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Dear Ms. McCallum,

Thank you for reaching out with your questionnaire. The NL NDP appreciates how important the mining industry is to our provincial economy and like you, we see opportunities for future growth and job creation in the coming years. That is why we made mining a key focus in our plan to get a better deal for workers and businesses in our election platform. I hope to share some more details of that commitment in my answers below.

How will your party ensure timely, reliable and cost-effective energy makes Newfoundland and Labrador an attractive destination for international investment in mining and energy-intensive industries, and notably with respect to Labrador's iron ore expansion and development opportunities?

We know that there is growing demand for energy in general, and that an expanding mining industry in particular needs more power – especially green power – to thrive. An NL NDP government will seek to make Newfoundland and Labrador a green energy leader. We will work with local industry and labour to identify and prepare renewable energy projects and emerging industries. This includes but is not limited to supporting critical minerals development, expanding Churchill Falls with Gull Island, and a third transmission line to Labrador West. We will also set up a Future Industries Secretariat within government to drive industrial growth for the decades ahead – attracting the climate-focused jobs and investment of the future, and making sure Newfoundland and Labrador is able to take advantage of every opportunity in the new economy.

How will you increase Newfoundland and Labrador's investment attractiveness for exploration and development?

We know that Newfoundland and Labrador has the potential to play a tremendous role in the new industries of the future. Many of these will rely on critical minerals, and we are lucky to have so many of them right here. But we need to know more about these deposits and their potential value. That's why an NL NDP government will commit \$3 million more *every year* to the Geological Survey, so that companies can focus more on project development. We will also conduct studies to examine what transportation infrastructure, such as new roads, rail lines, and

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ports, will be needed to get our critical minerals to market cheaper and more effectively in preparation for an expanding industry.

How will your party address the proposed restrictions to land accessibility throughout Newfoundland and Labrador? How will your party work to improve the regulatory process provincially to reduce duplication and/or over-reaching federal regulatory requirements to increase investment attractiveness and decrease the cost and timeline to develop mining projects?

As part of our Critical Minerals Strategy, the NL NDP pledges to create a Critical Minerals Office within the Department of Industry, Energy, and Technology devoted to helping guide companies through the regulatory process so they can start mining sooner. At the same time, we would ensure that we balance the need for economic growth with sound environmental protections and labour standards. Just as traffic rules allow cars to move safely at speed, environmental and safety regulations ensure our natural resources are developed responsibly while maintaining public trust in the process and good environmental stewardship. We pledge to sit down with labour and industry to examine areas where the current regulatory process needs improvement, and identify ways to avoid duplication of requirements.

Will your party modify the proposed NMCA to ensure areas of the south coast continue to have potential for port development to support exploration and mineral resource projects. Will you party ensure areas of mineral resource potential and prospectivity are excluded to mitigate negative impacts and unintended consequences?

New Democrats want to safeguard our fisheries and the vast ecosystem that sustains them. We believe in striking a sustainable approach that works for fish harvesters while protecting the environment. That means striking a balance that ensures sound stewardship of resources, to protect the ocean and marine environment, including fish stocks, so that they may be enjoyed by generations to come.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to share how our plan to get a better deal for workers and businesses will strengthen and expand the mining industry of our province.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Dinn'.

Jim Dinn  
Leader, NL NDP, Candidate for St. John's Centre