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MESSAGE FROM CAIN'S QUEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This year marks an important milestone as we recognize the 20th anniversary of the Cain's Quest Snowmobile Endurance Race. From the very beginning, the race has been built through the dedication of Labradorians and the many communities that have supported Cain's Quest over the years.

We are pleased to welcome all registered teams to the start line. To those racing Cain's Quest for the first time, we commend your commitment to taking on a demanding challenge. To our returning racers, including many local competitors, thank you for continuing to be part of this event and for helping it grow year after year.

An event of this scale is the result of tremendous collaboration. We extend our sincere thanks to our staff, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to plan and deliver this year's race. We are also grateful to our sponsors for their continued support, and we extend special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Rio Tinto IOC, whose partnership plays a vital role in making Cain's Quest possible.

Above all, we offer our deepest thanks to the volunteers. Cain's Quest simply would not happen without the hundreds of individuals who give their time, skills, and energy to this race. It takes months of preparation and long hours, often in challenging weather and remote locations, and we proudly recognize our volunteers as the backbone of this event. Their commitment, teamwork, and pride for Cain's Quest are felt at every checkpoint and in every community involved.

Cain's Quest is supported by communities across Labrador and, this year, by our partners in Quebec as well. We also acknowledge the essential contributions of federal and provincial funding partners, whose support helps bring this event to life.

We are proud of what has been built together and grateful to everyone who continues to support Cain's Quest. We wish all teams a safe and successful race.

2026 Board of Directors

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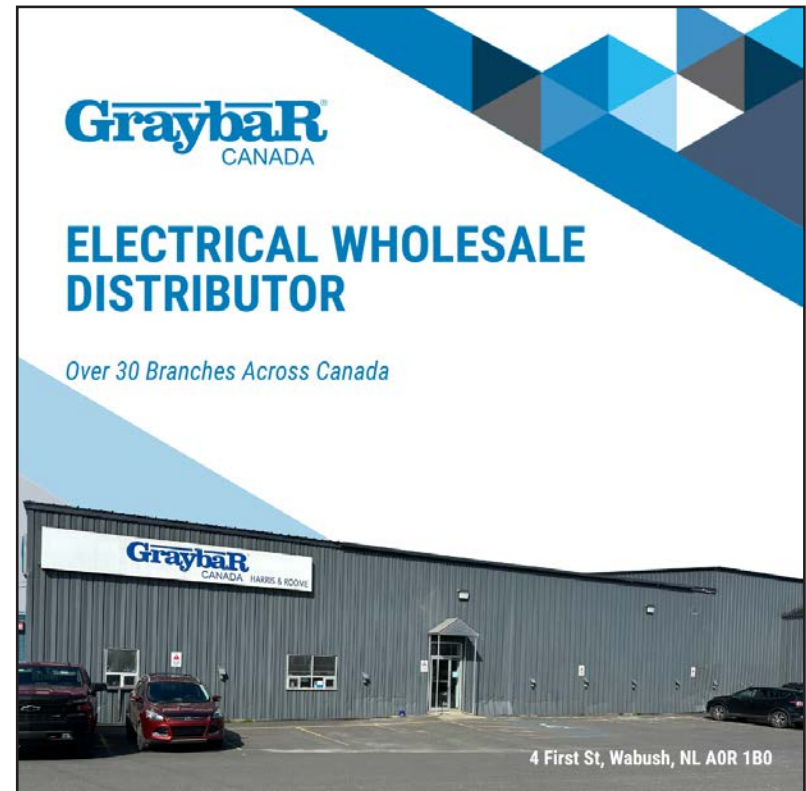
Sarah Hensgens, Rita Pynn

2026 Race Marshal

Kirk Hastings

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**GOOD
LUCK
RACERS**



**RIDE HARD. STAY SAFE.
SEE YOU AT THE FINISH LINE!**

MESSAGE FROM

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA



Congratulations to Cain's Quest on its 20th anniversary and this incredible milestone for one of the world's most challenging and endurance races.

For decades, Cain's Quest has showcased Labrador as a premier winter tourism destination, drawing visitors from around the world and supporting local businesses and communities along the 3,400-kilometre route.

The Government of Canada is proud to support this iconic race through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, helping to promote tourism and regional economic growth.

Thank you to the many volunteers, organizers, and communities whose dedication makes Cain's Quest possible each year!

Best wishes for a safe and successful race.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, P.C., K.C.,

Member of Parliament for Central Nova, Minister of Justice and Attorney General and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

Félicitations à Cain's Quest à l'occasion de son 20e anniversaire et de cette étape remarquable pour l'une des courses d'endurance les plus exigeantes au monde.

Depuis des décennies, Cain's Quest met en valeur le Labrador comme destination touristique hivernale de premier plan, attirant des visiteurs du monde entier soutenant les entreprises locales et les collectivités tout au long de son parcours de 3 400 kilomètres.

Le gouvernement du Canada est fier de soutenir cette course emblématique par l'intermédiaire de l'Agence de promotion économique du Canada atlantique, contribuant ainsi à la promotion du tourisme et à la croissance économique régionale.

Merci aux nombreux bénévoles organisateurs et collectivités dont le dévouement permet à Cain's Quest de se tenir chaque année.

Meilleurs vœux pour une course sécuritaire et couronnée de succès.

L'honorable Sean Fraser, C.P., c.r.,

député de Nova-Centre, ministre de la Justice et procureur général, et ministre responsable de l'Agence de promotion économique du Canada atlantique



HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM

KARYON

GOOD LUCK & SAFE RIDING

TO ALL RACERS!

MESSAGE FROM

MAYOR OF LABRADOR CITY



This year marks a remarkable milestone as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cain's Quest. On behalf of Council, I am proud to welcome back the returning racers who have helped shape this legendary event, the teams who have travelled from afar to embrace its challenge, and the first-time entrants preparing to cross the start line. Cain's Quest is far more than a race; it is a true test of endurance set against the vast, rugged beauty of Labrador's backcountry. The terrain, the weather, and the sheer distance demand grit, resilience, and unwavering determination; every team gathered here has earned its place through dedication, preparation, and courage.

This extraordinary event would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, whose commitment embodies the very spirit of Labrador. Their hard work, generosity, and deep connection to the land are the foundation of Cain's Quest. We are also immensely proud that this race continues to capture international attention, with fans around the world following each moment through live tracking and social media.

As the teams set out on their journey, we wish them safe passage and steady trails. In the days ahead, they will travel through some of the most breathtaking and remote landscapes Labrador has to offer—places few will ever experience firsthand.

To all who have played a role in this milestone year, thank you for being part of an event that showcases the heart of our region and the strength, determination, and spirit of those bold enough to take on the challenge.

Jordan Brown

Mayor, Labrador City



CHECKPOINT #11

Happy Valley-Goose Bay



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MESSAGE FROM

MAYOR OF WABUSH



On behalf of the Town of Wabush, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone joining us for the 20th Anniversary of Cain's Quest, the world's toughest snowmobile endurance race.

This incredible event, which began in 2006, has become a highlight of our community every two years. It has garnered attention from around the world and has become an exciting time for our beautiful Labrador communities. As racers make their way through various checkpoints for rest and rejuvenation, they are reminded of the heart and spirit of our people. Cain's Quest is not just a race of endurance and stamina; it is a race of commitment, teamwork, and heart. It embodies the very essence of what it means to work together towards a common goal. This race is an extraordinary challenge, and it shows the world what we can achieve when we unite in the face of adversity.

Wabush wishes all 18 registered teams—riders and support crews—a safe and memorable journey. We hope that, as you push through this grueling race, you take in the stunning, untouched beauty of Labrador, or as we call it, The Big Land. The race may be tough, but the memories you create will last a lifetime. An event of this scale is only possible through the dedication of the volunteers, the Cain's Quest staff, and our incredible sponsors. Their hard work and commitment are what make this 20th edition a reality, and we offer them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

As you embark on this remarkable journey, we ask that you travel safely and take the time to appreciate the beauty of the land you travel. We will be cheering for all of you as you make your way to the finish line.

Good luck, and we'll see you at the end of the race!

Gertie Canning

Mayor, Town of Wabush

NGC is proud to sponsor checkpoints in the Nunatsiavut Communities

Welcome to All Cain's Quest Participants and Volunteers!

We wish everyone a safe ride!



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CAIN'S QUEST
20th ANNIVERSARY



For 20 years, **Cain's Quest** has represented endurance, adventure, and the true spirit of Labrador. We're honoured to stand alongside one of the most iconic winter endurance races in the world.

 **Speed. Snow. Community.**

 **Enhancing the Lifestyle of Labrador West.**

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Be safe and best of luck
to all the participants.



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**CONGRATULATIONS CAIN'S QUEST
ON YOUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY**



**PROUD TO WELCOME
CAIN'S QUEST PARTICIPANTS AND VOLUNTEERS
TO CHURCHILL FALLS**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE,
SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY**



Energy our *communities* count on.

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For 20 years, Cain's Quest has showcased the resilience, determination, and heart of the North.

As proud Presenting Sponsor of the 2026 anniversary race, we cheer on the teams who push the limits and inspire us all.

**Wishing
every
participant
a safe
adventure.**



01 TEAM BRYAN



GREGORY RICH (VETERAN)

NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 56
Snowmobile: 2024 XRS Backcountry
Occupation: Chief Executive Officer
Employer: Innu Development Limited Partnership



EDDIE JOHN TSHENISH TSHAKAPESH (ROOKIE)

NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 21
Snowmobile: 2024 XRS Backcountry

06 NORTHERN LEGACY RACING



JOSHUA ROSE (ROOKIE)

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 24
Snowmobile: 2026 Backcountry XRS 850
Occupation: Operator
Employer: Hickey Construction



MIKE ELLIOTT (ROOKIE)

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 33
Snowmobile: 2026 Backcountry XRS 850
Occupation: Powerline Technician
Employer: NL Hydro

04 TEAM WLB #4



JEREMY THOMS (VETERAN)

LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 42
Snowmobile: 2024 Riot 9000
Occupation: ODS, Shutdown coordinator
Employer: Iron Ore Company of Canada



AJ MCGRATH-BRETON (ROOKIE)

LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 37
Snowmobile: 2024 Riot 9000
Occupation: HDET
Employer: Iron Ore Company of Canada

07 BIG RED RACING



RYAN CONLEY (VETERAN)

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 26
Snowmobile: 2026 Renegade Backcountry XRS 850
Occupation: Owner/Operator
Employer: Big Red Group of Companies Inc.
Sponsors: Big Red Group of Companies Inc.



MATT BENNETT (ROOKIE)

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 30
Snowmobile: 2026 Renegade Backcountry XRS 850
Occupation: Heavy Equipment Operator
Employer: Grey Rock
Sponsors: Big Red Group of Companies Inc.

11 TEAM WLB #11



PHIL BRAKE (VETERAN)
LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 42
Snowmobile: 2024 Riot 9000
Occupation: Owner
Employer: WLB Operations



RIELLY ADAMS (VETERAN)
LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 29
Snowmobile: 2024 Riot 9000
Occupation: Field Maintenance
Mechanic
Employer: Iron Ore Company of Canada

18 NUTAKUAN



LEN SCOTT RICH (VETERAN)
NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 46
Snowmobile: 2025 Backcountry 850 E-TEC
Occupation: Operation & Maintenance
Employer: MIFN



MATHIAS RICH (ROOKIE)
NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 38
Snowmobile: 2024 Backcountry 850 E-TEC
Occupation: Director of Youth Centre
Employer: MIFN

13 PENCAL INDUSTRIAL



SEBASTIAN RICH (VETERAN)
NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 43
Snowmobile: 2024 BRP Backcountry
XRS 850
Occupation: Owner
Employer: Self Employed



EDWARD BLAKE-RUDKOWSKI (VETERAN)
HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 60
Snowmobile: 2024 Backcountry XRS 850
Occupation: Retired

23 WEST SIDE RACING



MITCHELL MOULAND (VETERAN)
WABUSH, NL

Age: 32
Snowmobile: 2023 Backcountry 850
Occupation: HDET
Employer: Iron Ore Company of Canada
Sponsors: TMH Mechanical, DOHS, Herbs Industrial, Outdoor Shoppe, FSC Consulting LTD, WLB, Anthony Auto, JRV, Lab Glass, Source Atlantic



BLAYKE FRY (ROOKIE)
LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 29
Snowmobile: 2023 Backcountry 850
Occupation: Welder
Employer: Iron Ore Company of Canada
Sponsors: TMH Mechanical, DOHS, Herbs Industrial, Outdoor Shoppe, FSC Consulting LTD, WLB, Anthony Auto, JRV, Lab Glass, Source Atlantic

26 TEAM FERMONT



ANTHYME BASTIEN (VETERAN)

FERMONT, QC

Age: 27
Snowmobile: 2026 Xterrain RE
Occupation: Mechanic
Employer: ArcelorMittal
Sponsors: Castech Plessitech, Pneu Colosse, BattleField, Panoramique52, Pigment Design Solutions, Forage CCL

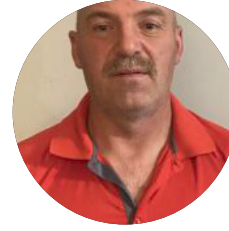


ALEXIS DUBE (VETERAN)

FERMONT, QC

Age: 28
Snowmobile: 2026 Xterrain RE
Occupation: Mechanic
Employer: ArcelorMittal
Sponsors: Castech Plessitech, Pneu Colosse, BattleField, Panoramique52, Pigment Design Solutions, Forage CCL

43 GENESIS RACING



SHELDON WISEMAN (VETERAN)

LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 52
Snowmobile: 2024 Sidewinder XTX-SE
Occupation: Operator Maintainer
Employer: IOCC
Sponsors: Yamaha Canada, O'Briens Sale and Service, Gordon Bay Marine



CHRIS HOLMES JR. (VETERAN)

MACTIER/PARRY SOUND, ONTARIO

Age: 62
Snowmobile: 2024 Sidewinder XTX-SE
Occupation: General Manager
Employer: Gordon Bay Marine
Sponsors: Yamaha Canada, O'Briens Sale and Service, Gordon Bay Marine

30 TEAM MANAN



JOHN NUI (VETERAN)

NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 55
Snowmobile: 2025 XRS 154
Occupation: Chief
Employer: MIFN



ELIJAH NUI (ROOKIE)

SHESHATSHIU, NL

Age: 29
Snowmobile: 2025 XRS 154
Occupation: Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
Employer: Vale

45 TEAM SALT



GLEN SALT (VETERAN)

CHISASIBI, QUEBEC

Age: 54
Snowmobile: BRP 2025 MXZ
Occupation: Industrial Mechanic
Employer: Hydro Quebec
Sponsors: Creemart



GERALD HERODIER (ROOKIE)

CHISASIBI, QUEBEC

Age: 28
Snowmobile: BRP 2025 MXZ
Occupation: Labour
Employer: Saskoonan
Sponsors: Creemart

74 TEAM PWR



RYAN WATKINS (VETERAN)

LABRADOR CITY, NL

Age: 22
Snowmobile: 2024 MXZ XRS 850
Occupation: Welder
Employer: IOCC
Sponsors: PWR SPORTS, NTR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES



NICK HEWLIN (VETERAN)

WABUSH, NL

Age: 24
Snowmobile: 2024 MXZ XRS 850
Occupation: O/M
Employer: IOCC
Sponsors: PWR SPORTS, NTR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

78 TEAM AL & LUKE



PAUL COOPER (VETERAN)

NORTH WEST RIVER, NL

Age: 52
Snowmobile: 2026 BRP
Occupation: Roofer
Employer: Northside
Sponsors: Northside Convenience, Chippys Take-out, Hotel North, KMJ Construction, Nushuk Plumbing



ISAIAH COOPER (VETERAN)

NORTH WEST RIVER, NL

Age: 36
Snowmobile: 2026 BRP
Occupation: Owner
Employer: Self employed
Sponsors: Northside Convenience, Chippys Take-out, Hotel North, KMJ Construction, Nushuk Plumbing

76 GRIT AND GLORY



JACOB HALEY (ROOKIE)

NEW ROSS, NS

Age: 36
Snowmobile: Freeride 850 E-Tec Turbo R 154 2024
Occupation: President / Owner
Employer: East Coast Powerline
Sponsors: East Coast Powerline



RANDY TAYLOR (ROOKIE)

NEW ROSS, NS

Age: 41
Snowmobile: Freeride 850 E-Tec Turbo R 154 2024
Occupation: Project Coordinator
Employer: East Coast Powerline
Sponsors: East Coast Powerline

93 ROWDY RACING



BRADY SLADE (VETERAN)

WABUSH, NL

Age: 28
Snowmobile: 2025 Xterrain
Occupation: Engineman
Employer: Qns&l
Sponsors: Jc's Carpentry, Impact Mobile Repair, Herbs Industrial, Klim, Simmons Skis, Baja Designs



ETHAN REID (ROOKIE)

WABUSH, NL

Age: 23
Snowmobile: 2025 Xterrain
Occupation: HDET
Employer: Rio Tinto
Sponsors: Jc's Carpentry, Impact Mobile Repair, Herbs Industrial, Klim, Simmons Skis, Baja Designs

98 TEAM JOURNEY



DAVID MANTEU NUI (VETERAN)

HAPPY VALLEY-GOOSE BAY, NL

Age: 30
 Snowmobile: 2025 Backcountry XRS
 Occupation: Carpenter
 Employer: Rich Construction
 Sponsors: IDLP



MARCEL POKUE (VETERAN)

NATUASHISH, NL

Age: 37
 Snowmobile: 2025 Backcountry XRS
 Sponsors: IDLP

99 SAGA BOYS VIKINGS



RANDY MALLECK (VETERAN)

SHESHATSHIU, NL

Age: 32
 Snowmobile: 2026 Backcountry XRS 146
 850
 Occupation: Innu Parks Guardians
 Employer: Innu Nation
 Sponsors: Saga Enterprises, Band
 Council, IDLP, Innu Nation, Dynamic
 Occupational Health Services



SEBASTIAN MALLECK (VETERAN)

SHESHATSHIU, NL

Age: 20
 Snowmobile: 2026 Backcountry XRS 146
 850
 Occupation: Security
 Employer: Innu Nation
 Sponsors: Saga Enterprises, Band
 Council, IDLP, Innu Nation, Dynamic



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2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY 19

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Racer Check-in (Mandatory) <i>Racers and Team Rep only</i>	10:00am – 1:00pm	Arts and Culture Centre
Racer Meeting (Mandatory) <i>Racers and Team Rep only</i>	1:30pm – 4:00pm	Arts & Culture Centre

FEBRUARY 20

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Gear & Sled Check (Mandatory) <i>Racers and Team Support only for sled move-in</i>	8:00am – 10:00am (Group 1) 10:00am – 12:00pm (Group 2)	Labrador City Arena
Fan Night (Mandatory) <i>Racer's entry included only</i>	4:00pm – 9:00pm	Labrador City Arena

FEBRUARY 22

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Racer Line Up (Mandatory)	8:45am (Group 1) 9:15am (Group 2)	White Wolf Snowmobile Club
Race Start (Mandatory)	10:00am	White Wolf Snowmobile Club

FEBRUARY 28

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Closing Banquet and Awards	Doors open at 5:00pm Supper 6:30pm	Wabush Hotel/Frozen Rooster

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