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Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation Receives \$75,000 Gift from Trades NL

St. John's, NL: Today, the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation received a generous donation of \$75,000 from Trades NL towards the new Chemotherapy Unit at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. John Leonard, Trades NL President presented the generous gift on behalf of the Building Trades Council to the Chairman of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation, Gary Smith at Trades NL Annual General Meeting.

“We are honored to have the continued support of Trades NL with this generous gift,” said Mr. Smith. “These funds have been designated towards the new chemotherapy unit at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre here in St. John's. Thanks to generous donations, such as this gift from Trades NL, the Foundation has completed the \$5 million campaign needed to construct a new state-of-the-art chemotherapy unit to replace the current 30-year-old infrastructure at the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre. We are profoundly grateful to Trades NL for their support of this project and look forward to the completion of the new Chemotherapy Unit in 2022.”

“Giving back to local communities has always been and will continue to be a priority for Trades NL,” says Trades NL Executive Board and Council President, John Leonard. “Today's donation certainly showcases the impact our members continue to have on the people of this province - helping organizations like the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation to assist and support families across Newfoundland and Labrador. We hope this donation helps makes their challenges a little bit easier and we look forward to continuing our long standing partnership with the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation, a cause that's clearly very dear to so many of our members.”

It would be tremendously difficult to find someone in Newfoundland and Labrador who has not been touched by cancer – either personally, with a family member, or friend. The statistics are startling – with 1 in 2 people in our province being diagnosed with cancer in our lifetimes.

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The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation is a provincial charitable organization raising funds to enhance treatment and supportive care programs for cancer patients, fund local cancer research initiatives and provide continuing education opportunities for staff of the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre and affiliated cancer programs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Trades NL is an umbrella labour organization which promotes and coordinates the interests of 16 building and construction trades unions, representing more than 18,000 skilled trades workers in the province of Newfoundland and

Labrador. For 70 years, our craft continues to construct, fabricate, and maintain some of the world's most complex facilities.

QUICK FACTS

- Trades NL has donated \$75,000 to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation today at their Annual General Meeting
- This gift to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation's capital campaign "*In This Together*" towards building a new Chemotherapy Unit for the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre.
- 1 in 2 people in Newfoundland and Labrador will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime
- The rate of cancer diagnosis is expected to increase 40% by 2028.
- To learn more about the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation please visit:
www.cancercarefoundation.ca

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