

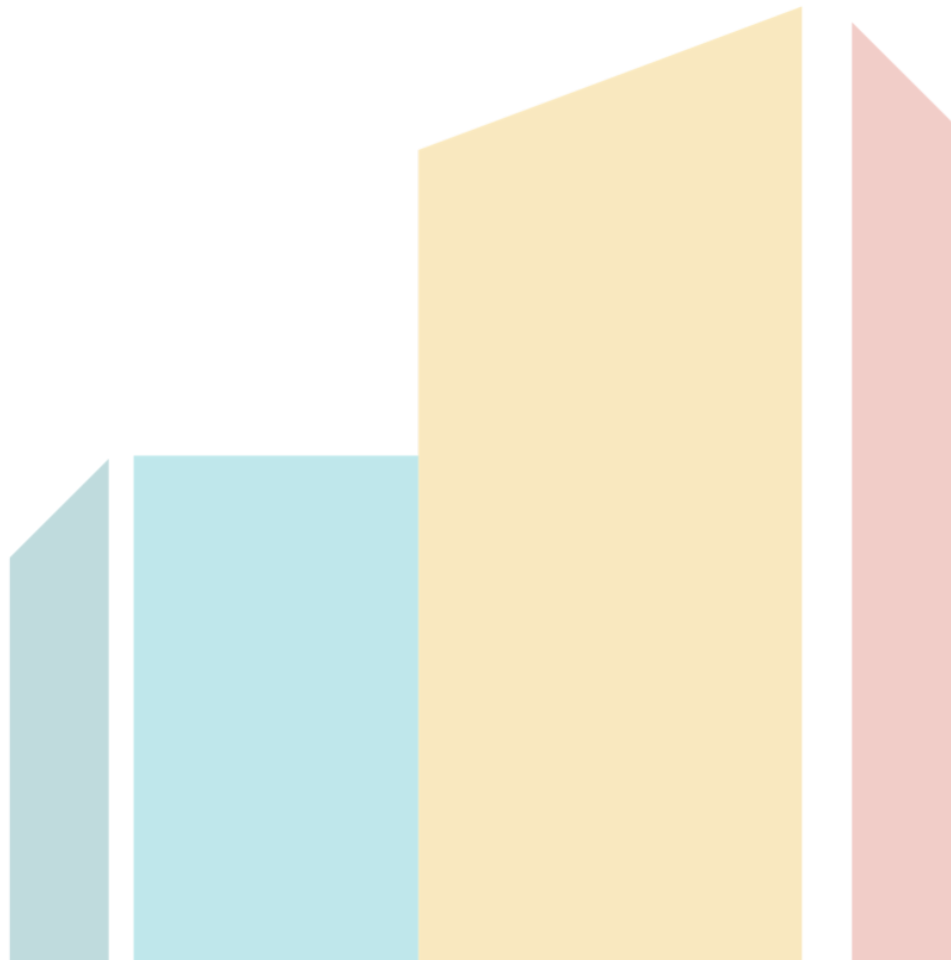


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Proceedings of the

Partnership Table

October 2023





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Meeting Agenda | October (Rescheduled November) 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 // 3:00-4:30pm // Room B1004, Signal Hill Campus

Time	Topic	Leader
3:00pm	Opening Prayer	Marjorie Muise
3:05pm	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review & Approval of Agenda● Review & Approval of Minutes	Jordan Lawrence
3:10pm	Community Advocates Expiring Terms (<i>in camera</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Charlotte Winters-Fost● Lisa Smith● Susan Onalik	Jordan Lawrence
3:30pm	Education Priorities: Moving Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)● Call for Change 1	Jordan Lawrence & Chad Bedard
3:45pm	Updates & Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">● SIRT-NL MOU● Indigenous Justice Action Circle● Healthcare Action Circle	Jordan Lawrence & Justin Campbell
4:05pm	Other Business	
4:25pm	Closing Prayer	Marjorie Muise



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Prepared by Jordan Lawrence

CALL TO ORDER

The October 2023 meeting of the First Voice Partnership Table was called to order by Justin Campbell at 3:10pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The meeting was held in room B1004 at Memorial University's Signal Hill Campus with remote participation options available. In the absence of an Elder there was no opening prayer. Jordan read a land acknowledgement followed by a moment of silence for reflection.

Present [16] ("R" = Attending Remotely; "A" = Alternate Representative)

- **Brooke Blanchard**, Community Advocate
- **Catharyn Andersen**, Vice-President (Indigenous), Memorial University (R)
- **Collette Smith**, Vice President, Clinical Services and Human Resources, Eastern Health (R)
- **Corey Morris**, Community Advocate
- **Cyril Tobin**, Executive Director, Newfoundland and Labrador Housing and Homelessness Network (R)
- **Daphne March**, Community Advocate
- **Draco Dunphy**, Community Advocate
- **Jordan Lawrence**, Action Circle Coordinator
- **Justin Campbell**, Program Director
- **Kelly Simms**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Kevin Breen**, City Manager, City of St. John's (R)
- **Marc Humber**, Community Advocate (R)
- **Maria Gentle**, Executive Director of YWCA St. John's
- **Natasha Fillmore**, Regional Program Development Advisor, Indigenous Services Canada (R)
- **Pam Griffin**, Manager of Program Delivery, Public Health Agency of Canada

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- **Paula Sheppard**, President & CEO, Provincial Advisory Council on the Status of Women (R)

Regrets [14]

- **Amber Lawrence**, Regional Senior Program Officer, Indigenous Services Canada
- **Carey Majid**, Executive Director, NL Human Rights Commission
- **Chad Bedard**, Research Coordinator
- **Charlotte Winters-Fost**, Community Advocate
- **Ellen Ford**, Inuk Elder
- **Laura Winters**, Chief Executive Officer, Stella's Circle
- **Lisa Faye**, Executive Director, St. John's Status of Women Council
- **Lisa Smith**, Community Advocate
- **Maggie Burton**, Councilor at Large, City of St. John's
- **Marjorie Muise**, Mi'kmaw Elder
- **Natasha Drover**, Community Advocate
- **Rutanya Wyse**, Community Advocate
- **Stacey Howse**, Executive Director, First Light
- **Susan Onalik**, Community Advocate

ADMINISTRATION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador Conference:

- Justin presented to approximately 350 delegates, drawing on the First Voice Calls for Change and the report on police-oversight in the province.
- Gave examples of how municipalities can help amplify the Calls for Change across the province which led to a discussion on a formal motion to adopt Calls for Change at the next MNL AGM.
- 600 copies of the booklets containing the Calls for Change were distributed.
 - Partnership Table members noted that moving forward this could be an opportunity for “small wins” such as increased community engagement, uplifting success stories, returning Indigenous place names, creating

monuments to Indigenous history, etc., to show people how to focus on small change.

2. Community Investment Specialist:

- This role aims to diversify funding sources, given that a significant portion of First Light's budget relies on self-generation.
- The specialist would explore policy forums to attract potential corporate funders, emphasizing the importance of candidates with policy-groundwork experience.

3. Opera on the Avalon "75x75":

- A project called "75x75 - Opera on the Avalon" reserved space for five urban Indigenous individuals in their video-storytelling project.
- This project intends to gather diverse perspectives marking the seventy-five years since Newfoundland and Labrador's confederation with Canada in 1949.
- Jordan proposed that anyone interested in participating should contact him to coordinate with the CPAC team, which had agreed to produce the videos.

REGULAR BUSINESS

● Community Advocate Expiring Terms (in-camera)

- Lisa Smith put their name forward to be considered for another term as Community Advocate.
- It was agreed to renew Lisa's role as Community Advocate. Jordan will follow up with Lisa to confirm the details of their new appointment.
- Charlotte Winters-Fost and Susan Onalik did not put their names forward to be considered for another term.

● Education Priorities: Moving Forward

- First Voice's proposal to join the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) was put forward at the last IEAC meeting. However, there had been no response from the department, indicating a need for further engagement.
- An Access to Information and Protection of Privacy (ATIPP) request related to the IEAC had its deadline extended to November 12, 2023.

● Indigenous Justice Action Circle

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- The proposed terms of reference for the Indigenous Justice Action Circle (IJAC) were reviewed by the Partnership Table.
- These terms received approval for final drafting at the next Justice Action Circle meeting.
- Notably, the members emphasized the importance of documenting Indigenous membership to facilitate and uphold Indigenous-led decision-making throughout the process.

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 Justin Campbell at 4:35pm. Jordan Lawrence closed the meeting with a moment of silence to reflect on the work that the Partnership Table is doing, has done, and will continue to do in the future.