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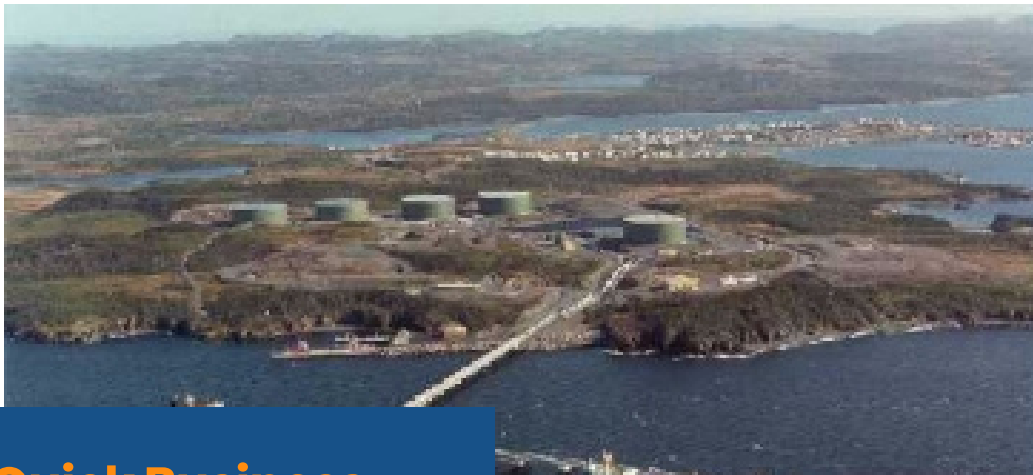


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ARNOLD'S COVE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Arnold's Cove Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, where we share regional business news, economic developments, funding opportunities, and events relevant to businesses across the Isthmus of Avalon region.



## Quick Business Headlines

### Regional Business Update:

Momentum is building for the Isthmus of Avalon region. Are we ready?

### Funding & Business Support Opportunities:

Most programs require approval before costs are incurred—plan ahead to maximize eligibility.

## Upcoming Events



### Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Drop by the Community Job Fair at the Farmer Market in Clarenville. A great opportunity for networking and connection!



### Thursday, June 18th

Lobster Dinner and Awards Ceremony  
When: Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Where: Sunnyside Wellness Center

More details to come!



*Stay Informed, Stay Connected, Stay Ready!*

## Regional Business Updates

The Isthmus of Avalon is increasingly being shaped by what moves through it—but the opportunity lies in what stays, scales, and gets built locally.

### What we're seeing:

- Steady commercial movement through the corridor
- The Trans-Canada Highway continues to function as a key inland route for goods, services, and project-related traffic.
- Industrial activity remains a regional anchor
- The Come By Chance site continues to influence contracting, service demand, and employment across nearby communities.
- Opportunities are present—but not fully captured
- Demand is emerging in transportation support, equipment services, accommodations, and local retail—but many businesses are not yet aligned to take advantage.
- Readiness varies across communities
- Access to land, workforce, and scalable services is shaping which areas are best positioned to respond.

### What We're Hearing

- Businesses are seeing increased inquiries tied to project-related work, but not always converting due to capacity limits
- There is growing interest in short-term accommodations and service-based support businesses
- Some operators are actively exploring equipment upgrades and expansion, but are unsure where to start

### What it means:

The Isthmus is no longer just a connector—it's becoming a place where economic activity can be captured. The shift now is from awareness to readiness.

### What to Watch Next

- Increased demand for local contractors and service providers
- Greater pressure on housing and short-term accommodations
- More visible signs of business expansion and investment decisions

### Chamber in Action:

- Engaging with regional stakeholders on workforce challenges
- Supporting connections between businesses and upcoming opportunities
- Continuing advocacy around cost pressures and labour shortages

## Funding & Business Support Opportunities

As businesses look to expand capacity, improve efficiency, or position for new opportunities, several funding programs are currently available:

### **Business Investment Fund (Government of NL)**

Supports larger investments in equipment, infrastructure, and productivity.

- Primarily repayable funding
- Flexible based on project scope

[Business Investment Fund](#)

### **ACOA Business Development Program**

Federal support for businesses looking to start, expand, or improve operations.

- Financing for growth, hiring, and modernization
- Strong fit for rural and regional businesses

[Business Development Program](#)

### **CBDC (Community Business Development Corporation)**

Local financing and advisory services for small businesses.

- Loans for start-up and expansion
- Business planning support

[Programs](#)

## Welcome new member!

We're pleased to welcome ALPAR Industries as a new member of the Chamber. Backed by years of hands-on experience in the marine industry, ALPAR brings a practical, solutions-focused approach to projects of all sizes—offering a range of marine services and consulting tailored to meet industry needs. In addition, their 5,000 sq. ft. warehouse facility in the Arnold's Cove area strengthens their ability to support clients with efficient warehousing and logistics services. We're glad to have them as part of our business community and look forward to seeing their continued impact across the region.

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