



# WHY I LOVE ST. LEWIS LABRADOR

The *NunatuKavut Community Sustainability Initiative* is a year-long project that aims to help three pilot NunatuKavut communities – Black Tickle, Norman Bay and St. Lewis – to identify and build on existing community strengths and assets, to foster community engagement in creating a strong future and to develop a sustainability plan for their community.

The approach of this initiative is to start with what is already strong and successful in communities. This is called strength-based or asset-based community development. Instead of being defined by problems or issues, communities identify and celebrate what works well, and how it can build on all the good things.

The quotes in this booklet are from past and present residents who love and celebrate their communities.



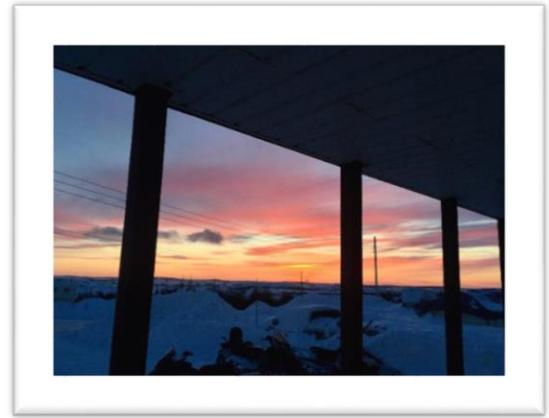
## LORAIN POOLE

(Winning Entry)

"St. Lewis became my home in 1984. I was new to the community and was shy. I made friends easy, as I am a crafter. I got involved with our craft shop as a volunteer, which sadly is no longer there. My friends' list grew. I love the peace and quiet. I live in an area in town where I am close to the water. I love listening to the sea and smelling the fresh air and salt water. In the years since we built our home, the trees have grown, almost blocking my view of the harbour. I still love sleeping with my window open and listening to the sounds. When we go out of town for a day, I breathe a sense of relief when we are home. I now work with the town. I'm becoming resilient to some negatives and dwelling more on the positive. Our beautiful home next to the roaring Atlantic, with our walking trails, bird watching, berry picking, etc. No one can pay me a price to even make me want to leave. This is my home. I love it and I welcome one and all to visit our lovely Town. Come sit and chat a while."

## TAYA POOLE

"I love St. Lewis because the scenery is absolutely stunning and the fact that everyone gets along is one of the best qualities about a community. We are all one big family. St. Lewis has a small population but this picture shows the beautifulness and enjoyment of the little town on the South Coast. I love St. Lewis and everything about it!"



## HELEN POOLE

"I love the views from the ocean. This pic was taken a few years ago on a misty morning. There was a huge iceberg near the entrance of the harbour and my father-in-law was coming back from a boat ride."



## CALVIN POOLE

"There are many factors that shape a community. We are and always was a town built around commerce. Years ago, when we had a prominent cod and salmon fishery there were good years and there were bad. Really, even the good years were not the best but somehow we survived."



## CARA CHUBBS

"Why do I love St. Lewis? We have beautiful peaceful little town. They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Our town has so much beauty, from majestic waters, views of ice bergs, whales and just natural scenery. So much to offer. It's a beautiful place to raise a family and for tourists to view what St. Lewis has to offer. This is why I love St. Lewis and proud to call it my home."

## APRIL POOLE

"I love my little town because it's so very peaceful! I like to think of it as my peaceful harbour."

## NEIL CHUBBS

"I love St. Lewis because it's a place I call home. I can teach our children traditional ways of living like hunting, fishing and trapping. Things I learned growing up as a kid and stuff I can pass on to them...don't think they would learn these things if we lived in a city."

## MINNIE SLADE

"Where do you go when the world don't treat you right? HOME to St. Lewis. Where everything is so much simpler and time stands still. Not fast paced like in bigger towns/cities. I have lived in St. Lewis all my life, got married here in the church over the road, raised five children. Our children could go outside to play and we knew it was a safe place for our children to grow. The fresh air in their lungs was the best we could give our children. They were nurtured in our beautiful St. Lewis. Now the kids have all moved on, but they love to come "HOME" to go ski-dooing, fishing, boil-ups and catch up with friends. Or they might just sit and relax in our yard with a cup of tea or nice cold beer and listen to all the wonderful sounds that surround them. Growing up in St. Lewis was/is the most amazing feeling, knowing HOME will always be the same."

