

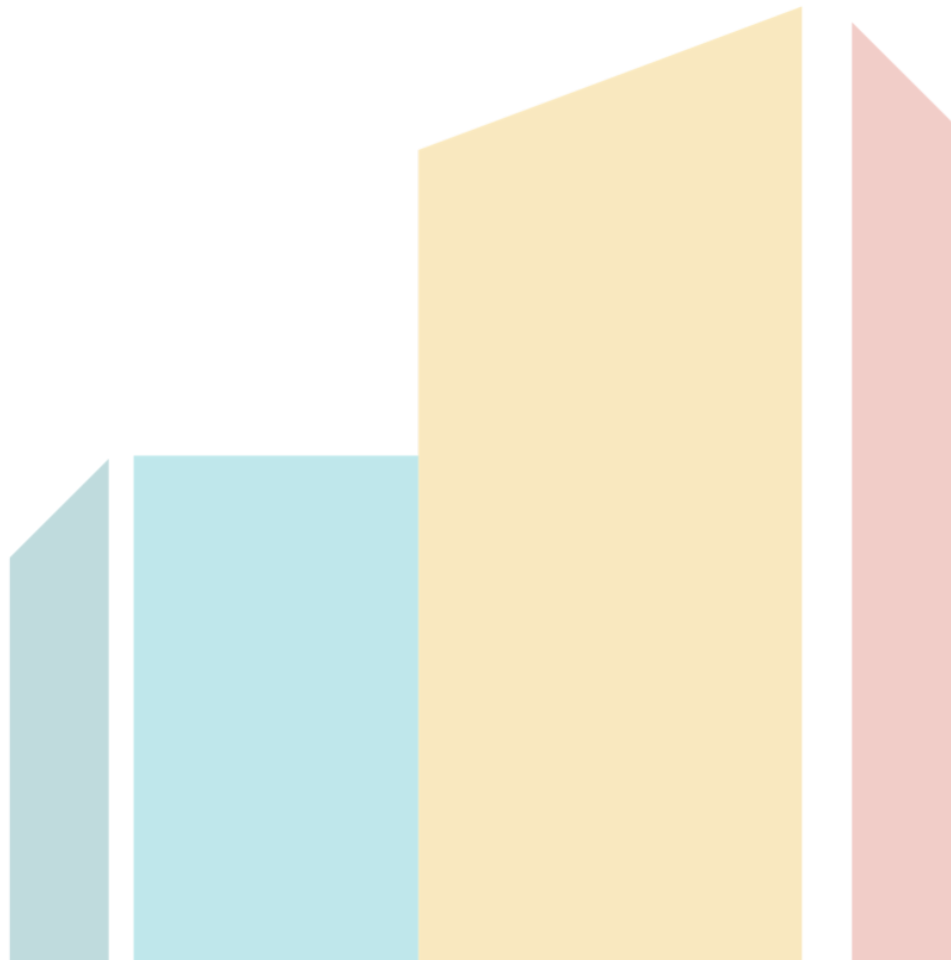


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

January 2024





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Meeting Agenda | January 2024

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 // 3:00-4:30pm // Room B1004, Signal Hill Campus

Time	Topic	Leader
3:00pm	Opening Prayer	TBC
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">● Coordinating Committee City of St. John's	Jordan Lawrence Justin Campbell
3:15pm	Indigenous Justice Action Circle (IJAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prioritizing Action Items● Additional Research● Indigenous Justice Research Specialist	Jordan Lawrence
3:25pm	Indigenous Health Action Circle <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brief of Initial Action Items● Additional Considerations	Jordan Lawrence & Community Advocate Co-Chair
3:45pm	JPS Police Transformation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community Objections Raised● Proposed Strategy	Justin Campbell
4:05pm	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">● SIRT-NL MOU● Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)	Justin Campbell
4:15pm	Roundtable	Open Floor

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4:25pm	Closing Prayer	TBC



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Prepared by Jordan Lawrence

CALL TO ORDER

The January 2024 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:05pm on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. 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 [16] ("R" = Attending Remotely; "A" = Alternate Representative)

- **Brooke Blanchard**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Vice-President (Indigenous), Memorial University (R)
- **Corey Morris**, Community Advocate
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuk Elder (R)
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Action Circle Coordinator
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Director
- **Kelly Simms**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Laura Winters**, Chief Executive Officer, Stella's Circle
- **Lisa Faye**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council (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
- **Paula Sheppard**, President & CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women (R)
- **Rutanya Wyse**, Community Advocate (R)

Regrets [6]

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

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- **Kevin Breen**, City Manager, City of St. John's
- **Danny Breen**, Mayor, City of St. John's
- **Natasha Fillmore**, Regional Program Development Advisor, Indigenous Services Canada
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light

ADMINISTRATION

- The meeting agenda was approved by consensus.
- The minutes for the November 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus, with minor revisions. The document will be posted to the First Voice website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marc Humber has stepped down as Community Advocate as he has taken a job with First Light.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Indigenous Rights Joint Coordinating Committee

- Progress is being made to establish a Joint Coordinating Committee with the City of St. John's related to the city's commitments in their *2020 Declaration in Support of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.
 - Justin Campbell and City Manager Kevin Breen will co-chair. Several Partnership Table members expressed interest in joining, including Natasha Drover, Maria Gentle, Corey Morris, Pam Griffin, Laura Winters, Chad Bedard.
 - Justin and Kevin will finalize the terms of reference for the Working Group and bring it to the next meeting for approval.

2. Indigenous Justice Action Circle

- The Action Circle has identified several research priorities including Gladue reports, Indigenous liaison officers, data collection, and cultural sensitivity training.
- The internal justice team at First Light has identified a need to complete a P.I.T count to determine what the rate of Indigenous incarceration is in the province.
- A new Indigenous Justice Research Lead, Sabrina Lamanna, has been hired to support the Indigenous Justice Action Circle.

3. Indigenous Health Action Circle

- The Indigenous Health Action Circle is still in early planning stages but will likely focus on education and training for healthcare providers, cultural safety for Indigenous Peoples, and wholistic care.
- Cynthia Brown from NL Health Services will co-chair along with Community Advocate Rutanya Wynes.
- The co-chairs will develop the terms of reference for the Indigenous Health Action Circle, along with assistance from First Voice, to bring to the partnership table for review.

4. JPS Police Transformation Working Group

- The Police Transformation Working Group formed by the provincial government lacks civilian representation and clear accountability.
- First Light has raised concerns and is engaging with the Minister of Justice and Public Safety on possible changes.

5. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

- The Indigenous Education Advisory Committee continues to be unresponsive so engagement with them is on hold for now.

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 4:25pm. Inuk Elder Ellen Ford closed the meeting with a prayer.