

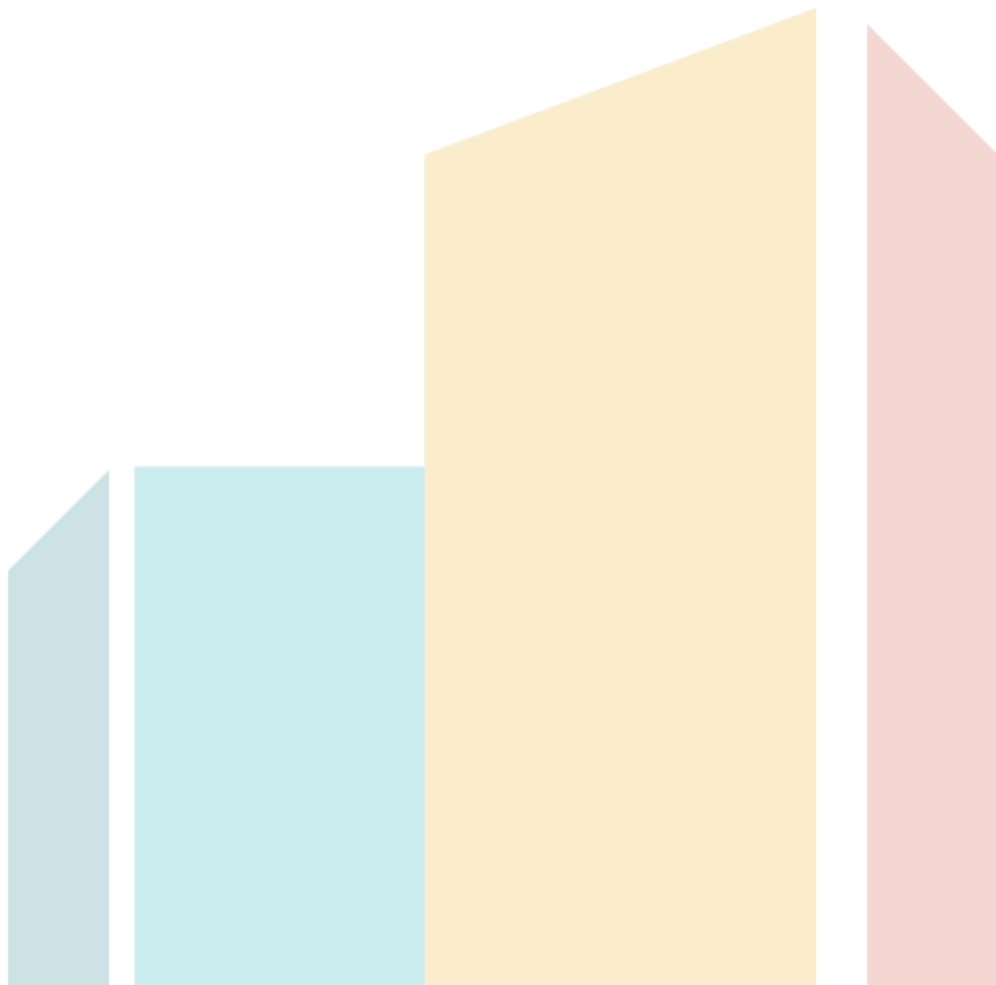


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

March 2021





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Meeting Agenda | March 2021

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

Time	Topic	Leader
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muise
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & Approval of Agenda • Review & Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 2021 ○ November 2020 ○ October 2020 • Bimonthly Scheduling of Standing Committees 	Justin Campbell
3:50pm	Committee Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education, Training, and Employment • Health and Wellness • Housing and Homelessness • Infrastructure and Service Delivery • MMIWG Project on Civilian Oversight 	Committee Co-Leads
4:05pm	Food First NL's St. John's Food Assessment Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment with Community Action Plan • Decision on First Voice Representation 	Justin Campbell
4:10pm	Indigenous Advocate Award 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations Committee Membership 	Justin Campbell

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Time	Topic	Leader
4:20pm	Community Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Plans Adopted in Other Jurisdictions• Preferred Content and Format	Justin Campbell
4:45pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muisse



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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The March 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:35pm on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference. Justin performed the land acknowledgement.

Present

- **Catharyn Andersen**, Special Advisor to the President on Indigenous Affairs, Memorial University (R)
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network (R)
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate (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)
- **Laura Winters**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council (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
- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission

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- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **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 meeting agenda was revised to include discussion of the Community Sector Council's "Policy on the Rock" virtual conference.
- Deferred minutes for the Partnership Table meetings held on the following dates were approved:
 - February 3, 2021;
 - November 4, 2020; and
 - October 7, 2020.

All three documents were approved without revisions and will be posted to the First Voice website.

- The following general bimonthly schedule was adopted for each of the four Standing Committees:

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Education, Training, and Employment	•		•		•		•		•		•	
Health and Wellness		•		•		•		•		•		•
Housing and Homelessness		•		•		•		•		•		•
Infrastructure and Service Delivery	•		•		•		•		•		•	

Committee Co-Leads will be responsible for scheduling specific meeting times.

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Updates & Reports

1. Standing Committees

- All four Standing Committees are in the process of identifying additional stakeholders beyond members of the Partnership Table to support the development of objectives in each priority area to be included in the coalition's Community Action Plan.

2. MMIWG Project

- The Working Group convened its second meeting on Friday, February 26, 2020. Going forward, regular meetings will take place on the last Thursday of each month.
- The Legal Research Intern has completed a draft legislative review and has begun work on an environmental scan of other jurisdictions. Both documents will help to inform the ongoing development of the Working Group's Terms of Reference as well as an interim report, a draft of which is expected by mid-summer.

Regular Business

1. Food First NL's St. John's Food Assessment Project

- Following its presentation to the Partnership Table on January 13, 2021, Food First NL has extended an invitation to First Voice to participate in the Working Group that is leading the St. John's Food Assessment Project.
- It was agreed that First Voice should work to support the urban Indigenous community's access to both healthy and traditional foods. It was further agreed that all such work is best coordinated through the Health and Wellness Committee.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** the Health and Wellness Committee will designate one of its members to participate in the St. John's Food Assessment Project's Working Group on behalf of First Voice.

2. "Policy on the Rock" Virtual Conference

- The Community Sector Council will be hosting a virtual policy conference on March 29, 2021. Titled "Policy on the Rock," the purpose of the conference is to explore intersections between health, food, and poverty reduction.

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- The Keynote Address will be delivered by Sister Elizabeth Davis, Co-Chair of the provincial Task Force on Health Care (also known as Health Accord NL). Her address will focus on the social determinants of health.
- Following the Keynote Address, a panel of discussants will have an opportunity to add further context and perspective. Conference organizers are working to identify discussants from diverse backgrounds, including from the Indigenous community, and have extended an invitation to First Voice to participate.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** First Voice will participate in the panel discussion and that the coalition would best be represented by one of its six Community Advocates. Stacey Howse will coordinate with conference organizers and Community Advocates to work out the details of First Voice's participation.

3. Indigenous Advocate Award 2021 – Nominations Committee

- In line with the parameters agreed at the Partnership Table meeting held on February 3, 2021, the Nominations Committee for the 2021 Indigenous Advocate Award will be responsible for overseeing the award process. This includes reviewing and evaluating nominees, identifying a short-list of nominees, and selecting the final recipient.
- It was agreed that the Nominations Committee should include a diverse range of Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives and identities. It was further agreed that the committee should consist of 6 or 7 members, with a majority of members identifying as Indigenous.
- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** First Light will lead the process of identifying suitable members to serve on the Nominations Committee. First Light will also be responsible for constituting and convening the committee on behalf of First Voice.

4. Community Action Plan 2021-30

- To help inform the content and format of First Voice's own Community Action Plan, the Partnership Table reviewed examples of those that have been adopted in other jurisdictions, such as Halifax, Lethbridge, Regina, Ontario, and Surrey.
- It was suggested that the final Community Action Plan may include the following elements:
 - **A Gap Analysis** that (1) articulates the specific needs that exist in each priority area; (2) recognizes organizations that are already doing similar or related work; (3) identifies work that is not yet being done by anyone;

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and (4) lists any stakeholders and/or decision-makers that will need to be engaged going forward. (Halifax's Community Strategic Plan was cited as an example.)

- **Cross-functional "Action Areas"** to help coordinate work on complex sets of objectives that engage more than one priority area, such as those related to challenging systemic racism. (Ontario's Urban Indigenous Action Plan was cited as an example.)
 - **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** that clearly identify how and when progress made toward each objective will be measured and reported. (Ontario's Urban Indigenous Action Plan was cited as an example.)
 - **A holistic and balanced approach** that identifies both what is currently working and what needs to be improved. (Ontario's Urban Indigenous Action Plan was cited as an example.)
- In addition, it was further suggested that the Community Action Plan should combine policy analysis with human-focused storytelling in order to highlight not only what needs to change but also why change is needed. (The approach used during the facilitated sessions at the Decolonize YYT conference was cited as an example.)

Other Business

- No other business was raised.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 5:06pm. The next meeting of the Partnership Table will take place via video conference on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.