down (slower, more interaction @ source) to understand the formulas. Maybe examples?
- None, very comprehensive
- None it was comprehensive.
- Better communication – good effort made but still quite confusing.
- More discussion
- All done well
- What about equalization sustainability? Can this deal be the cause of equalization not being there in the future?
- More comparison of Newfoundland’s benefits from equalization to other provinces.
- Published pamphlet on the accord and the deal.
- Old timer Dr. Locke’s charts were a little difficult to understand (for those sitting in the backrows)
- More analysis re: “What’s next?” – Policy/Program options.
- Locke could have done much better.
- How long before the deal becomes reality? Is there a possibility – given political situations – that this deal will never happen?
- Keep it up!
- More about reforming equalization – Natural Resources – why, what are we doing with them.
- What other alternatives could there be to equalization?
- Fishery – an analysis of benefits to Newfoundland and how policy will impact benefits.
- Further discussion as the deal progresses – did the deal live up to its expectations, etc.
- I think it was well covered.

- What is the total revenue from all (Fed- Private, etc). What assets worth have Newfoundland given to Confederation.
- More open discussion, more Q&A time.

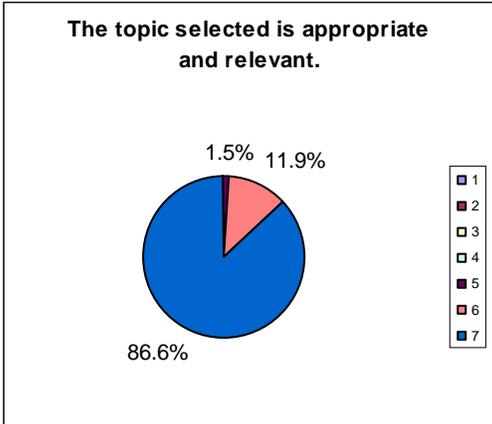
What other types of sessions would you like to see?

- Seminar Series
- Short Course
- Seminar Series – St. John’s City of Legends or supermarkets
- Seminar Series – monthly series
- Seminar Series – MUN should be engaging more with the general public such as tonight – we all want to be more educated.
- Seminar Series – fisheries.
- Seminar Series – follow-up in 6 months to evaluate how we have invested/spent our 2 billion
- Seminar Series – and debate forms and town hall moderations.
- Panel
- Forums

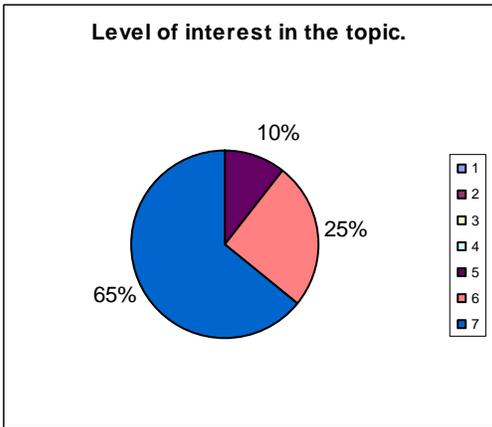
NOTE: 32.8% of survey respondents said they would like to see a seminar series type of session and 11.9% of survey respondents said they would like to see a short course.

What other topics would you like to see Memorial Presents sessions address?

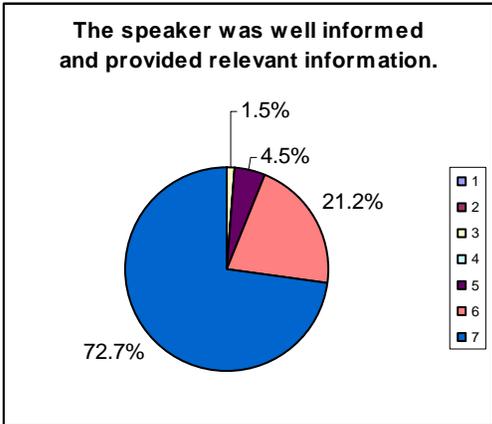
- An impartial look at Churchill Falls – upper and lower.
- Something on the more general question of “The Good” for NFLD.
- Newfoundland separation.
- Extension of our jurisdiction of Grand Banks (Fisheries).
- The death of rural Newfoundland and Labrador.
- NFLD’s agricultural sector – situation now and potential
- NFLD’s aquaculture sector – situation now and potential.
- Fishery/Hydro
- An assessment of Newfoundland’s economic contribution/cost to confederation.
- Upper Churchill deal – Lessons for going forward.
- Manufacturing infrastructure in Labrador as it relates to Lower Churchill development and use AND Vosiey’s Bay (electric cars made in NL).
- Aboriginal issues in NL, creating industry especially secondary and industry in Newfoundland).
- International Law/Fishing
- GATT & Education as Export
- Auditor General Report Discussion/Presentation/Analysis
- Competitiveness and prosperity – how do we get out of the hole?
- Too many to itemize, more, more more!!
- Lower Churchill, what is ICR (student loans)?
- Rural Newfoundland and its real future?
- How about analysis of Provincial (Budget & comparison of Rev/Spending sources) uses to other provinces as well as comparison of debt levels to other jurisdictions.
- Public analysis of Young Royal Commission, national forum on understanding each other concerns in Canada – whittling away the Wente attitude.
- Aboriginal social issues, how does NL put themselves into an economic boom?
- Please do more of these.
- Dept management, delivery of public services, rural economy
- Fiscal transparency of government today in Newfoundland to Canada.
- Newfoundland separation
- Nationalism in Newfoundland.
- Natural resource management.
- Debate over the constitutional right to the Upper Churchill
- How public finances affect ability to develop lower Churchill projects.
- Moratorium, let’s stop throwing away our natural resources ie. Churchill Falls.



- Respondents agreed that the topic was relevant and appropriate.
- 100% of responses fell in the high end (agree) of the scale (5-7).

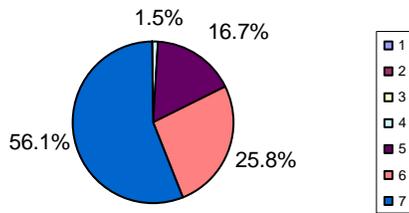


- Respondents indicated they had a high level of interest in the topic.
- 100% of responses fell in the high end (high) of the scale (5-7).



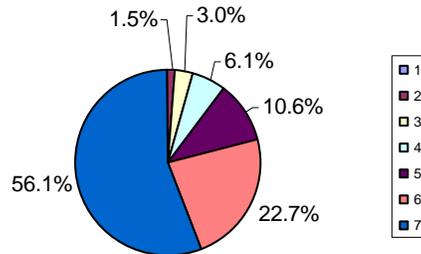
- The majority of respondents agreed that the speaker was well-informed and provided relevant information.
- 98.5% of responses fell in the high end (high) of the scale (5-7).

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- 89.4% of responses fell in the high end (high) of the scale (5-7).