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**Dr. Christopher Cox installed as 91st President,
NLMA applauds government's legislative amendments to prevent and reduce smoking**

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St. John's, NL – Dr. Christopher Cox was installed as the 91st President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Medical Association (NLMA) during its annual general meeting at the Health Sciences Centre on Saturday, June 4.

Dr. Cox is a general surgeon and breast surgical oncologist in St. John's. During his inaugural speech, Dr. Cox spoke about the four strategic priorities that will guide the NLMA over the next five years, including improving health system sustainability; health promotion; physician leadership and professional practice; and, physician resources.

“We believe that these priorities build on our past efforts to provide leadership in the provision of health care in this province and will allow physicians to contribute meaningfully to the transformation of our health care system to support the continued well-being of individual patients, families, and communities,” said Dr. Cox.

Today, Dr. Cox applauded the provincial government for announcing legislative amendments that aim to prevent and reduce smoking in Newfoundland and Labrador.

“Tobacco use has been linked to all the major causes of death and disease in the province, including heart disease, cancer, respiratory diseases and Type 2 diabetes. We are very pleased to see that the provincial government is acting to improve the lives of its citizens by prohibiting the sale of flavoured tobacco products, which contain ingredients that are intended to boost their appeal to young people,” said Dr. Cox.

“We are also pleased that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is taking measures to expand its smoke-free policies and to reduce the potential harms associated with hookah smoking and electronic cigarettes. These products have not been adequately studied to determine their potential health risks and their use has undermined efforts to de-normalize smoking.”

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