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techNL begins search for next CEO, applauding Florian Villaumé for his leadership and positive impact on the tech ecosystem

St. John's, NL – Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – Today, techNL begins the search for its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO), announcing that current CEO, Florian Villaumé, will finish up his term in early July.

techNL is a not-for-profit member association that accelerates the growth of the tech sector in Newfoundland and Labrador. In collaboration with its more than 220 members and network of partners, techNL provides business growth services, visibility, a collective voice, and a community to tech and tech-enabled companies in Newfoundland and Labrador with a vision to become the most sought-after Canadian tech ecosystem, globally recognized for its collaborative community, diversity, quality of life, and success.

“Florian has contributed to the growth and professionalism of techNL as an association, and the tech ecosystem has experienced very real and measurable growth during his time as techNL CEO. We thank him for his commitment and wish him well in his next chapter as he looks to bring his energy and impact to the tech sector in a new way,” explained Johanna Brown, Chair of the techNL Board of Directors.

“This is an exciting time for Newfoundland and Labrador’s tech sector, marked by continued company growth, expanding commercialization and global market reach, and deeper collaboration across the ecosystem. techNL remains focused on building on that momentum. With several months of transition time provided by Florian - reflecting his commitment to the sector - we are confident in a smooth and well-planned leadership transition. Operations will continue as usual with the full support of the board and team as we advance the priorities that matter most to our members.”

techNL expects the opportunity to be the next CEO of the province’s tech association will be recognized as a unique and enticing opportunity. Newfoundland and Labrador’s tech sector already contributes more than \$1.8 billion annually to the provincial economy and has grown by 24% in less than a decade. In 2025 alone, Newfoundland and Labrador tech companies accounted for nearly 80% of all investment deals across Atlantic Canada, raising \$295.5 million, according to Entrevestor. Details and data highlighting some of the biggest successes from the sector in 2025 are available [here](#).

“Newfoundland and Labrador’s tech sector is turning heads globally and you can feel the momentum continually building across the ecosystem. techNL has an important role to play in continuing and accelerating that momentum. We look forward to the next leader to deliver on that mandate with energy, vision, and passion,” Brown added.

An executive search recruitment for the next CEO of techNL is underway.

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