

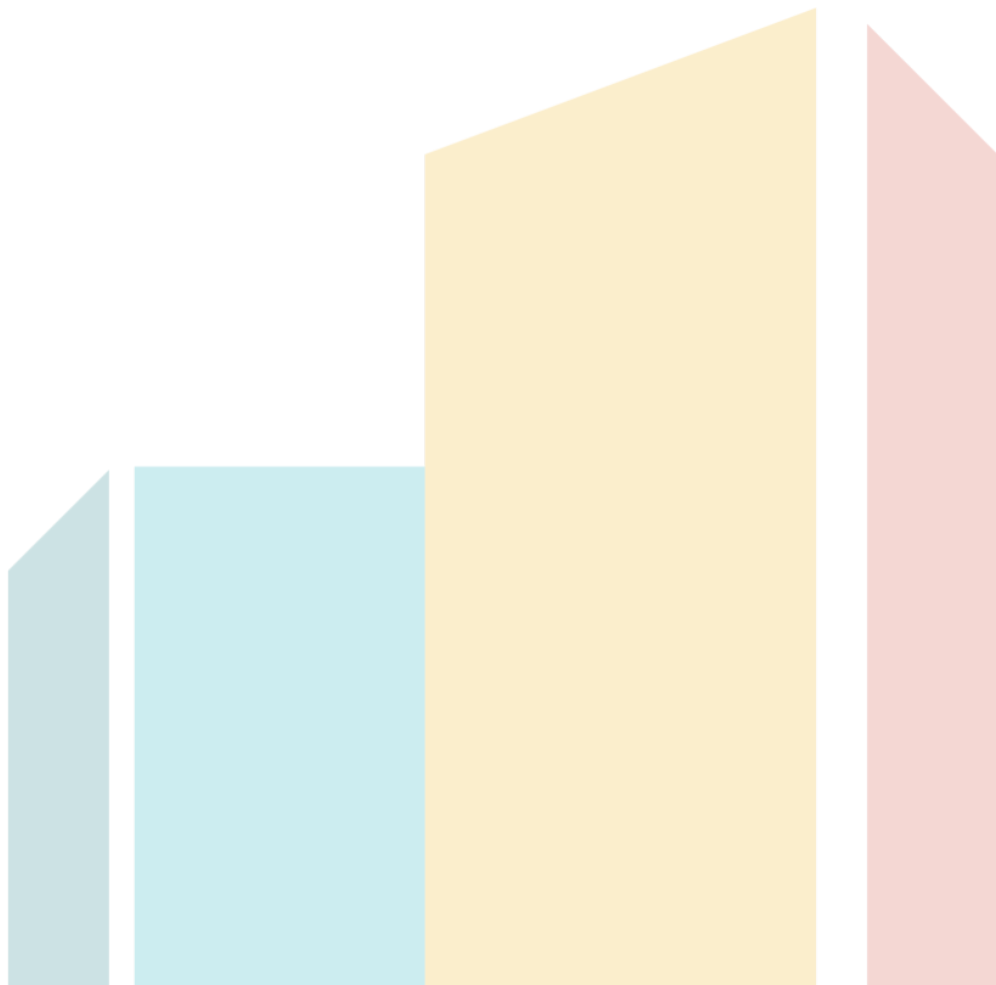


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

September 2020





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Meeting Agenda | September 2020

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 // 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	Justin Campbell
3:45pm	Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter to the Premier• Social Media Policy Working Group• Community Advocate Profiles• City Declaration	Justin Campbell Maggie Burton & Ian Froude
3:55pm	Memorial's Strategic Framework for Indigenization	Mollie Butler
4:10pm	Policy Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Objectives• Virtual Format & Dates• Lunchtime Keynotes/Speakers• Planning Committee	Justin Campbell
4:45pm	Other Business	Open Floor
4:55pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muise



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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The September meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:35pm on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. 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)
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Dorothy Haché**, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Justin Campbell**, Coalition Coordinator (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)

Regrets

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network

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- **Ellen Ford**, Inuit Elder
- **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
- **Wendolyn Schlamp**, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's

Administration

- The minutes for the Partnership Table meeting held on August 5, 2020, were approved with no revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

Updates & Reports

1. New Premier and Cabinet

- Andrew Furey was sworn in as Premier on August 19, 2020, and a new Cabinet was appointed later that afternoon.
 - Lisa Dempster has been appointed Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation as well as Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.
 - Steve Crocker has been appointed Minister of Justice and Public Safety.
- On the same day the new Cabinet was announced, First Light's Executive Director, Morgan Hare, sent a letter to the new Premier on behalf of First Voice. The letter congratulated Premier Furey on his new position and requested a meeting with him to discuss First Voice's priorities. Minister Dempster was copied.

2. Social Media Policy

- A Social Media Policy Working Group has been formed to guide First Voice's use of social media channels. The Working Group includes the following members:
 - Angelica Vincent, Community Advocate
 - Cyril Tobin, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
 - Daphne March, Community Advocate
 - Dorothy Haché, Indigenous Services Canada
 - Stacey Howse, First Light
- Social media channels using the @FirstVoiceNL handle have been created on all major platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.
- **IT WAS DECIDED BY CONSENSUS** that First Voice will begin using Twitter and Facebook to share basic information about the coalition's activities and events.

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First Voice will not share further content until a social media policy has been approved by the Partnership Table.

3. Website Updates

- Profiles of all six Community Advocates are now available online. They can be found at firstvoicenl.ca/partnership-table/community-advocates/.
- A media release was posted to the website on September 1, 2020, to announce the appointments. The release was circulated to local media and was also shared on First Light's social media channels.

Regular Business

1. Memorial University's Strategic Framework for Indigenization

- Memorial University has received extensive feedback on its draft Strategic Framework for Indigenization. Feedback has come from individuals, community organizations, and university units.
- The review and approvals process will begin by having a working group review all feedback and recommend revisions. The document will then go to the Vice-Presidents' Council, the University Senate, and the Board of Regents for approval. It is expected to be adopted by December 2020.
- Some parts of the Strategic Framework are already in the process of being implemented, such as the recent adoption of a new Indigenous research policy.
- It was suggested that First Voice may have a role to play in supporting Memorial University's implementation of the Strategic Framework.

2. Policy Conference

- The overall purpose of the Policy Conference is to develop a collaborative Community Action Plan that will guide the work of First Voice over the next several years.
 - The conference will bring together community organizations, anti-racism practitioners, all levels of government, and faculty, staff, and students at Memorial University.
 - Expected outputs include the identification of specific objectives tied to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous

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Women and Girls, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

- Because of ongoing public health restrictions related to COVID-19, it was decided at the July meeting of the Partnership Table that the Policy Conference would proceed using a virtual format.
- First Voice has retained One Page Plans, a consultancy based in Halifax, to support the design and delivery of the virtual event. This includes:
 - Designing and facilitating four three-hour sessions focused on each of First Voice's priority areas;
 - Creating a set of four conference briefs, tailored to each three-hour session, to be circulated to participants prior to the conference;
 - Designing and implementing an online form that can be used to collect supplemental input from conference participants, and possibly from the public as well;
 - Producing a final report summarizing the results of each session.
- One Page Plans has recommended that each of the facilitated sessions include no more than 16 active participants in order to ensure that the session objectives can be achieved.
 - It was suggested that participants should be invited selectively in order to ensure a diverse group that includes those who have decision-making authority, policy expertise, lived experience, etc.
- **IT WAS DECIDED BY CONSENSUS** that a **Conference Planning Committee will be formed to make executive decisions in relation to the conference and to provide direction to One Page Plans.** The committee includes the following members:
 - Draco Dunphy, Community Advocate
 - Dorothy Haché, Indigenous Services Canada
 - Maggie Burton, City of St. John's
 - Michael Lannon, Community Advocate
 - Stacey Howse, First Light
- The Conference Planning Committee will decide whether to host public sessions as part of the conference, such as keynote speakers, panels, and/or musical performances. These additional sessions could be broadcast online before, after, and/or in between each of the four facilitated sessions.
- **IT WAS DECIDED BY CONSENSUS** that the conference will take place over two days on Thursday, November 5, and Friday, November 6, 2020.

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Other Business

- No other business was raised.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 5:00pm 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, October 7, 2020, from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.