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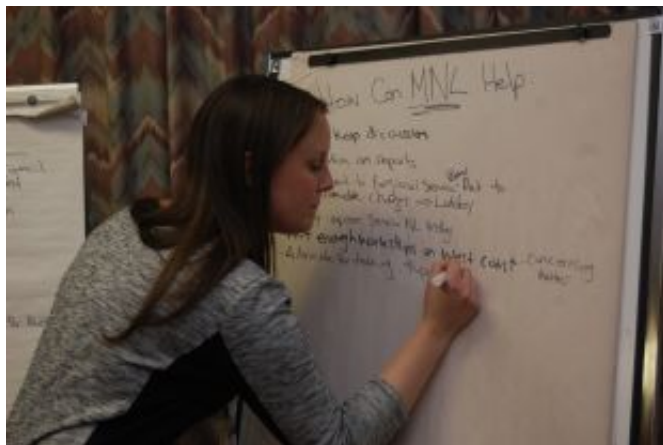
## Drinking water solutions, fiscal framework topics of discussion



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**While some other communities spoke of concerns with their water systems, Mayor Dean Ball of Deer Lake said his town has some of the best water in the province.**



*Sarah Mennes, project co-ordinator of “Exploring Solutions for Drinking Water Systems” jots down notes in Stephenville on Saturday. Frank Gale/The Western Star*

The comment came during a discussion on Drinking Water Solutions at a Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Western Regional Meeting at Days Inn in Stephenville on Saturday.

Ball said running out of water is not really an issue as the town's water comes from Grand Lake, the largest lake on the island.

The Drinking Water Solutions session was conducted by Sarah Minnes, project co-ordinator for the Newfoundland and Labrador Water Project entitled “Exploring Solutions for Drinking Water Systems.”

The report was prepared for Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL).

Deputy Mayor Sharon Bennett of Stephenville Crossing, speaking on behalf of a group at her table, suggested some ways MNL can help. One is that Service NL improve testing of water, more workshops on water in Western Newfoundland are needed and MNL can be an advocate for training on water systems.