FLOODING IN FERRYLAND

Flooding causes damage to personal property, disrupts the lives of individuals and communities, and can be a threat to life itself. Continuing development of flood plain increases these risks. The governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador are sometimes asked to compensate property owners for damage by floods or are expected to find solutions to these problems.

Newfoundland coastal areas like Ferryland have endured flooding due to storm surges, high waves and tides for centuries. The flooding usually occurs in late fall or early winter resulting from convectional storms and ice. However, there is occasional flooding in the summer due to extensive low pressure systems. On January 5, 1989, strong winds brought exceptionally high seas. Four families were forced to evacuate when the Town's breakwater water overtopped and broken. The main highway was covered with sand and the high winds and water moved two houses and shifted several others on their foundations.