

## Master's Thesis Committee Report

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Student Name: Abigail Cole

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Thesis Title: Engaging Communities in Newfoundland  
and Labrador Journalism

Department: Journalism, FAS

Thesis Defence Date: March 14, 2025

Oral Defence Required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Room: N/A

Online: ☐

For the purpose of prize competitions, the examining committee considers the student's thesis to be:

**Examining Committee decision:**

- ☐ Accepted as Submitted  
☒ Accepted with Minor Modifications  
☐ Accepted with Major Modifications  
☐ Rejected

**Thesis Ranking:**

- ☐ Outstanding  
☒ Excellent  
☐ Very Good  
☐ Satisfactory  
☐ Unsatisfactory

**Comments:** Abigail Cole's thesis involves seven in-depth interviews and the analysis of 90 articles on a case study of journalism on a wind farm development in Port au Port, Newfoundland. The results point to discontent with reporting efforts, and Cole presents recommendations for improvement. The committee agrees the work is important, serious, and offers enlightening ideas for journalism studies. It is noted that minor revisions are needed on the hostile media effect sections, the limits of the sample, how recommendations can be put into practice, if a corpus of 90 articles can be considered a news desert, and overall copy edits. The committee congratulates Ms. Cole on a strong thesis!

**Committee Members:**

Supervisor Dr. Magda Konieczna

Co-Supervisor

Examiner Dr. James McLean

Examiner

External Examiner

Chair Dr. David Secko

Graduate Program Director Signature: 

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