

WOODWARD GROUP OF COMPANIES

Woodward's Oil Limited
Woodward's Limited
Coastal Shipping Limited
Labrador Marine Inc.
Woodward Aviation Services

Labrador Motors Limited – Goose Bay
Labrador Motors Limited – Labrador City
Woodward Motors Limited – Bay Roberts
Woodward Motors Limited – St. Anthony
Woodward Motors Limited – Port Aux Basques

Woodward Auto Sales
Long Pond Terminals
Labrador Sportfish Limited
Markland Realty Limited
Happy Goose Car Wash Ltd.

For immediate release
December 9th, 2021

LABRADOR MARINE INC. CONCLUDING 2021 COASTAL OPERATIONS Cargo and vehicle traffic set new records; passenger traffic exceeds pre-COVID level

(Happy Valley-Goose Bay) – Labrador Marine Inc. (LMI) announced that with yesterday's departure of the *Kamutik W* from Goose Bay for ports north to Nain, all cargo and freight will be delivered for the 2021 season. Cargo and private vehicle traffic set new records this year. Passenger traffic recovered from 2020 and surpassed the numbers for 2019, the season before the COVID pandemic.

The volume of freight this year required an additional trip. The current voyage will conclude the 2021 coastal shipping season. The *Kamutik W* will layup in Lewisporte for the winter and undergo routine maintenance.

2021 SHIPPING SEASON A RECORD

The 2021 shipping season was a success, with a 23.7% percent increase in shipments over 2019 and a 5.3% increase over 2020. Shipments included groceries and household supplies, as well as building materials and construction equipment.

	Tonnage Transported
2019	12,518
2020	14,696
2021	15,486

PASSENGER AND PRIVATE VEHICLE TRAFFIC

Although some COVID-related passenger travel restrictions remained in place in 2021, including a continued ban on tourist travel, passenger numbers were at their highest in two years. Passenger traffic was up 37.9% over 2020 and 8.5% over 2019. As in 2020, LMI followed all public health regulations and operated safely.

With the introduction of the *Kamutik W* to the coastal service in 2019, coastal residents were able to avail of the drive on-drive off service for their private vehicles for the first time. This has proven to be an important feature in the service provided by LMI. This year, 885 private vehicles were transported to and from the coast, an increase of 75.5% over 2020 and a 163.3% increase over 2019.

	Passengers Carried	Private Vehicles Transported
2019	4008	336
2020	3154	504
2021	4350	885

WOODWARD GROUP OF COMPANIES

Woodward's Oil Limited
Woodward's Limited
Coastal Shipping Limited
Labrador Marine Inc.
Woodward Aviation Services

Labrador Motors Limited – Goose Bay
Labrador Motors Limited – Labrador City
Woodward Motors Limited – Bay Roberts
Woodward Motors Limited – St. Anthony
Woodward Motors Limited – Port Aux Basques

Woodward Auto Sales
Long Pond Terminals
Labrador Sportfish Limited
Markland Realty Limited
Happy Goose Car Wash Ltd.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS IN 2021

LMI and its sub-contractor, Nunatsiavut Marine Inc., made several investments in 2021 that enhanced service to coastal communities.

- LMI introduced a new menu on board the ***Kamutik W***, featuring a broader range of food offerings and additional healthy options.
- LMI installed a new shore ramp at the Port of Goose Bay to allow for increased accessibility for marine traffic.
- NMI installed refrigerated storage containers at Nain and Hopedale to temporarily store perishable and frozen foods.
- NMI constructed a maintenance shed at the Port of Goose Bay for equipment upkeep and repair.

“As we near completion of the third year that LMI has operated the ***Kamutik W*** on the north and south coasts,” stated LMI President and CEO Peter Woodward, “we want to thank our stakeholders, including the Nunatsiavut Government, Inuit Community Governments, the Innu Nation, and the NunatuKavut Community Council for their input into our 2021 operations. The increase in passenger vehicle traffic is indicative of the freedom gained by coastal residents since the service was inaugurated. LMI’s goal is to serve the coast efficiently and safely and I am proud to say that we accomplished those goals again in 2021. We look forward to doing that for many years to come.”

“We have again delivered all freight and cargo by season’s end and helped facilitate the movement of residents to and from the coast,” stated LMI General Manager Captain Austin Daley. “We appreciate everyone’s patience as we worked through another season with travel restrictions. Cooperation from passengers and commercial shippers and travellers, and the efforts of our onboard crew and our shore-based staff and contractor, contributed to another successful year. The increase in freight and vehicle traffic and the recovery in passenger numbers demonstrate the importance of this service to people on the north and south coasts. We look forward to delivering the highest level of service again in 2022.”

FIRST SAILING SCHEDULED FOR 2022

Labrador Marine Inc. has begun planning for the 2022 season and has scheduled the first sailing to depart Goose Bay on Sunday, June 12th, 2022. LMI will consult local government officials and users of the service in preparation for next season.

For further information, contact:

Peter Woodward, LMI President and CEO
(709) 896-2421

Captain Austin Daley
adaley@woodwards.nf.ca

Labrador Marine Coastal Service

3-year comparison



Despite again operating under COVID-19 protocols, 2021 was a successful year for Labrador Marine Inc.'s Labrador Coastal Marine Service to the north and south coasts. All key performance categories increased over 2021. LMI carried a record volume of freight in 2021 and a record number of coastal residents availed of the drive on-drive off service for personal vehicles. Passenger traffic recovered from 2020, and surpassed traffic levels for 2019, the year before the COVID pandemic. As in 2019 and 2020, LMI again completed all deliveries before shipping closed for the season.

	2019	2020	2021	Change from 2020
Freight and Cargo 	12,518 t	14,696 t	15,486 t	 790 t
Passengers transported 	4008	3154	4350	 1196
Private passenger vehicles 	336	504	885	 381

