

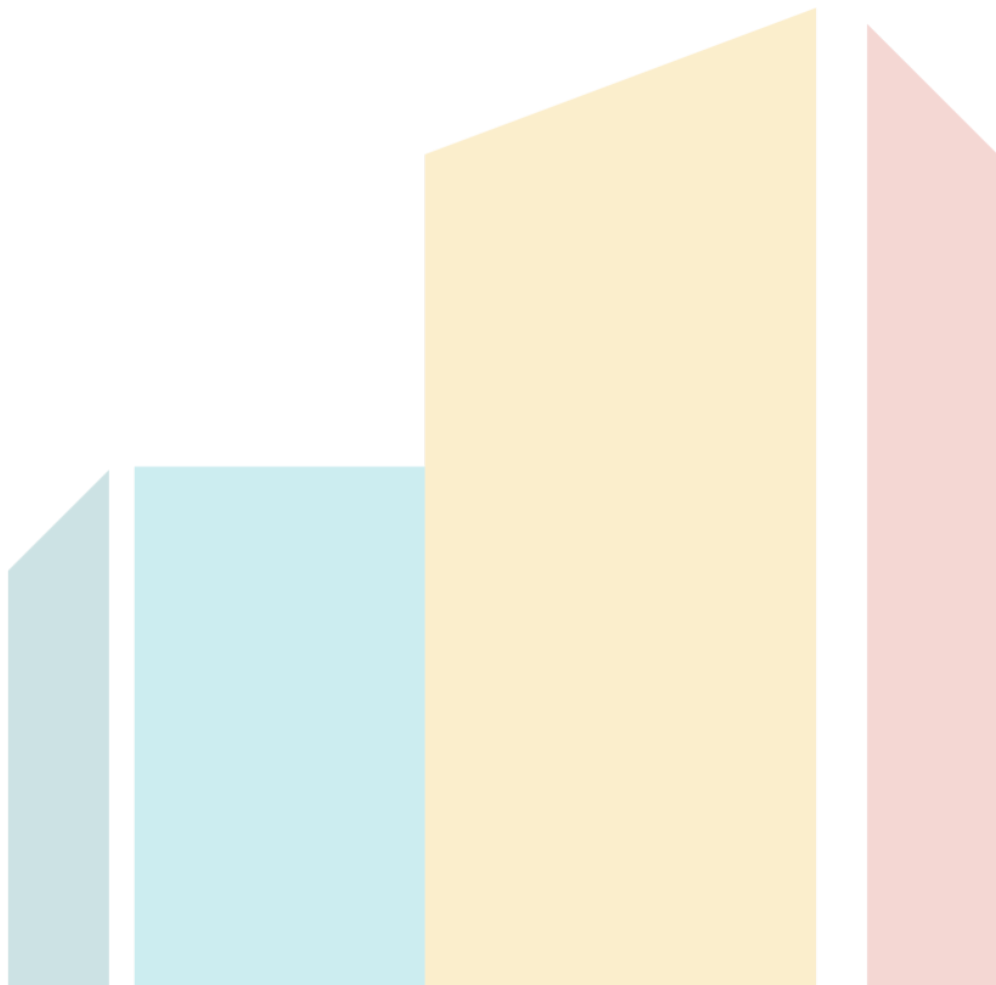


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

November 2020



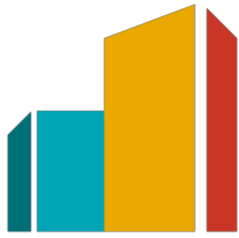


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Partnership Table
Meeting Agenda | November 2020

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 // 3:30-5:00pm // via Video Conference

Time	Topic	Leader
3:30pm	Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muike
3:35pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review & Approval of Agenda• Review & Approval of Minutes	Stacey Howse
3:45pm	Decolonize YYT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speakers & Conference Schedule• Policy Briefs & Facilitated Session Agendas• Participants' List	Stacey Howse
4:15pm	[Closed Session]	
4:45pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muike



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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The November 2020 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Stacey Howse at 3:34pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The meeting was held via video conference. First Nations Elder Marjorie Muise performed the land acknowledgement and offered the opening prayer.

Present

- **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)
- **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)
- **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**, Director of Programs, First Light (R)
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's (R)

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Regrets

- **Angelica Vincent**, Community Advocate
- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Dorothy Haché**, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Indigenous Services Canada
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **Ian Froude**, Councillor Ward 4, City of St. John's

Administration

- Review and approval of the minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on October 7, 2020, was deferred to a later meeting.

Regular Business

1. Decolonize YYT Conference

- The Conference Planning Committee has finalized all conference details, including speakers, the agenda, livestreaming, and the facilitated sessions.
 - Notable speakers include Hon. Carolyn Bennett, federal Minister of Crown–Indigenous Relations; Hon. Lisa Dempster, provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation; His Worship Danny Breen, Mayor of St. John's; and Jesse Thistle, best-selling author of the memoir *From the Ashes*.
 - Three Indigenous speakers have also been confirmed for the Keynote Panel on November 5, 2020. The panel will be moderated by Catherine Fagan, Vice-President of First Light.
- To focus discussions at each of the four “Policy in Focus” sessions, the Conference Planning Committee has developed participant briefs that draw on the work of the Community Action Plan Subcommittee that was convened on October 13, 2020. Tied to each of the coalition's four priority areas, these sessions will focus on identifying specific objectives in the following areas:
 - **Session 1 on Health and Wellness** will focus on (a) improving the delivery healthcare services; (b) developing stronger cultural and security supports for those involved in the justice system; and (c) strengthening respect for Indigenous languages and cultures.
 - **Session 2 on Education, Training, and Employment** will focus on (a) developing and delivering cultural diversity training for professionals working in strategic areas; (b) developing and deploying better curricula

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- at all levels of the education system, as well as for the general public; and (c) promoting employment equity.
- **Session 3 on Infrastructure and Service Delivery** will focus on (a) combatting systemic discrimination; (b) reducing poverty; and (c) expanding inclusive cultural spaces.
- **Session 4 on Housing and Homelessness** will focus on implementing MMIWG Calls for Justice 4.6 and 4.7.
- With approximately 70 participants registered in total, all four “Policy in Focus” sessions are now fully subscribed. Participants include government officials from all levels; representatives from community organizations; service providers; researchers, academics, and students; and members of the urban Indigenous community.
- To help promote online attendance at the public sessions as well as the public education goals of the conference, a media release was circulated to local media on November 3, 2020. It is also available on the First Voice website.
- The public agenda and livestreaming details are available online at firstvoicenc.ca/DecolonizeYYT.

2. [CLOSED SESSION]

Other Business

- It was agreed that action to advance TRC 16 (“Create university and college degree and diploma programs in Indigenous languages”) should be included in the coalition’s Community Action Plan. It was further agreed that there are likely opportunities to coordinate action in this area with the development and implementation of Memorial University’s Strategic Framework for Indigenization.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Stacey Howse at 4:56pm 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, December 2, 2020, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.