

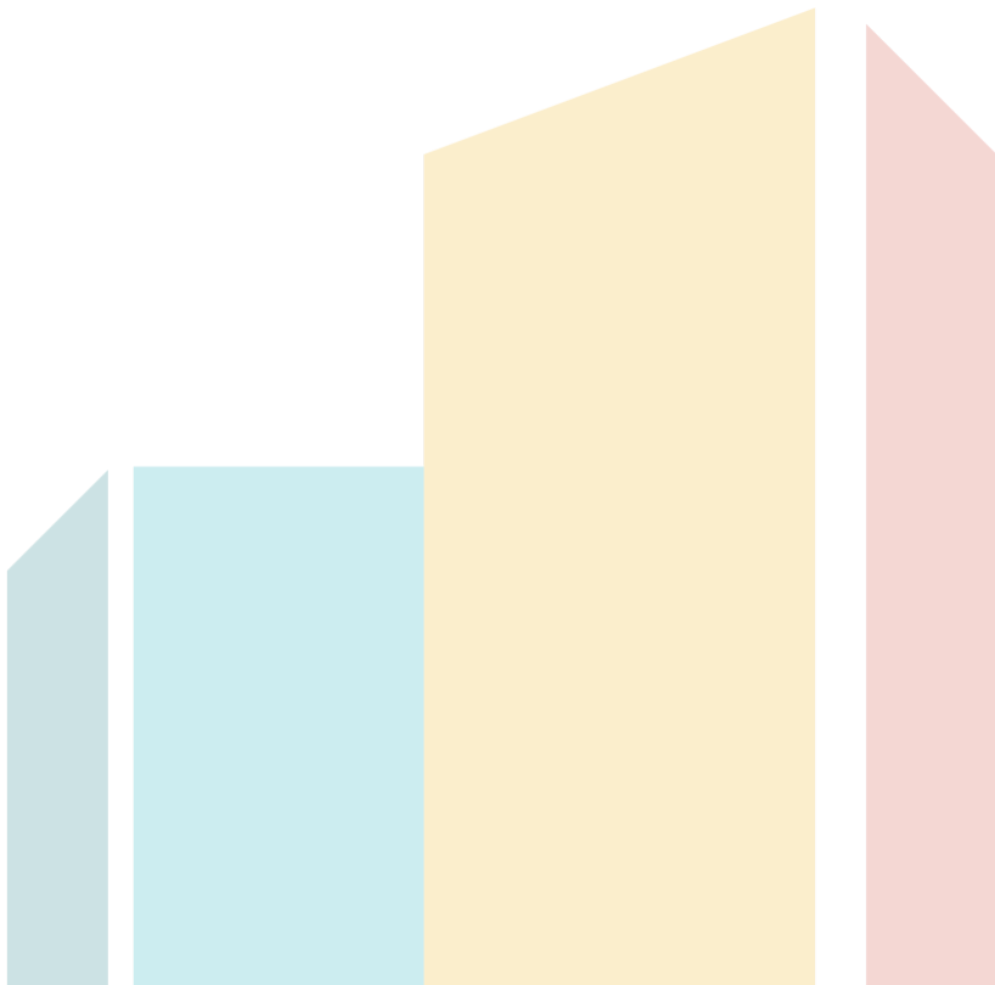


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# Partnership Table

*February 2021*





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**Partnership Table**  
**Meeting Agenda | February 2021**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leader</b>
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Ellen Ford
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review &amp; Approval of Agenda</li> <li>• Review &amp; Approval of Minutes</li> </ul>	Stacey Howse
3:45pm	Committee Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education, Training, and Employment</li> <li>• Health and Wellness</li> <li>• Housing and Homelessness</li> <li>• Infrastructure and Service Delivery</li> <li>• MMIWG Project</li> </ul>	Committee Co-Leads
4:10pm	Indigenous Advocate Award 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Award Description</li> <li>• Nominations Committee Membership</li> <li>• Nominations Process: Public or Closed?</li> <li>• Presentation Date</li> </ul>	Justin Campbell
4:35pm	Food First NL's St. John's Food Assessment Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment with Community Action Plan</li> <li>• Decision on First Voice Representation</li> </ul>	Stacey Howse
4:45pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Ellen Ford



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# Partnership Table Minutes for February 3, 2021

Prepared by Justin Campbell

## Call to Order

The February 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Stacey Howse at 3:35pm on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference. Inuit Elder Ellen Ford offered the opening prayer.

## Present

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs, Memorial University (R)
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Dorothy Haché**, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder (R)
- **Joanne Harris**, Research and Policy Development Coordinator, First Light (R)
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Manager, First Voice (R)
- **Michael Lannon**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Mollie Butler**, Regional Director, Professional Practice and Indigenous Health, Eastern Health (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**, Acting Executive Director, First Light (R)

## Regrets

- **Angelica Vincent**, Community Advocate

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- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's
- **Laura Winters**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council
- **Maggie Burton**, Councillor at Large, City of St. John's
- **Marjorie Muise**, First Nations Elder
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's

### Administration

- The minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on January 13, 2021, were approved with minor revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

### Updates & Reports

#### 1. Standing Committees

- All four Standing Committees have now been formed. They convened or will have convened their first meetings on the following dates:
  - The Infrastructure and Service Delivery Standing Committee convened on Wednesday, January 27, 2021;
  - The Housing and Homelessness Standing Committee convened on Friday, January 29, 2021;
  - The Health and Wellness Standing Committee convened on Tuesday, February 2, 2021; and
  - The Education, Training, and Employment Standing Committee will have convened on Thursday, February 4, 2021.
- All Standing Committees are working to draft formal Terms of Reference to guide their work in developing and prioritizing objectives as identified by participants at the Decolonize YYT conference. Committee Co-Leads will extend invitations to additional stakeholders to serve on Committees as Contributors as appropriate.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** the Partnership Table will review a range of Community Action Plans that have been adopted in other jurisdictions to help inform the development of First Voice's own final document.

#### 2. MMIWG Project

- A Working Group to direct the project has now been formed and consists of a small number of core members drawn from the Partnership Table. The Working Group convened for the first time on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

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- Membership in the Working Group will be expanded over time to include representatives from community groups, government departments, professional organizations, service providers, Indigenous and women's organizations, and community members with lived experience.
- Formal Terms of Reference are under development to guide the research, membership, and decision-making processes of the Working Group.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** a communications strategy will be developed to manage public messaging about the purpose and expected outcomes of the project and to share further details about how interested individuals and organizations can become involved.

#### Regular Business

##### 1. Indigenous Advocate Award 2021

- The current description for the annual Indigenous Advocate Award, finalized in February 2020, was developed in consultation with a variety of Indigenous groups and organizations from across the province. It was drafted with the intention of being inclusive, rather than restrictive, while still aligning clearly with First Voice's four priority areas.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** (1) the current award description will be readopted for 2021; (2) a formal public nominations process will be implemented to solicit a wide range of nominees for consideration; (3) a Nominations Committee will be formed to review all nominees and to choose the recipient, with the preferred option of publishing a short-list of outstanding nominees in advance; and (4) the award will be announced and presented on or leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2021.
- A decision on the composition of the Nominations Committee was deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership Table.

##### 2. Food First NL's St. John's Food Assessment Project

- Due to time constraints, this agenda item was deferred to the March 2021 meeting of the Partnership Table.

#### Other Business

- On November 6, 2020, the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) hosted an online forum on **systemic racism in healthcare**, which led to the publication of a report

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entitled "[Urban Indigenous Forum: Addressing Systemic Racism in Healthcare.](#)" The report will be reviewed by First Voice's Standing Committee on Health and Wellness.

- With funding support from Canadian Heritage's Anti-Racism Action Plan, the NL Human Rights Commission is launching a **restorative justice clinic** to deal with both legal and non-legal matters. Catherine Kelly is managing the project, with a soft launch planned for April 2021. Community Mediators will be hired and trained in restorative justice, anti-racism, and anti-oppression approaches. The project will focus specifically on supporting Indigenous and other racialized groups.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 4:57pm 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, March 3, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.