



# PYE CENTRE

FOR NORTHERN BOREAL FOOD SYSTEMS



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## INTRODUCTION

The Pye Centre is a community-based and community-led hub for research, education, teaching, and community engagement, managed by the Labrador Campus of Memorial University. We are a community of engaged farmers, community growers, and researchers working together to co-create knowledge and evidence-based resources that contribute to strengthening and enhancing Northern boreal food systems.

The Pye Centre Advisory Committee (PCAC) is comprised of a diverse group of individuals holding invaluable knowledge, perspectives, and strong expertise and skillsets in food production, food security, and food systems. Working together with the Pye Centre and other key partners, the PCAC will ensure all Pye Centre programs and activities continue to serve our shared goals for strengthening and enhancing food innovation, food production, and community connections in Labrador.

We recognize the importance of the relationships among PCAC members and the Pye Centre, as well as the respective webs of relationships we all hold within our respective communities. It is these relationships that will enable the Pye Centre to grow from a place of strength to co-create knowledge and evidence-based resources that contribute to strengthening and enhancing Northern boreal food systems in Labrador.

This document serves to outline the roles and responsibilities of the PCAC in relation to the people and places that comprise the Pye Centre.

## PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF ACTIVITIES AT THE PYE CENTRE

At the Pye Centre, the following values shape our vision and goals for strengthening and enhancing Northern boreal food systems, and guide the principles and practices of all our agricultural, educational, research, and community engagement activities:

- **RELEVANCE** for Labrador peoples and food systems;
- **RESPONSIBILITY** to peoples, lands, and waters through adherence to ethical principles and respectful conduct;
- **RECIPROCITY** among peoples, lands, and waters; and
- **RELATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY** among all those working with us to achieve our vision and goals.





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## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PYE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### 1. CONNECT WITH A DIVERSE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING TOWARDS THE SHARED GOAL OF A HEALTHIER, SUSTAINABLE, AND SELF-SUFFICIENT LABRADOR.

The Pye Centre's vision is to be a vibrant and leading community-led hub of Northern-focused food systems research, education, community connections, production, and distribution in Labrador. Our goals are to work together, through research and education, to support and enhance: 1) Already-present local food networks; 2) Availability of fresh and desired foods; 3) Local food security and sovereignty; and 4) Health and wellbeing.

1.1. In keeping with the Pye Centre's values of relational accountability, the PCAC will be comprised of representatives from key partner institutions and organizations to the Labrador Campus. Invitations for PCAC membership will be extended based on positive interpersonal relationships among the Pye Centre, the Labrador Campus, and key partners.

*1.1.1. There is no predetermined membership size for the PCAC. Existing members can bring forward potential names to discuss with the PCAC at any point, and the entire Committee will discuss and determine whether to extend an invitation. Invitations will be extended to ensure the PCAC membership is reflective and representative of the collective knowledge, experiences, and skillsets required to the guide the Pye Centre towards the goals described above.*

*1.1.2. Pye Centre staff and PCAC members may consult with the full Committee and invite guests to participate in PCAC meetings on an ad hoc basis.*

*1.1.3. PCAC members may choose to step away from the PCAC at any point, and may choose to identify a replacement.*

*1.1.4. Current PCAC members will be listed in Appendix A of these Terms of Relationship, which will be updated as needed.*

1.2. The PCAC will meet at least three times per year, and additional meetings will be called as needed.

*1.2.1. Meetings will be called and co-chaired by Pye Centre staff, with at least two weeks' notice given to the PCAC. Agendas will be sent out at least a week prior to an upcoming meeting, and members will be encouraged to provide feedback and suggest additional items as needed.*

*1.2.2. PCAC members who are unable to attend a meeting shall identify a delegate to attend in their place, if applicable and appropriate.*

*1.2.3. Following discussions and consensus-based decisions, Pye Centre Staff and PCAC members may strike working groups to address priorities brought forward at PCAC meetings. These working groups will meet as needed.*



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### **2. MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD SYSTEMS RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND PROGRAMMING AT THE PYE CENTRE,**

The PCAC shall engage in knowledge-sharing and reach final decision making through discussion and consensus on a variety of materials related to community engagement, educational, and research activities at and with the Pye Centre. These materials may include but are not limited to:

- 2.1. The PCAC governance structure, including policies, protocols, and procedures.
- 2.2. Rightsholder engagement plans to ensure all Pye Centre activities are serving the needs of the Innu and Inuit.
- 2.3. Proposals from individuals looking to conduct community farm-based research projects at and with the Pye Centre.
- 2.4. Applications for awards, grants, and other funding sources to support Pye Centre activities.
- 2.5. Communications plans for updating community members and key partners on Pye Centre activities.

### **3. ASSIST IN BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN LABRADOR:**

- 3.1. Pye Centre staff and PCAC members will work with the broader communities of our respective organizations and institutions to share Pye Centre successes, identify areas and opportunities for growth, and highlight strategies to overcome challenges.



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## APPENDIX A: CURRENT PYE CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

UPDATED JANUARY 2022

### **Desmond Sellars**

Owner and Operator, Nature's Best Farm

### **Darren Dinsmore**

Owner and Operator, Aldercroft Farm

### **Leanne Wilson**

Associate Director - Research, Development, and Technology Transfer (St. John's)  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Government of Canada

### **Shelley Cleary**

Agriculture Development Officer  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Happy Valley-Goose Bay Office)

### **Erica Oberndorfer, PhD**

Ethnobotanist  
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada / Government of Canada

### **Adrian Unc, PhD**

Professor, Boreal Ecosystems and Agricultural Sciences  
Grenfell Campus, Memorial University

### **Michelle Kinney**

Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development  
Nunatsiavut Government Department of Health and Social Development,

### **Bryn Wood**

A/Director, Research, Education, and Culture  
NunatuKavut Community Council

### **Jenny Elson**

Executive Director, Labrador Friendship Centre / Community Food Bank