

# Hebron

Public Review  
Commission

## News Release

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### **Completion of the Hebron Public Review Sessions**

The Hebron Public Review Sessions concluded today. Commissioner Ayre heard from 43 presenters over 11 days of sessions in Marystown, Clarendville and St John's. The presenters were wide-ranging and included business leaders, municipalities, unions, educators and environmental groups, charities and contractors. All written submissions received are located on the Commission's website.

In his closing remarks, Commissioner Ayre thanked the presenters for taking the time and effort to present, and also thanked the Hebron representatives for their engagement with presenters and respect of the review process.

"The informed and thoughtful nature of the presentations indicates to me that the public are aware of and engaged in what goes on in the oil industry, and are deeply concerned about how such a huge development proceeds", said Commissioner Ayre. "The Newfoundland and Labrador oil industry is maturing. This was reflected in the number of presentations that indicated willingness of diverse members to work together to solve problems, strengthen the economy and find new ways to benefit all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians now and in the future."

Common themes heard in the sessions focused on the need for more transparency in reporting in terms of local benefits, safety management system, and environmental protection; better communications and cooperation; a call for representatives from the workforce, business, the oil industry and government to work together to strive for continuous improvement towards procurement opportunities and labour planning; the problems of inadequate housing and infrastructure in some municipalities as a result of economic growth; suggestions for different approaches to regulation, project monitoring and benefits creation; the need to proactively engage representatives from the fishery; and sustainability and creation of a legacy for the future.

The Commissioner's final report will be submitted to the C-NLOPB, the Provincial Minister of Natural Resources, and the Federal Minister of Natural Resources by the end of February. The final report, along with all other materials submitted to the Commission, will be made available on our website.

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