

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

#### ***Cargo Vessel Service operating between the Ports of Belledune and Argentia***

**Argentia NL** - The Argentia Port Corporation Inc. invites expressions of interest from interested and qualified entities to operate a cargo vessel service between the Port of Belledune, New Brunswick and the Port of Argentia, Newfoundland and Labrador.

The proposed transportation connection linking the Port of Belledune with the Port of Argentia would provide for a competitive option to service Newfoundland, and particularly the Avalon Peninsula, with drop trailers from New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. The Belledune Port Authority and Argentia Port Corporation are eager to move forward with the cargo service. The Ports are eager to discuss with interested vessel owners and operators the potential for new business in the region. The objective of the Ports is to have a regular, year round service calling both ports twice weekly using two vessels in the service.

Prospective Operators should contact Mr. David Bellefontaine for more information on this Request for Expression of Interest.

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The Port of Argentia is located on the east side of Placentia Bay on the south east coast of Newfoundland. The harbour is entered between Low Room Point and Broad Cove Point and extends 3 kilometers in length southwest to the head of Sandy Cove. Argentia is located in the centre of the world's major shipping lanes with an excellent ice-free port, extensive buildings and infrastructure, and a skilled work force.

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