

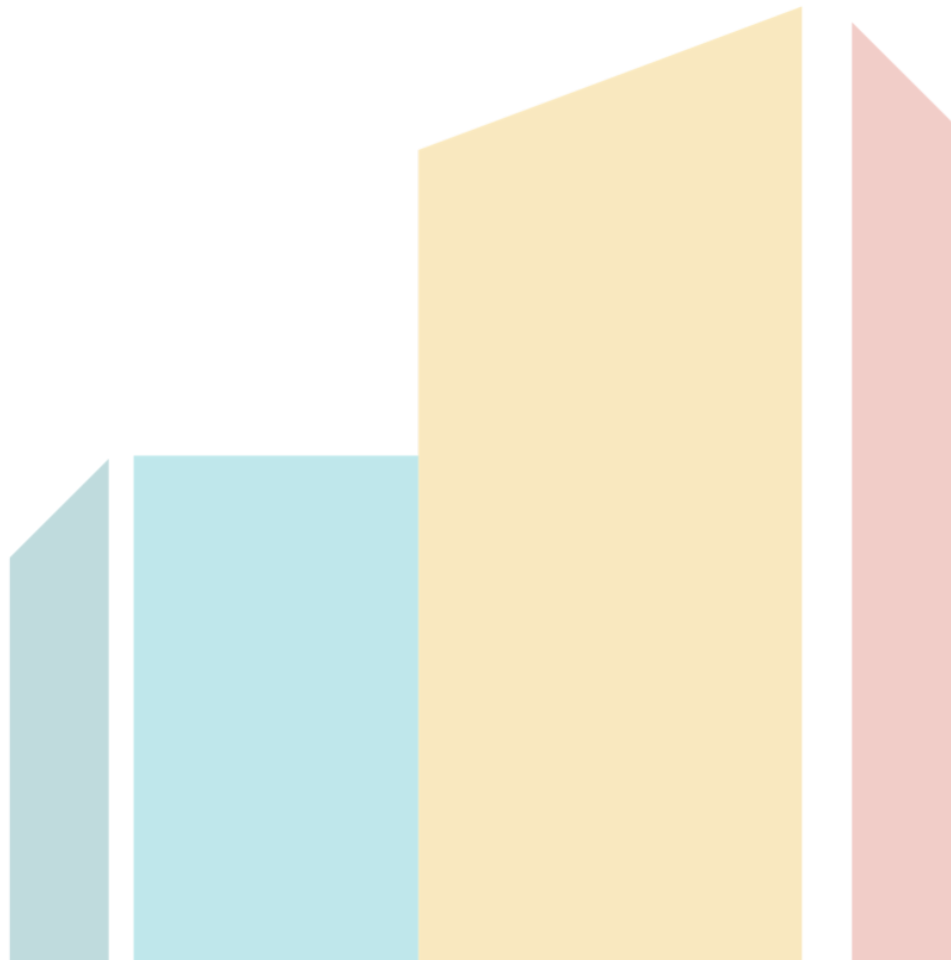


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

February 2024





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Meeting Agenda | February 2024

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 // 3:00-4:30pm // Room B1004, Signal Hill Campus

Time	Topic	Leader
3:00pm	Opening Prayer	Elder Marjorie Muise
3:05pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review & Approval of Agenda • Review & Approval of Minutes 	Jordan Lawrence
3:10pm	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions – Darla King NLHS • Indigenizing Downtown St. John’s • IEAC Update 	Partnership Table Justin Campbell
3:20pm	CFC29 City of St. John’s/First Voice Joint Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference • Membership 	Justin Campbell
3:30pm	Indigenous Health Action Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Identified Calls for Change • Additional Considerations 	Jordan Lawrence, Community Advocate and NLHS Co-Chairs
3:50pm	Economic Reconciliation Action Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified Calls for Change: 8, 9, 10, 16 & 34. • Membership • Additional Considerations 	Jordan Lawrence

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4:05pm	JPS Police Transformation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Letter	Justin Campbell
4:20pm	Roundtable	Open Floor
4:25pm	Closing Prayer	Elder Marjorie Muise



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Prepared by Jordan Lawrence

CALL TO ORDER

The February 2024 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:05pm on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. The meeting was held in room B1004 at Memorial University's Signal Hill Campus with remote participation options available. No Elder was available for the opening prayer.

Present [13] ("R" = Attending Remotely; "A" = Alternate Representative)

- **Brooke Blanchard**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Chad Bedard**, Research and Policy Development Coordinator
- **Corey Morris**, Community Advocate
- **Darla King**, VP Transformation Well-being, NL Health Services (R)
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Action Circle Coordinator
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Director (R)
- **Kelly Simms**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Laura Winters**, Chief Executive Officer, Stella's Circle (R)
- **Lisa Smith**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Maria Gentle**, Executive Director of YWCA St. John's (R)
- **Natasha Drover**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada (R)
- **Sabrina Lamanna**, Indigenous Justice Research Lead (R)

Regrets [13]

- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Vice-President (Indigenous), Memorial University
- **Cyril Tobin**, NL Housing and Homelessness Network
- **Danny Breen**, Mayor, City of St. John's
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuk Elder

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- **Kevin Breen**, City Manager, City of St. John's
- **Lisa Faye**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council
- **Marjorie Muise**, Mi'kmaw Elder
- **Natasha Fillmore**, Regional Program Development Advisor, Indigenous Services Canada
- **Paula Sheppard**, President & CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women
- **Rutanya Wyse**, Community Advocate
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light

ADMINISTRATION

- The meeting agenda was approved by consensus.
- The minutes for the January 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus, with minor revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Darla King has joined the Partnership Table as the organizational representative for Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services.
- An update was provided on the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee's response to a request for First Voice participation. The request was denied, so First Voice will explore other opportunities for engagement.
- A community feast is being planned for March 21, 2024, to help inform the Downtown Neighborhood Plan and the implementation of Calls for Change related to public spaces.
- First Light has been granted eligibility for SSHRC institutional grants.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Joint Coordinating Committee on Indigenous Rights

- Justin presented the committee's terms of reference to formalize collaboration between First Voice and the City of St. John's on seventeen (17) calls for change.
 - Consensus was made to accept the terms of reference and send them to the St. John's City Council for final approval.

2. Indigenous Healthcare Action Circle (IHAC)

- The Action Circle has established a focus on Calls for Change 6, 18, 25, 27, 31, and 33. A draft terms of reference will be brought to the next meeting.
- Initial actions include delivering sector-specific anti-racism training and supporting positions and spaces for traditional healing practices.

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- Darla shared that NLHS is hiring a new Director of Indigenous Health and Cultural Safety.
- Brooke suggested Call for Change 5 be considered as an additional focus for the Action Circle. This point will be brought to the IHAC members for consideration at the next IHAC meeting.
- Community Advocate Kelly Simms expressed interest in joining the IHAC.

3. JPS Policing Transformation Working Group

- A draft open letter was discussed regarding the provincial Policing Transformation Working Group.

4. Economic Reconciliation Action Circle

- A new action circle was proposed focusing on Calls for Change 8, 9, 10, 16, and 34 related to employment equity, Indigenous recruitment and retention, universal basic income, and Indigenous business and procurement.
- Initial interest was expressed by YWCA and Stella's Circle.
- It was decided that further conversations are necessary to clarify the objectives and intended outcomes for the proposed Action Circle.

All remaining agenda items were deferred to a future meeting.

UPDATES & REPORTS

There were no committee updates or reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Jordan Lawrence at 4:30pm.