

# Chamber Chatter

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## Chamber Events

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations with Arlene Dickinson at the Arts & Culture Centre  
May 26, 2010
- Tourism Awareness Week  
June 7 – 12, 2010
  - Annual Golf Tournament  
June 19, 2010
  - Community Breakfast  
July 31, 2010
  - Joe & Clarice Goodyear Business Achievement Awards Gala  
October 19, 2010

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## Important Information for All Businesses

### Assistance for Small Business

Human Resources Labour and Employment (HRLE) offers assistance to Small and Medium sized businesses through their website with the **NL HR Toolkit** at: [www.nlhrmanager.ca](http://www.nlhrmanager.ca) You are encouraged to drop by the HRLE office in the Fraser Mall for a tour of their new facility and gain information on the many programs and services they provide to businesses.

### Experiencing a Labour Shortage?

There is now assistance, under the **NL Provincial Nominee Program (NLPNP)** for businesses who are experiencing problems filling specialized positions, to recruit immigrants who have these specialized occupational or entrepreneurial skills. For information on this program visit [www.nlppn.ca](http://www.nlppn.ca) or call Jamie Valvassori at 292-4372

### Want to do Business with Government Departments and Agencies?

**Innovation Trade and Rural Development** has an on-line Public Sector Procurement Directory for local businesses to explore opportunities to supply goods and services to the public sector and help purchasing representatives identify sources of supply within the area. For more information visit [www.intrd.gov.nl.ca/intrd/growing/pspd.html](http://www.intrd.gov.nl.ca/intrd/growing/pspd.html)

## Activity within our Area

The **Central Regional Integrated Health Board** has announced the operational date for the long awaited MRI Unit for Central NL has been set for October 2010.

Don't forget to use our airport and "Fly Gander" when booking your summer flights using Air Canada's THREE daily direct flights to Halifax and Sun Wing's twice weekly flights to Toronto – both starting in June.

The **Town of Gander** is not showing any signs of slowing despite the national trend! The Town statistics show a total of 87 permits issued to date (2010) for a value of \$22,270,683. Of these, 61 are residential permits, with a value of \$4,465,281. They have permit applications for 25 new houses and 3 new non-residential buildings

The **Town of Centreville-Wareham-Trinity**, under the guidance of the Steering Committee, is pleased to announce they are now in the implementation phase of their Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) and the new water chlorination system will be installed within the next couple of weeks.

## Chamber Membership Highlights

We are pleased to report that your Chamber has a membership of 284 strong. This is a big accomplishment considering many chambers have experienced decreases in membership numbers. The Board and staff of the Chamber have set a goal of 300 members to be accomplished by the date of the Chamber 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on May 26, 2010. As part of the Atlantic Provinces Chambers of Commerce (APCC), any Chamber with a membership of 300+ earn the right to be represented on the APCC's Urban Caucus which is made up of the larger Chambers and Boards of Trade in Atlantic Canada. With this in mind and your Chamber's drive to represent RURAL NL, you are being challenged to submit names of new members and receive an opportunity to win TWO tickets to the Chamber's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

