Q. Re: Tab 5.1 - 2013 Company Building Renovations

As regards the plan to replace the exterior metal siding and metal roofing on the warehouse, while the photos at figures 5 to 7 depict some evidence of corrosion on the roof, exterior siding and eave, these appear to be surface corrosion issues and the report does not refer to any leak issues in respect of these areas. Does Newfoundland Power have any evidence that the warehouse siding and roof are so compromised as to require complete replacement as opposed to re-painting or other repair?

A. The screw down steel roof over the warehouse is 35 years old and is the same roof construction that was replaced over the office area in 1998.

 The roof over the warehouse has been inspected by a professional engineer. Given the current level of deterioration it has been determined that further repair is not a feasible alternative. Due to the extent of the rust damage painting the roof would require extensive surface preparation that would reduce the integrity of the existing roof panels.²

The metal siding has been repaired and painted in the past with the most recent painting and mildew removal approximately 4 years ago. The mildew has returned since then. Continued re-painting and other repair will not fully address the deteriorating condition.

The metal roof was replaced in 1998 due to leaks in the office area. It was replaced with plywood and 2 ply modified bitumen roofing.

Surface preparation requires grinding away existing rust to a bare metal surface and priming the roof before painting. Thin sections of the roof would need to be replaced.