

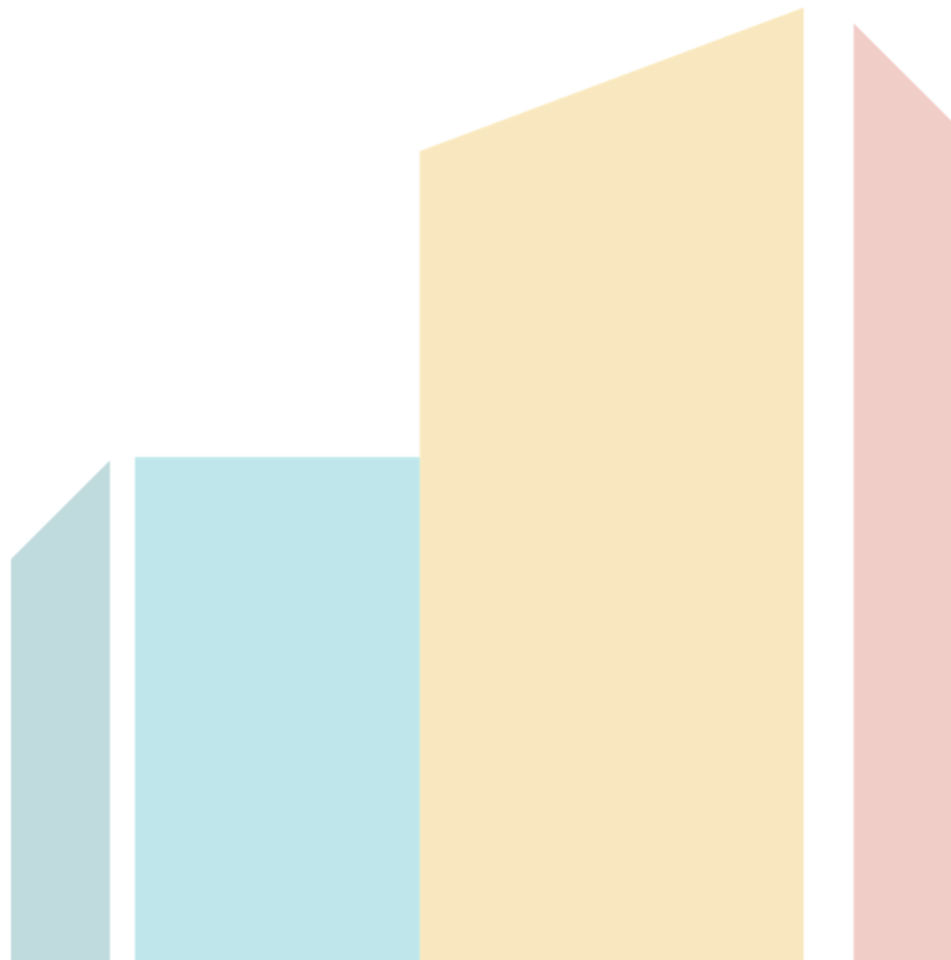


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

July 2023





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Meeting Agenda | July 2023

Wednesday, June 19, 2023 // 3:00-4:30pm // Room B1004, Signal Hill Campus

Time	Topic	Leader
3:00pm	Opening Prayer	Ellen Ford
3:05pm	Welcome to New Members	Justin Campbell
3:15pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review & Approval of Agenda• Review & Approval of Minutes	Justin Campbell
3:20pm	Policing Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RNC Indigenous Advisory Committee• SIRT-NL	Justin Campbell
3:35pm	Action Circles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice• Business & Reconciliation• Language• Healthcare	Justin Campbell Draco Dunphy
3:50pm	Roundtable	Open Floor
4:25pm	Closing Prayer	Ellen Ford



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Prepared by Justin Campbell

Call to Order

The July 2023 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:04pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The meeting was held in room B1004 at Memorial University's Signal Hill Campus with remote participation options available. Inuk Elder Ellen Ford opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present [20] ("R" = Attending Remotely; "A" = Alternate Representative)

- **Amber Lawrence**, Regional Senior Program Officer, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Brooke Blanchard**, Community Advocate
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Vice-President (Indigenous), Memorial University
- **Corey Morris**, Community Advocate
- **Draco Dunphy**, Indigenous Languages Research Specialist
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuk Elder
- **Emily Dyer**, NL Housing and Homelessness Network (A/R)
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Director
- **Kelly Simms**, Community Advocate
- **Kevin Breen**, City Manager, City of St. John's
- **Laura Winters**, Chief Executive Officer, Stella's Circle
- **Lisa Smith**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Marc Humber**, Community Advocate
- **Maria Gentle**, Executive Director of YWCA St. John's (R)
- **Natasha Drover**, Community Advocate
- **Natasha Fillmore**, Regional Program Development Advisor, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Rutanya Wyse**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Susan Onalik**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Vicki Francis**, Director of Housing and Social Supports, First Light

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Regrets [12]

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate
- **Collette Smith**, Vice President, Clinical Services and Human Resources, Eastern Health
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- **Ian Froude**, Councilor Ward 4, City of St. John's
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Action Circle Coordinator
- **Lisa Faye**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council
- **Maggie Burton**, Councilor at Large, City of St. John's
- **Marjorie Muise**, Mi'kmaw Elder
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada
- **Paula Sheppard**, President & CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light

Administration

- New Community Advocates Brooke Blanchard, Corey Morris, Kelly Simms, Marc Humber, Natasha Drover, and Rutanya Wynse were welcomed to the table. Introductions were made.
- The meeting agenda was approved by consensus.
- The minutes for the June 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus, with minor revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

Regular Business

1. RNC Indigenous Advisory Committee (RNCIAC)

- In a joint letter issued by First Voice Program Director Justin Campbell and RNC Police Chief Patrick Roche on June 1, 2023, 17 Indigenous organizations and governments in the province were invited to participate in RNCIAC.
- To date, the following organizations have committed to joining RNCIAC:
 - AnânuKatiget Tumingit Regional Inuit Women's Association;
 - Flat Bay Band–No'kmaq Village;
 - Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network;
 - People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre; and
 - Qalipu First Nation;
- RNCIAC is expected to meet once every two months.
- **Consensus was reached to appoint Community Advocate Lisa Smith as a First Voice representative to participate in RNCIAC alongside appropriate support staff.**

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- It was agreed that the RNCIAC draft terms of reference would be circulated to all Partnership Table members.

2. Action Circles

- Action Circles are in the process of being formed to advance groups of related Calls for Change in the following priority areas:
 - Justice;
 - Economic Reconciliation;
 - Language Revitalization; and
 - Healthcare.
- It was noted that the Justice Action Circle would include a focus on developing sector-specific training for all actors in the justice system as outlined in Calls for Change 6 and 7. First Light has already secured the necessary research support to guide this part of the Action Circle's work.
- It was agreed that all Action Circles would adopt an "open door policy" of welcoming all interested individuals and organizations who are committed to advancing the related Calls for Change. This includes individuals with lived experience.
- It was noted and agreed that all Action Circles would develop draft terms of reference upon convening for the first time, and that the Partnership Table would need to approve all such terms of reference.
- Consensus was reached that each of the Action Circles would be Co-Chaired by the one Community Advocate and the one representative of an organizational Partner that are required to form an Action Circle under the First Voice Coalition Charter.
 - Co-Chairs are expected to help direct the substantive work of the Action Circles, with support from First Light. They may also serve (publicly) as Action Circle representatives as needed.
 - Co-Chairs must serve in their positions for a minimum term of one year. This leadership structure is intended to ensure Action Circle continuity and accountability to the Partnership Table.
- First Light reaffirmed its commitment, as described in the First Voice Coalition Charter, to providing all logistical and organizational support needed to ensure the success of each Action Circle and their Co-Chairs. This support includes empowering Community Advocate Co-Chairs in particular to speak publicly to the issues being addressed by their Action Circles.

All remaining agenda items were deferred to a future meeting.

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Updates & Reports

There were no committee updates or reports.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Justin Campbell at 4:30pm. Inuk Elder Ellen Ford closed the meeting with a prayer.