

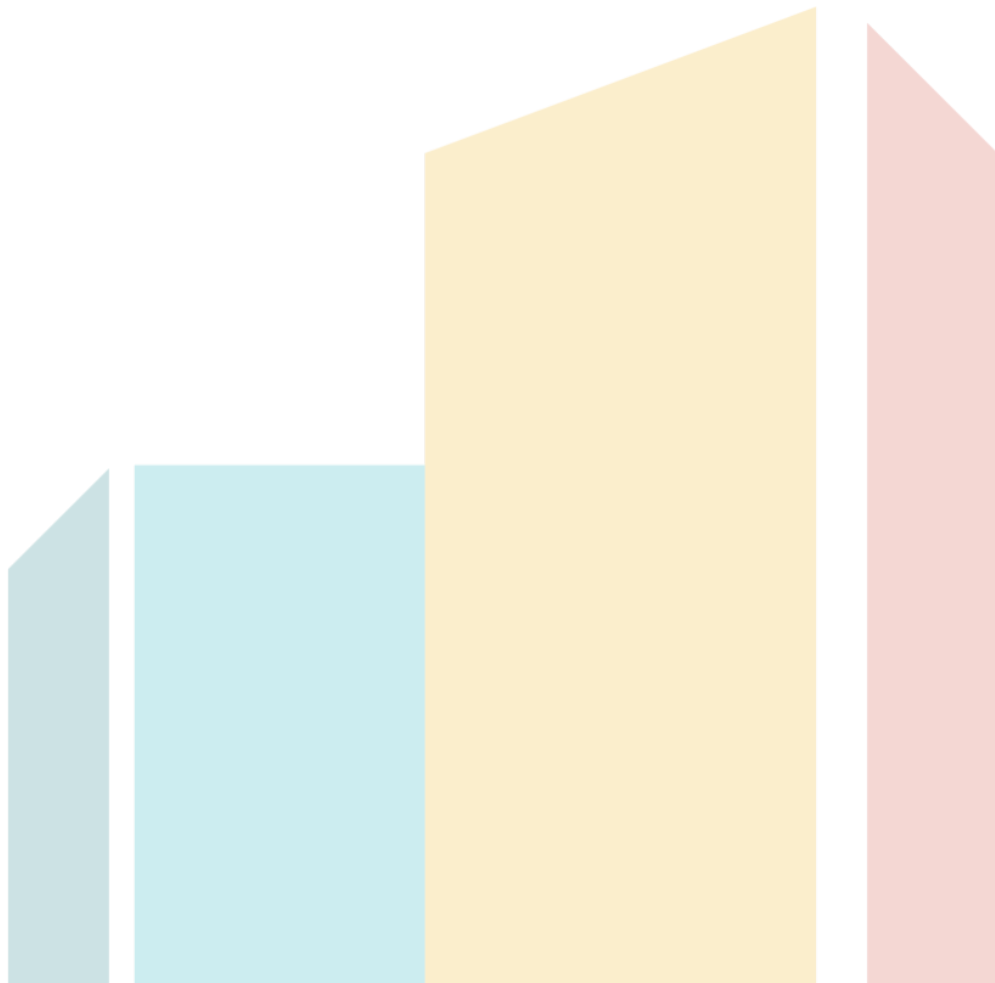


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*Proceedings of the*

# Partnership Table

*May 2021*





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**Partnership Table**  
**Meeting Agenda | May 2021**

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

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leader</b>
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muise
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review &amp; Approval of Agenda</li> <li>• Review &amp; Approval of Minutes</li> </ul>	Justin Campbell
3:40pm	Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amendments to Membership Categories</li> </ul>	Justin Campbell
3:50pm	Welcome to Susan Onalik	Susan Onalik
4:00pm	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>• Working Group on Police Oversight</li> </ul>	Committee Co-Leads
4:45pm	Other Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Policy on the Rock” Virtual Conference</li> <li>• Municipalities NL Annual Symposium</li> </ul>	Daphne March Justin Campbell
4:50pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muise



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# Partnership Table Minutes for May 5, 2021

Prepared by Justin Campbell

## Call to Order

The May 2021 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:37pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. The meeting was held via video conference.

## 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)
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network (R)
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's (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)
- **Maggie Burton**, Councillor at Large, City of St. John's (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)
- **Susan Onalik**, Special Member (R)
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's (R)
- **Will Green**, Acting Manager of Intergovernmental Relations, Indigenous Services Canada (R)

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### Regrets

- **Angelica Vincent**, Community Advocate
- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Community Advocate
- **Marjorie Muise**, First Nations Elder
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light

### Administration

- The meeting agenda was approved.
- The minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on April 7, 2021, were approved with minor revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.
- The amendments to the First Voice Terms of Reference, proposed and discussed at the Partnership Table meeting held on April 7, 2021, were ratified. The amendments allow for **Special Members** and **Observers**. The updated document will be posted to the First Voice website.

### Updates & Reports

#### 1. Standing Committees

- Education, Training, and Employment
  - Bimonthly meetings are scheduled to take place on the third Tuesday every second month. The next meeting will take place on May 25, 2021.
- Health and Wellness
  - Monthly meetings are scheduled to take place on the second Monday of each month from 1pm to 2pm. The next meeting will take place on May 10, 2021.
- Housing and Homelessness
  - The Committee convened its first meeting on April 16, 2021. Terms of Reference were reviewed and accepted by members, and an initial review of short-, medium-, and long-term objectives took place.

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- A monthly meeting schedule will be established to kick off the Committee's work. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, from 10am to 11am.
- Infrastructure and Service Delivery
  - A core group of Committee members has been meeting bimonthly since March 2021. A stakeholder review is underway, with invitations to new members expected to go out in the next two weeks. A review of short-, medium-, and long-term objectives is also underway.
  - At least one Community Advocate is needed to formally constitute the Committee. Michael Lannon and Daphne March have both volunteered to participate in the short term.
  - The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 3pm to 4:30pm.

### Regular Business

1. Application for Membership: Susan Onalik, Nunatsiavut Assembly
  - As an elected Ordinary Member for the Constituency of Canada with the Nunatsiavut Assembly, Susan Onalik was nominated by First Light to join First Voice as a Special Member.
  - **IT WAS DECIDED THAT Susan Onalik be confirmed by the Partnership Table as a Special Member of First Voice. Susan's rights and responsibilities will be the same as those of First Voice Partners, with the understanding that she is not a formal representative serving on behalf of the Nunatsiavut Assembly.**
2. Community Advocates
  - With a number of Standing Committees adopting monthly meeting schedules and at least one special Working Group having been constituted, the time demands on Community Advocates is beginning to exceed the original estimate of a five-hour monthly commitment. It was proposed that recruiting an additional two Community Advocates would help to balance the workload.
  - The recruitment process that was used to recruit Community Advocates in 2020 was both public and competitive. A position description was drafted and circulated online via First Light's website and a variety of social media. Interested candidates were able to apply informally by email and phone.

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- **IT WAS DECIDED THAT** a second call for volunteer Community Advocates be issued following the same process that was used in 2020. It was further agreed that any new Community Advocates must reside in the St. John's metro area.

3. Community Action Plan

- An Excel template has been developed to facilitate the work of the Standing Committees in identifying, elaborating, and ranking objectives to be included in the Community Action Plan. It covers areas such as objective definition, priority, gap analysis, and key performance indicators.
- The template will be made available to all members of the four Standing Committees and will be shareable and editable online.

**Other Business**

- Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) is holding its annual Symposium and AGM on May 6-8, 2021. MNL has invited First Voice to host a thirty-minute session during the virtual event. Entitled "**Decolonizing Public Policy: Leading Change through Local Government,**" the session will take the form of a panel discussion featuring Susan Onalik, Jordan Lawrence, and Maggie Burton. It will be moderated by Kathy Walsh, Program Coordinator with First Light. The session will take place on Friday, May 7, from 11am to 11:30am.
- It was agreed that meetings of the Partnership Table should continue to be contained to 90 minutes. However, it was suggested that the last ten minutes of each meeting be set aside for **roundtable updates** from members.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 5:03pm. The next meeting of the Partnership Table will take place via video conference on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.