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# Trailblazers News Bits

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Jerome Whelan passed away April 17 <https://www.barretts.ca/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=48167137>

Ray Hickey passed away April 22 <https://www.sladesfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/Raymond-Joseph-Hickey?obId=48197237>

Applications for EA Scholarships emailed to Areas

Voting by members for or against merger of ReddyK – NLCU now open on [www.ReddyK.net](http://www.ReddyK.net)

Congrats to our own Nick Aylward for being inducted into the NL Hockey Hall of fame in the Builder category

ReddyK zoom meeting April 30 at 6:30 PM on results of vote on proposed merger with NLCU

ReddyK – NLCU virtual town hall merger talks meeting announced for April 15

April 1, notification sent to membership about the AGM of May 8

Leonard Butler passed away March 29 <https://hickeysfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/2753/Leonard-Butler/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Verne Ainsworth passed away March 25 <https://www.carnells.com/obituaries/verne-arthur-ainsworth/>

Tom Norris passed away March 21 <https://www.barretts.ca/obituaries/Thomas-Tom-Norris?obId=47895165>

Winter bills seminar for Clarendville Area Trailblazers March 18

Winter bills seminar for Carbonear Area Trailblazers March 17

Winter bills seminar for Grand Falls Area Trailblazers March 16

Patricia Messervey passed away March 13 <https://www.centralfuneralhomes.ca/memorials/patricia-messervey/5695484/>

Winter bills seminar for Gander Area Trailblazers March 9

John Kennedy passed away February 23 <https://www.cauls.ca/obituary/john-t-kennedy>

Announced by Christofer Seary on February 20 that Condolence messages will soon be sent to all Trailblazers members who are included in the Trailblazers email system

# Board of Directors: Call For Nominations



You can help Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union advance its mission of providing competitive financial products, services, and guidance; enabling our members to meet their financial goals.

#### Primary functions of a Director:

- Oversee the direction and management of the credit union.
- Lead specific projects, committees and action teams.
- Ensure solid, balanced planning for the credit union.
- Recruit new members.
- Represent Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union members at conferences and meetings.
- Serve a 3-year term.

#### Key Attributes and Experience:

- Professional and/or organizational committee experience.
- General knowledge of credit union operations.
- Communication skills.
- Team spirited.
- Analytical.
- A belief in the mission/values of Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union and the credit union movement.
- Active, enthusiastic Board participation.

#### Deadline: 4 March 2026

To request a nomination kit, please contact:

**Rhonda Goodridge**  
Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union  
rgoodridge@reddyk.net  
709-737-5624

**Glenn Samms**  
Chair, Governance Committee  
709-685-0793  
gsamms@nl.rogers.com



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Alan Walters passed away February 12 <https://www.barretts.ca/obituaries/Alan-Walters?obId=47254882#/obituaryInfo>

Selby McEachren passed away February 2 <https://www.centralfuneralhomes.ca/memorials/selby-mceachren/5683569/>

Frank Antle passed away January 29 <https://noelsfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3454/Francis-Antle/obituary.html>

Ray Fifield passed away January 23 [https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/47064095/raymond-\(ray\)-fifield](https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/47064095/raymond-(ray)-fifield)

Jim Dunne passed away December 20, 2025 <https://www.cauls.ca/obituary/james-jim-dunne>

Carl Chafe removed from Trailblazers membership as per his request

Suggestions for improvements to our health insurance should be sent to Gerard Curtis

Trailblazers AGM set for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Pearl Soccer Hut

Trailblazers Executive Meeting set for May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Pearl Soccer Hut

Eric Maloney passed away January 4 <https://www.ryansfuneralservices.com/obituary/Eric-Maloney>

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## Our Annual Newsletter

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**The Trailblazers Executive  
and Area Representatives  
Wish You All A Merry  
Christmas and a Happy,  
Safe and Healthy 2026.**



**A Message From Our Chairman – Gerard Curtis**

The Trailblazers Executive Council would like to wish all Trailblazers and their families a very merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

Thank you to the Trailblazers executive members across the island and the administrators of the Retiree Emergency Trust Fund. We appreciate the work you do on behalf of Trailblazers and acknowledge the time and effort you give to your roles. Thank you also to Nick Aylward, Chris Seary and Leroy Hynes for the work they do for the Association.

**Contact Person at Newfoundland Power Human Resources**

Human Resources has advised that there is a new contact person that Retirees can deal with if they have issues or questions:

Melanie Roberts  
Pension and Benefits Administrator  
[mroberts@newfoundlandpower.com](mailto:mroberts@newfoundlandpower.com)  
709-737-2843

**Trailblazers Web Site**

The Trailblazers website ([www.nptrailblazers.com](http://www.nptrailblazers.com)) has lots of information for you. Learn of upcoming events or activities; view the Rattling Brook Booking Schedule; view Sun Life Booklets and forms; obtain Retiree Emergency Trust Fund guidelines and form; see pictures from events and obtain links to various web sites such and Newfoundland Power, Reddy Kilowatt Credit Union, Sun Life, etc.

**Trailblazers Email Addresses**

Announcements and invitation to Trailblazers events are usually sent in emails. If you are a Trailblazer and want to be included in our email group or your email address changes, please contact Patricia Kavanagh ([pkavanagh1959@icloud.com](mailto:pkavanagh1959@icloud.com)).

**Who Are Trailblazers?**

Newfoundland Power retirees and employees with 30 or more years of service are welcome to join the Trailblazers Association. The membership fee is just \$15 per year. Go to our website ([www.nptrailblazers.com](http://www.nptrailblazers.com)) for a membership form or contact your Area Representative.

There are currently **675** Trailblazers across the island. Membership is broken down as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of Trailblazers</b>	<b>Area Chairperson</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
St. John's	342	Gerard Curtis	gerardcurtis1@gmail.com 709-364-4503
Carbonear & Whitbourne	85	Tony Brazil	t_brazill@hotmail.com 709-586-7747
Burin	28	Austin Antle	austin.antle@hotmail.com 709-891-2245
Clarenville & Bonavista	33	Theresa Critch	ralphiee54@gmail.com 709-427-0884
Gander	50	Bob Dicks	r_dicks@nl.rogers.com 709-727-1017
Grand Falls	47	Glenn Fisher	glenn.fisher6006@gmail.com 709-486-8048
Corner Brook	48	Kevin Mahar	joeyk56@hotmail.com 709-351-3916
Stephenville & Port aux Basques	42	Bernice Whalen Tony Anderson	cbfwhalen@gmail.com 709-649-0014 rileytonywarren@gmail.com 709-695-0556

### **Rattling Brook**

If you wish to book the Rattling Brook facilities please contact Trailblazer Nick Aylward. Be aware that the facilities are not professionally cleaned between renters. Each renter is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing before and after their stay.

- a) *Bookings:* Contact Nick at (709) 693-6996 or his email [nicktaylward@gmail.com](mailto:nicktaylward@gmail.com) or go to the Rattling Brook page of our website [www.nptrailblazers.com](http://www.nptrailblazers.com) and use the link provided to fill-in a form that you can email to Nick.
- b) *Rental payments:* Cash payments are not accepted. You can set up email transfers or mail Nick a cheque.

Nick has looked after the bookings at Rattling Brook for many years and would like to step back from this role. If you are interested in taking over this role please contact Gerard Curtis.

### **Retiree Emergency Trust Fund (RETF)**

The trust fund was established in 2009 and assists RETF members with medical expenses not covered by our private insurance plan or any other Government assisted programs. To be eligible to submit an application for assistance you must be a member of the RETF. You do not need to be a Trailblazer to become a member or to qualify for assistance. Membership is as little as \$2 per month and is open to all Newfoundland Power retirees. A copy of the Rules and Guidelines and Membership Application form are available on the Trailblazers website ([www.nptrailblazers.com](http://www.nptrailblazers.com)).