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## CARILED Representatives Visiting City of Mount Pearl Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**MOUNT PEARL, NL** - The City of Mount Pearl will be hosting Caribbean representatives of the CARILED program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED) program is one of the international programs in which the FCM engages municipal government and agencies across the globe to strengthen local governance and democracy, foster economic development and promote gender equality and environmental sustainability. The CARILED program strives to develop business-friendly environments in which micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises can prosper. It stimulates sustainable local economic development by helping local governments implement programs, policies and services to support existing enterprises and attract new businesses.

CARILED is currently active across 22 communities in seven Caribbean countries. It ultimately plans to support more than 50 communities and help some 500 businesses in more than a dozen countries create new jobs and promote local economic growth. The City of Mount Pearl has actively supported the program and staff has travelled to several countries in the Caribbean to provide expertise in local economic development initiatives under the CARILED program.

Representatives from St. Lucia, Jamaica, Belize and Guyana along with CARILED staff from Trinidad and Tobago and Canada will be visiting this province from September 6 to the 12, 2015. On September 8, 2015 the representatives will visit several local businesses and organizations in the City of Mount Pearl and will attend the Council meeting at 4:15 pm.

The purpose of this study program is to expose delegates to leading practices in LED so that they may further champion LED in their respective communities, countries and the Caribbean region.

“We are pleased to be a partner in the international CARILED program” says Mayor Randy Simms, “and Council is pleased that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its CARILED partners have chosen to come to this province and the City of Mount Pearl to experience the success of local economic initiatives in the City.

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