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Opposition encouraging federal and provincial support with St. John's harbour clean-up cost overruns **LATEST NEWS**



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Opposition Municipal Affairs Critic Roland Butler is encouraging the federal and provincial governments to cost-share the overruns facing the St. John's harbour clean-up project.

Last month, it was projected that the costs associated with the clean-up project have increased from the original projection of \$93 million to between \$130-140 million because of rising labour and material costs. Originally, the federal and provincial governments agreed to a three-way cost sharing arrangement with the municipalities of St. John's, Mount Pearl and Paradise. Neither the province, nor the federal government is required to address these significant cost overruns, but it is unlikely the project will be completed without additional federal and provincial support.

"The St. John's harbour clean-up may well be the single greatest environmental issue in our province," said Butler. "We know that problems with waste water management in the province is larger than just St. John's, but the implications of what occurs in the capital region will only escalate as the population increases. I can't overemphasize how important it is for us to get this right."