

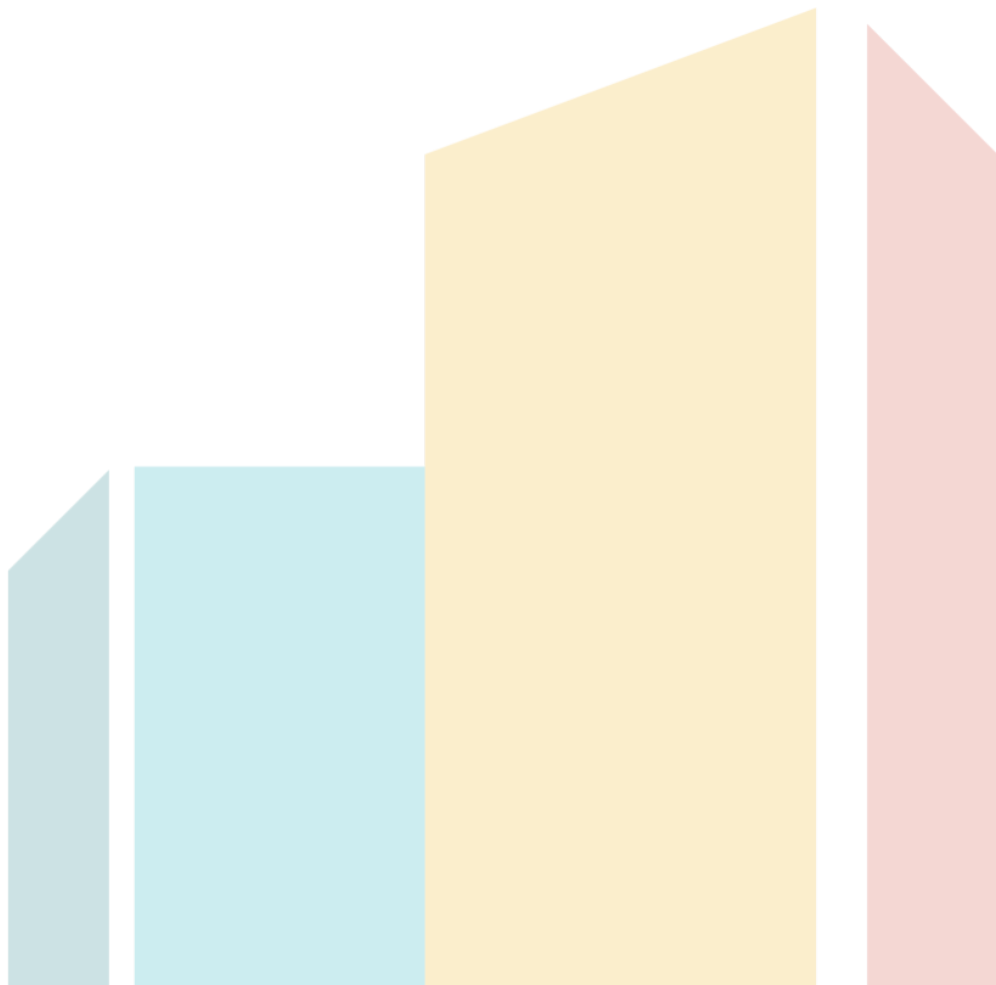


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

January 2021





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Meeting Agenda | January 2021

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 // 3:30-4:35pm // via Video Conference

Time	Topic	Leader
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muisse
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review & Approval of Agenda• Review & Approval of Minutes	Stacey Howse
3:40pm	Food First NL Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Food First NL• First Voice Participation	Sarah Crocker
3:50pm	MMIWG Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Group• Intern Research	Stacey Howse
4:05pm	Community Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch of Subcommittees• Committee Leads• Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Goals	Stacey Howse
4:30pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muisse



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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The January 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Stacey Howse at 3:38pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference. First Nations Elder Marjorie Muise performed the land acknowledgement and offered the opening prayer.

Present

- **Angelica Vincent**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs, Memorial University (R)
- **Dorothy Haché**, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's (R)
- **Jordan Lawrence**, 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)
- **Marjorie Muise**, First Nations Elder (R)
- **Michael Lannon**, Community Advocate (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)
- **Sarah Crocker**, Program Coordinator, Food First NL (R)
- **Stacey Howse**, Acting Executive Director, First Light (R)
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's (R)

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Regrets

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada

Administration

- The minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on December 2, 2020, were approved with no revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

Updates & Reports

1. Food First NL (Presented by Sarah Crocker at the Invitation of First Light)
 - With a single office based in St. John's, Food First NL is a province-wide non-profit that focuses on strengthening food security across Newfoundland and Labrador.
 - The St. John's Food Assessment Project aims to inform, engage, and take action on food security issues within the City. The project began in mid-2020 and is set to be completed by June 2021.
 - The project is led by a multi-stakeholder working group, which meets bimonthly for 90 minutes. First Voice is invited to participate in the working group in order to help capture Indigenous-specific food security issues to be included in the project scope.
 - The project is currently focusing on public engagement, including the development and deployment of an online survey.
 - Draco Dunphy expressed interest in participating in the Food Assessment Working Group on behalf of First Voice.
2. MMIWG Project
 - Rebecca Kirkwood, an LL.B. graduate and LL.M. candidate with Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law, has been engaged since October 2020 to provide research assistance to the project. She has completed most of the work

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on an initial legislative review, which will help to inform the project scope and formal terms of reference.

- A multi-stakeholder Working Group, led by members of the Partnership Table with further invitations to be extended to possible Contributors, will be established to direct and coordinate the project. The following members of the Partnership Table have agreed to serve on the Working Group:
 - First Light
 - St. John's Status of Women Council
 - Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women
 - Jordan Lawrence, Community Advocate
- While the nature of the project requires the prioritization of women's and Indigenous voices, it was also agreed that a diverse range of perspectives should also be considered when determining the final composition of the Working Group.
- It was agreed that community members with lived experience should be engaged as members of the Working Group and that they should be compensated for their time and contributions to the project.

Regular Business

1. Community Action Plan

- Development of First Voice's Community Action Plan 2021-30 will be led by the Coalition's four standing committees, with each focusing on identifying and prioritizing short-, medium-, and long-term goals in their respective priority areas. These objectives will be based on the discussions held at the Decolonize YYT conference.
- The work of each standing committee will be led by one organizational Partner Co-Lead and one Community Advocate Co-Lead, with administrative and logistical support continuing to be provided by First Light. Co-Leads for each standing committee have been decided as follows:
 - Education, Training, and Employment Committee
 - Community Advocate Co-Lead: Jordan Lawrence
 - Partner Co-Lead: Catharyn Andersen, Memorial University
 - Health and Wellness Committee
 - Community Advocate Co-Lead: Draco Dunphy
 - Partner Co-Lead: Pam Griffin, Public Health Agency of Canada

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- Housing and Homelessness Committee
 - Community Advocate Co-Lead: Michael Lannon
 - Partner Co-Lead: Cyril Tobin, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- Infrastructure and Service Delivery Committee
 - Community Advocate Co-Lead: Jordan Lawrence
 - Partner Co-Lead: Ian Froude, City of St. John's
- Co-Leads for each standing committee will meet over the next two months to complete an initial review of all objectives related to their priority areas as identified at the Decolonize YYT conference. Based on those objectives, the Co-Leads will also identify any additional stakeholders to be engaged as Contributors at the committee level.

Other Business

- Memorial University's draft **Strategic Framework on Indigenization 2021-26** was endorsed by the University Senate on December 8, 2020. The document will now go to the Board of Regents for final approval, expected in March 2021.
- In line with last fall's *Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, the City of St. John's has committed to provide **training to City staff** on the histories and cultures of Indigenous Peoples. The training will be delivered by First Light.
- The **Premier's Roundtable on Gender Equity** met in December 2020. First Voice may consider advocating for stronger and more meaningful engagement with Indigenous groups at the Roundtable.
- The province's **Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable**, originally scheduled for November 2020, was rescheduled to take place by Zoom in early 2021. It has since been cancelled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Stacey Howse at 4:43pm following the closing prayer offered by First Nations Elder Marjorie Muise. The next meeting of the Partnership Table will take place via video conference on Wednesday, February 3, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.