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## **Incoming President's Message**

The Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation welcome our term as Chair Jurisdiction for the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment. In my role as president, I look forward to working with my federal, provincial and territorial colleagues to continue making progress within our areas of shared environmental responsibilities.

The areas of work before us are diverse and complex. Throughout challenging economic times, expectations for real and substantial progress in protecting the environment have remained steady. Early signs of economic recovery now add impetus for greater results. Through the CCME forum we will continue to offer results that are uniquely possible through joint effort, collaboration and consensus building.

As ministers responsible for the environment we have endorsed a Canada-wide strategic vision for water. The vision is that Canadians have access to clean, safe and sufficient water to meet their needs in ways that also maintain the integrity of ecosystems. Behind that vision is a substantial work effort by our member jurisdictions collectively, and in concert with a broad spectrum of environmental leadership, all pulling toward that vision. Similar energy and determination is found in CCME's work on air quality, biosolids, Canada-wide standards, municipal wastewater effluent, greenhouse gas reporting and extended producer responsibility.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as president, and in cooperation with my fellow ministers of this Council, improving our environment for all Canadians.

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