

All Party Committee on Basic Income

Meeting #13 Minutes – May 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

West Block, Confederation Building

In attendance:

Hon. Paul Pike, Minister, Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD), Chair
Hon. Bernard Davis, Minister, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA, Placentia-St. Mary's
Craig Pardy, MHA, Bonavista
Jim Dinn, MHA, St. John's Centre
Scott Fleming, Policy Analyst, Third Party Caucus
Margot Pitcher, Executive Assistant, CSSD
Emily Timmins, Supervisor of Youth Programs, CSSD (Recorder)

Guests:

Justin Campbell, Director of Research & Strategic Partnerships, First Light
Lisa Smith, First Voice Community Advocate
Elizabeth Anderson, Executive Assistant, First Light
Bridget Clarke, Advocacy Coordinator, St. John's Status of Women Council
Laura Winters, CEO, Stella's Circle
Maria Gentle, Executive Director, YWCA St. John's

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions.

- The Chair welcomed guests to the meeting.

2. Presentation From First Voice on Universal Basic Income.

- Justin Campbell provided an overview of First Voice Urban Indigenous Coalition. The coalition, led by First Light Friendship Centre in partnerships with 11 other organizations and nine community advocates, brings together stakeholders and decision-makers to advance truth and reconciliation in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- The group outlined how a basic income would benefit Indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador, particularly Indigenous women, and Urban Indigenous people.
- The group presented statistical information from their submission to the Minimum Wage Review related to poverty among different Indigenous Peoples in the province.
- The group also referenced the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Call to Justice 4.5: "We call upon all governments to establish a guaranteed annual livable income for all Canadians, including Indigenous Peoples, to meet all their social and economic needs. This income must take into account diverse needs, realities, and geographic locations."

3. Discussion.

- Attendees discussed the needs of the Urban Indigenous population in Newfoundland and Labrador.

4. Next meeting.

- As Monday, May 20th, 2024, is a holiday, the next meeting of the APC will be Monday, May 27, 2024.