

The Newfoundland Republican Association Party

The confederation of Newfoundland with Canada has been a failure. Newfoundland is just a slave of the Laurentian Elite. A goal of the Newfoundland Republican Association [aka NRA] party would be to separate Newfoundland from Canada. Borrowing from Abraham Lincoln: Separation from Canada would give Newfoundland a new birth of freedom.

A referendum made Newfoundland a part of Canada. Another referendum could reverse that. Newfoundland would become the Republic of Newfoundland. The NRA party would free Labrador. Currently, it is just a slave of the Avalon Elite.

For centuries, Newfoundland has been run by an Elite. Democracy has never really existed here. Existing parties are controlled by the Elite. Voting is meaningless. The NRA party would banish the Elite. It would establish a true democracy where major decisions would be sanctioned by the people through referendums.

In the Republic of Newfoundland, there would be no special Newfoundlanders based on Race, Gender, Religion or Heritage. Every citizen would have the same Rights and Freedoms and the same Responsibilities. Borrowing from JFK: Citizens should ask not what Newfoundland can do for them but ask instead what they can do for Newfoundland.

The NRA party would give the new republic strong security forces to protect its land and sea assets. It would make strategic ties to other nations. It would seek to establish special ties with our neighbours Greenland and Iceland.

The NRA party would establish a Bank of Newfoundland. It would establish a strong Ombudsman to oversee Public Entities. It would revamp the Legal Laws of Newfoundland and its Judicial System. Crimes against the Republic of Newfoundland would be punishable by death.

The NRA party would restructure Government Bureaucracy. It would start by eliminating its deadwood. Empires within the bureaucracy would be dismantled. The NRA party would support Small Business Enterprises with potential for major job creation. It would provide strong support for Local Production of Food. It would take control of all Natural Resources for the People of Newfoundland. That includes Energy. Commodities would be sold by Cooperatives owned by the People of Newfoundland.

The Young People of Newfoundland are its most important resource. The NRA party would provide strong support for Education. There would be no student fees for MUN or CNA. Residence at MUN and CNA would be free for students from rural areas. Students would need to maintain good grades to keep free status. MUN and CNA would be reduced to a size the People of Newfoundland can afford.

Government controls the future of young people. Currently, it dictates to young people at MUN and CNA and it is overloading them with debt. It is also driving Newfoundland into debt which the young people will inherit. Young people deserve a say in what government does. The NRA party would lower the voting age to 16. Most of its candidates in elections would be from the younger generations.

Greater Town Areas are no longer safe places to live. They are not good places to raise a family. The NRA party would revitalize the Small Coastal Communities of Newfoundland. It would initiate a reverse resettlement to these communities. Years ago, life there was sustained by the Fishery. What could sustain it now?

Many tasks these days require just a good computer and good internet service. Both are becoming common place. This makes coastal communities good places for tasks such as engineering innovation and small-scale manufacturing. These activities, plus traditional activities such as fishing, would make communities viable. Good internet service would also allow K12 to run no matter how isolated a community may be. A few good teachers could teach many students in many small coastal communities.

Engineering at MUN and CNA would be mandated to explore various sources of energy that could support small coastal communities. MUN and CNA would be mandated to offer a program in good governance. Medical diagnosis and treatment is recipe driven. These recipes can be encapsulated into software. MUN and CNA would develop such software for medical clinics in small coastal communities. This would allow people in these communities to take care of themselves.

Care of seniors would be a priority. The NRA party would establish a Council of Elders elected by the people to advise Government.