

Dear Mayor and Council:

My name is Trina Appleby, and I am writing to respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming election for the position of Vice President with the Board of Directors of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL).

I am your current MNL Vice President, and many of you will know that municipal politics is not new to me. I was first elected as Deputy Mayor in 2017 and re-elected to the Town of Torbay Council in 2021. I have served as the MNL Avalon Director from 2018 – 2021 and then as Vice President from 2021 – 2023.

In 2020, I became a board member with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). I Co-Chaired (2020 - 2021) and Chaired (2021 - 2023) the national FCM Standing Committee on Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government. During these years, I have served on the following national committees: Rural Forum, Anti Racism and Equity, International Relations, Municipal Finance and Intergovernmental Arrangements, Atlantic Regional Caucus, Committee of the Whole and attend and participate in meetings for Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. In 2023, I rejoined the FCM table as a Non-board Committee Member and currently serve as a member of the FCM Atlantic Regional Caucus, Rural Forum, Standing Committees for Anti Racism and Equity and Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development.

My professional background is extensive and includes working with local and international businesses, the community sector, and with all three levels of government. I have experience in regional economic development, information technology, research, oil and gas, agrifoods, trade and export.

I have extensive volunteer experience. I was elected to the Newfoundland and Labrador Oil and Gas Industries Association (NOIA) from 2007 – 2009. I spent ten years (2005 – 2015) on the Burin Peninsula Rural Secretariat regional council. I have attended several meetings with the Southern Shore, Conception Bay North and Northeast Avalon Joint Councils; served as Vice-Chair and then Chair of the Jack Byrne Regional Sports and Entertainment Centre which is co-owned by four communities; and I also serve on the Cabot Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC).

As municipal leaders we share many similar challenges and opportunities, and I understand that they vary across communities and regions. I believe that community cooperation and collaboration has to happen in a way that benefits communities. Community leaders need to be the voice that lead how we work together and autonomously. I have advocated for and will continue to work toward developing a fiscal framework for municipalities, addressing aging infrastructure, increasing economic development, improving access to health care and addressing the downloading of services on the municipal sector. I know that we are the experts in our regions and our voices need to be the ones that are represented at the table when decisions are being made that impact our residents, communities, and regions.

I am and will continue to be a strong representative for MNL members as we plan for the future. I will listen. I will take action. I will work with you to resolve issues. I will ensure that your municipality's ideas and views are represented at MNL. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to represent you and your community. I humbly ask for your support and vote. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, my personal cell number is 277-0993 and my email is [tappleby@torbay.ca](mailto:tappleby@torbay.ca).

Thank you,

Trina Appleby

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