

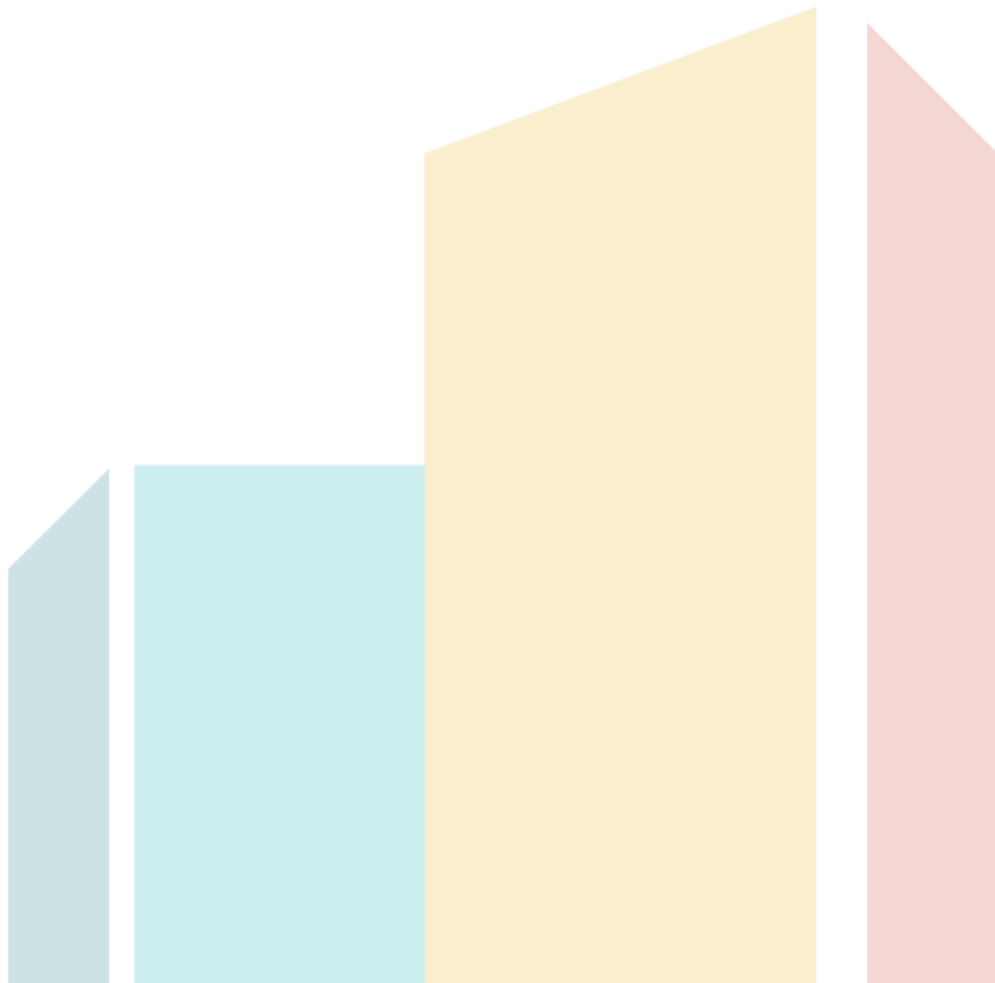


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

July 2021





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**Partnership Table
Meeting Agenda | July 2021**

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

Time	Topic	Leader
3:30pm	Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muise
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review & Approval of Agenda• Review & Approval of Minutes	Justin Campbell
3:40pm	Announcements	Open Floor
3:55pm	Committee Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education, Training, and Employment• Health and Wellness• Housing and Homelessness• Infrastructure and Service Delivery• Working Group on Police Oversight	Catharyn Andersen Pam Griffin Cyril Tobin Ian Froude Justin Campbell
4:25pm	Other Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment of Community Advocates	Justin Campbell
4:35pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muise

Partnership Table Minutes for July 7, 2021

Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The July 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:40pm on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference. Justin performed the land acknowledgement. There was no opening prayer.

Present

- **Catharyn Andersen**, Vice-President (Indigenous), Memorial University (R)
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network (R)
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Manager, First Voice (R)
- **Laura Winters**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council (R)
- **Maggie Burton**, Councillor at Large, City of St. John's (R)
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada (R)
- **Paula Sheppard**, President and CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women (R)
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light (R)
- **Will Green**, Acting Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, Indigenous Services Canada (R)

Regrets

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Community Advocate
- **Marjorie Muise**, First Nations Elder
- **Michael Lannon**, Community Advocate

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- **Susan Onalik**, Special Member
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's

Administration

- The meeting agenda was approved.
- Review and approval of the minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on June 2, 2021, was deferred to a later meeting.
- With COVID-19 restrictions now easing across Newfoundland and Labrador, in-person meetings of the Partnership Table will resume in September 2021. An option for virtual participation will remain available.

Announcements

- Catharyn Andersen has been promoted to the position of Vice-President (Indigenous). Only the second such position at a Canadian University, the new role was created as part of Memorial University's Strategic Framework for Indigenization.
- Mollie Butler, Principal Representative for Eastern Health, has retired. First Voice is conducting outreach with Eastern Health to identify a suitable replacement.
- Angelica Vincent, a Community Advocate since May 2020, has completed her term with First Voice. There are now three open Community Advocate positions.
- Dustin Poirier has joined Indigenous Services Canada as the new Atlantic Canada regional representative. He will be stepping in as ISC's Principal Representative at First Voice starting in August 2021. Will Green will continue on as ISC's Alternate Representative.

Updates & Reports

1. Standing Committees
 - Education, Training, and Employment
 - The Committee is in the process of working out a recurring meeting schedule that is able to accommodate the majority of participants.
 - It was suggested that members of the Committee should be encouraged to identify an Alternate Representative in order to simplify scheduling.

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- Danielle Benoit, Training Coordinator with First Light, will be joining the Committee at its next meeting.
- It was suggested that both the Gardiner Centre, which delivers professional development training; and the Canadian Mental Health Association, which has an employment program, should be invited to participate in the Committee as Contributors.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: TBD.

- *Health and Wellness*

- The Committee has launched two smaller working groups to help focus work on two of the Committee's three subthemes: (1) improving healthcare supports; and (2) language and culture. Meetings are scheduled for mid-July 2021.
- Natalie Godden has presented to the Committee on the City of St. John's Healthy City Strategy.
- Revised Terms of Reference have been circulated to members of the Committee and are expected to be approved at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Monday, July 19, 2021, from 1pm to 2pm.

- *Housing and Homelessness*

- The Committee continues to use its meeting time to work collaboratively on reviewing and developing the draft objectives from the Decolonize YYT conference.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 11am to 1pm.

- *Infrastructure and Service Delivery*

- The Committee has condensed 30+ objectives that were suggested at the Decolonize YYT conference into 7 prioritized objectives that are now in the process of being more fully elaborated.

Next Meeting Scheduled for: Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 10am to 11:30am.

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2. Working Group on Police Oversight

- The Working Group's Co-Chairs, Catherine Fagan and Caitlin Urquhart, have held a series of outreach meetings over the last month that have included:
 - Mike King, Director of the Serious Incident Response Team of Newfoundland and Labrador (SIRT-NL), which took place on June 9, 2021;
 - Twila Reid, Commissioner of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission (RNC PCC), which took place on June 23, 2021; and
 - Hon. John Hogan, Minister of Justice and Public Safety, which took place on June 28, 2021.
- In collaboration with the Co-Chairs, the Research Team supporting the Working Group is in the process of drafting a list of proposals to support the implementation of MMIWG 5.7 and 9.2(iii). The proposals are expected to be discussed among the members of the Working Group at its next meeting on July 29, 2021.

Regular Business

1. Community Action Plan

- It was noted that the Standing Committees are making significant decisions about the objectives and priorities that will ultimately be included in the Community Action Plan. It was suggested that First Voice may need to develop a process for bringing the Plan back to the community for final approval.
- Possibilities that were discussed include:
 - Holding a community feast to share the results of the Community Action Plan process with the community. The event would present the details of the Plan, including the way it was developed and why, how, and by whom key decisions were made.
 - Sharing a next-to-final draft of the Community Action Plan for a final round of engagement and input. Key constituencies would be carefully selected, and the terms of engagement clearly spelled out in advance.

2. Community Advocate Recruitment

- More than 40 candidates have been in touch with First Voice to express interest in the call for additional volunteer Community Advocates that was shared publicly on May 31, 2021. With the call now closed as of July 5, 2021, the vetting

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process has begun, including follow up with candidates to confirm whether they meet the minimum requirements that are set out in the position description.

- A shortlist of qualified candidates will be prepared for the Partnership Table, which will then select the new Community Advocates. It is expected that this will take place at the next regular meeting.
- Partners were reminded that the First Voice Terms of Reference grant them the ability to nominate candidates to be included on the shortlist.

Other Business

- As one of more than 30 urban Indigenous coalitions across Canada, First Voice has remained engaged in the **National Urban Indigenous Coalition Council (NUICC)** throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. A schedule of recurring calls for coalitions in the Atlantic region (including St. John's, Halifax, and Fredericton) will be starting soon. NUICC will also be returning to in-person national meetings starting in September 2021.
- It was suggested that the Community Advocates may want to begin meeting regularly as a group, separate from the Partnership Table, beginning perhaps in the fall. Meetings could be either formal or informal.
- It was proposed that the Partnership Table allocate time on the agenda of its next meeting to discuss Orange Shirt Day, which takes place on September 30, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 4:55pm. The next meeting of the Partnership Table will take place via video conference on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.