

DRAFT AGENDA
Innu Round Table – Oct 2nd, 2013
Delta Barrington, 1875 Barrington St, Halifax, NS
Sackville Meeting Room

COFFEE	8:00
Introductions/Opening Remarks - All	8:30
Review Agenda - Chair	8:45
Review Notes/Decisions from Previous Meetings - Chair	9:00
- April 24 th IRT Meeting in St John's	
- June 26 th IRT Update VideoConf	
 Action List Update (Terms of Reference, Workplans and Budgets)	 9:15
- IRT/Secretariat Incorporation	
• From April 24, 2013 Meeting – A new incorporation and implementation by a new Board of Directors is underway. Office renovations in Sheshatshiu were underway, and new staff is being hired. This was an agenda item for the June 26, 2013 video conference call, however I did not attend and cannot update.	
- Federal Special Representative	
• From April 24, 2013 Meeting – The chair updated members that the appointment of a FSR pursuant to the Innu's request was under consideration by Canada/AANDC and the IRT would be advised as soon as a decision is made. Unsure if there have been any updates on this.	
- Income Support - Devolution	
• On August 13, 2013 John Highman sent out an updated version of the Transition to Devolution Project document. There were not any major changes, nothing specific for AA, more for AES. One issue that seems to have come up recently is the section under <i>Clients with debt owed</i> , as the Innu have requested that the matter of outstanding amounts be settled before clients are transferred to their administration. The funding for the Project has changed somewhat in the last few months, upon commencement of the Project, federal funds will flow directly to the IRT Secretariat, which will then administer them according to the terms and conditions of a standard federal funding agreement. Clients of the Devolution Project will no longer be provincial clients and will be receiving services directly from the Innu in a manner very similar to that which is in place after Devolution.	
 COFFEE BREAK	 10:00
 Action List Update (continued)	 10:30
- Health Sub-Committee	
• From April 24, 2013 Meeting – A short presentation by Natasha Hurley on TOR and new name of Committee. After questions, the committee was to consider budget reductions; clarify links to the Health Liaison Committee; and how AANDC might support the Committee but not necessarily have a permanent rep on it. Unsure if there have been any updates on this.	
- CYFS /MOU/Enhanced Prevention	
• In 2012, CYFS signed MOUs with SIFN and MIFN to improve planning around safety and well-being of children and youth, and enhance service coordination and delivery in the two Innu communities. The MIFN, SIFN and MFN have expressed an interest to enter into a partnership with federal and provincial	

governments to implement an Enhanced Prevention Focused Approach (EPFA). The EPFA provides FNs with improved capacity to provide services to on-Reserve FN children on a proactive basis through increased funding. On June 14, 2013, AANDC wrote the Province to propose tripartite meetings to begin the discussion to develop a province-specific EPFA. Drafting of the document has commenced and is hoped to be finalized in the coming months. Final steps to EPFA approval include developing a costing model to establish a formula for the funding recipient(s) [this may have present some challenges, particularly with the Innu as the feds have indicated they can only have one funding agreement and GNL currently receives protection funding for the Innu from the feds], development of a Business Plan by the First Nations, implementation and ongoing monitoring and compliance reviews.

- In a newspaper article of October 1, 2013 entitled “We want to die – nobody’s listening to us” Chief Tshakapesh of Natuashish is again stating the need for increasing parenting skills and a treatment centre at Border Beacon, Labrador. The Chief is quoted as stating “Parents have to start doing something. On top of that they also need help being parents; being taught how to parent.” The community’s mental health therapist is quoted as citing the need for parenting improvements to support treatment as follows “For the past 20 years, the kids go out for treatment, do brilliantly out in treatment, come back home, and are gas sniffing that night because things haven’t changed at home.” Enhance Prevention funding would help this situation.

LUNCH (Provided) 12:00

Evolving Nature of Health & Healing Roles and Responsibilities (HC) 1:00
(Deferred from April 24th meeting)

Education Update 2:00

- From December 6, 2012 Meeting – Representatives of the MTIE Education Board presented a summary of the activities, progress and challenges since devolution in 2009. Significant progress was noted in staff stability and student achievements, however education in both communities’ remains challenged by low attendance, curriculum development in culture & language, and funding, especially in special education needs and post-secondary. Education was discussed (briefly) at the April 24, 2013 meeting, but it was focused mostly on the higher birth rates and that the school is becoming too small.

Outline/Update on Health Capacity Development Projects 2013-2014 3:30

- This was an agenda item from the June 26, 2013 Video Conference. Do not have meeting minutes from that call to give update.

New Business 4:00

Next steps and Actions 4:15

Closing 4:30