

Funding for national conference

Organizers of a national conference are receiving funding from the federal government to help cover the costs related to the planning.

Humber St. Barbe-Baie Verte MP Gerry Byrne said funding in the amount of \$54,179 was approved for the Valuing Nature Stewardship and Conservation in Canada Conference. The conference is scheduled for July 5-8, 2006 in Corner Brook.

"The Stewardship and Conservation in Canada is a national conference being hosted in Corner Brook with a potential 400-500 participants," Mr. Byrne said

"These participants will represent federal, provincial and municipal governments as well as non-profit organizations, industry, educational institutions and other interested individuals from across Canada and beyond."

He said this type of conference would generate international exposure and raise awareness for Newfoundland and Labrador, especially the western region of the province.

"The natural resource sectors such as forestry, agriculture, fisheries and wildlife are vitally important to the well-being of healthy communities and we should embrace this opportunity to support and encourage their conservation."