

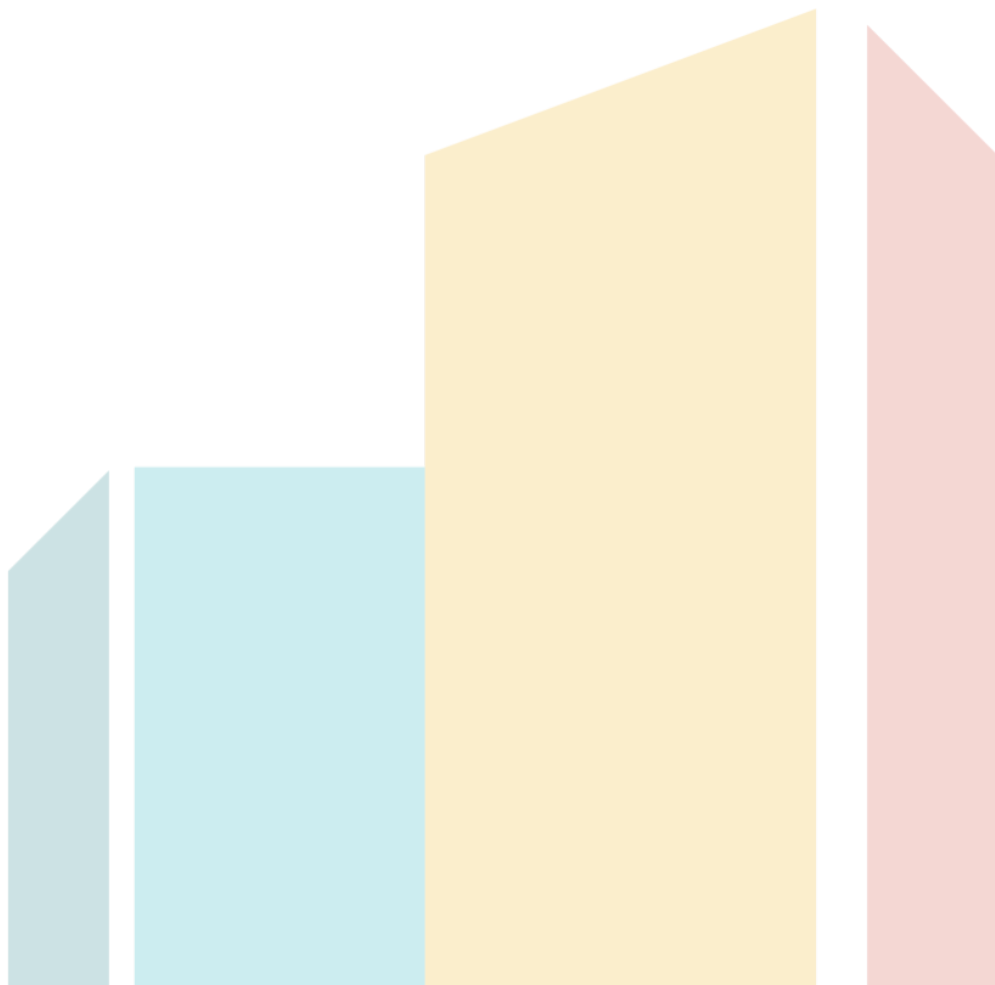


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

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**Partnership Table
Meeting Agenda | April 2021**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 // 3:30-5:00pm // via Video Conference

Time	Topic	Leader
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Ellen Ford
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & Approval of Agenda • Review & Approval of Minutes 	Justin Campbell
3:40pm	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISC Representation 	Justin Campbell
3:45pm	Committee Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education, Training, and Employment • Health and Wellness • Infrastructure and Service Delivery 	Committee Co-Leads
4:05pm	Engaging with Nunatsiavut Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Possible Role at the Partnership Table • Common Priorities & Objectives? 	Justin Campbell
4:30pm	MMIWG Working Group on Civilian Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Chairs ○ Terms of Reference • Research Update • Other Stakeholders to Engage? 	Joanne Harris
4:50pm	Other Business	Open Floor

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4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Ellen Ford

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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The April 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:36pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference. Inuit Elder Ellen Ford offered the opening prayer.

Present

- **Barbara Robinson**, Director, Intergovernmental Relations and Partnerships, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs, Memorial University (R)
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder (R)
- **Joanne Harris**, Research and Policy Development Coordinator, First Light (R)
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Manager, First Voice (R)
- **Laura Winters**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council (R)
- **Mollie Butler**, Regional Director, Professional Practice and Indigenous Health, Eastern Health (R)
- **Paula Sheppard**, President and CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women (R)
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light (R)

Regrets

- **Angelica Vincent**, Community Advocate
- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's

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- **Jordan Lawrence**, Community Advocate
- **Maggie Burton**, Councillor at Large, City of St. John's
- **Marjorie Muise**, First Nations Elder
- **Michael Lannon**, Community Advocate
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's

Administration

- The meeting agenda was approved.
- The minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on March 3, 2021, were approved with no revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

Announcements

- Dorothy Haché has taken a new position within the federal government and will no longer be joining the Partnership Table as the Principal Representative for Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Barbara Robinson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations and Partnerships, will serve as ISC's Principal Representative on an interim basis.

Updates & Reports

1. Standing Committees

- *Education, Training, and Employment*
 - The Committee convened its first meeting on March 30, 2021, and is now working to draft Terms of Reference.
- *Health and Wellness*
 - A total of 11 Partners, Contributors, and Community Advocates have joined the Committee. In addition, the provincial Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is expected to confirm its participation following the swearing-in of the new Government.
 - Terms of Reference have been finalized and approved by all members of the Committee.

- Michelle Corbett, First Light's Social Supports Coordinator, has agreed to serve as the Committee's liaison to Food First NL's St. John's Food Assessment Project Working Group.
- Infrastructure and Service Delivery
 - This report was deferred until the next meeting of the Partnership Table on May 5, 2021.

2. Working Group on Police Oversight (MMIWG Project)

- To improve the efficiency of its deliberations, a streamlined membership structure was implemented in advance of the Working Group's regular monthly meeting held on March 25, 2021. Each member organization has now appointed a single representative to participate in the Working Group going forward.
- An executive Co-Chair model has been implemented to allow for substantive decisions related to legal research and communications to be made between monthly meetings of the Working Group. The following individuals have agreed to serve as Co-Chairs:
 - Catherine Fagan, Acting President of First Light's Board of Directors and Managing Partner of Arbutus Law Group; and
 - Caitlin Urquhart, Chair of the St. John's Status of Women Council.
- The Co-Chairs are reviewing a next-to-final draft of the Working Group's Terms of Reference. The document is expected to be brought forward for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Working Group on April 29, 2021.
- An interim research report detailing the findings of the legislative review and the initial results of the environmental scan is in progress. A draft is expected to be circulated to members of the Working Group during the week of April 18-23, 2021.
- Consideration of additional stakeholders to engage in the Working Group is ongoing. Special attention is being given to Indigenous organizations as well as organizations based outside of St. John's.

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Regular Business

1. Engaging with Nunatsiavut Government

- In February 2021, Susan Onalik was elected to the Nunatsiavut Assembly as an Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada. She has reached out to First Voice to explore how she may be able to support the coalition's work.
- It was agreed that (1) First Voice must continue to welcome the participation of all Indigenous organizations and governments in the coalition's work; and (2) Elected officials often have a limited capacity to speak and act on behalf of their organizations, particularly if they are not serving in an executive role.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** Susan Onalik be invited in her capacity as Ordinary Member of the Nunatsiavut Assembly to participate in the next regular meeting of the Partnership Table on May 5, 2021.

2. First Voice Membership Categories

- It was agreed that First Voice's current membership categories are inadequate to facilitate the full and meaningful participation of everyone who is committed to advancing the coalition's Vision, Mandate, Values, and Objectives.
- **IT WAS DISCUSSED AND PROPOSED THAT** the First Voice *Terms of Reference* be amended to include a new membership category for individuals who have loose organizational affiliations, such as elected officials. The proposed amendment will be considered for ratification at the next regular meeting of the Partnership Table on May 5, 2021.

Other Business

- With funding support from the National Association of Friendship Centres, First Light now has the capacity to become a **COVID-19 vaccination site** for members of the Indigenous community. Regulatory approval from Eastern Health is pending.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 5:01pm following the closing prayer offered by Inuit Elder Ellen Ford. The next meeting of the Partnership Table will take place via video conference on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.