

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For DECISION by the Honourable Suzanne Anton, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and the Honourable Mike Morris, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**ISSUE:**  
Theme of 2017 Justice Summit cycle.

**DECISION REQUIRED/RECOMMENDATION:**  
Approval of theme recommended by Justice and Public Safety Council

**SUMMARY:**

- Previous consultations had identified Indigenous Justice as the preferred theme for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> BC Justice Summits in 2017. Consultation since January 2017 with BC Aboriginal Justice Council (BCAJC) has resulted in a request that this topic be delayed  
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- The BC Justice and Public Safety Council (JPSC) has considered ten alternative topics and recommends that "Technology and the Justice System" be selected for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Summits in 2017. Approval is sought to commence planning.

**BACKGROUND:**

- BC Justice Summits have been held twice annually since 2013. The requirement to host is under the *Justice Reform and Transparency Act* S.9 (SBC 2013).
- Discussions in the fall of 2016, involving Richard Fyfe, Deputy Attorney General, Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General, Kurt Sandstrom, Assistant Deputy Minister, the BC Justice Summits Coordinator (Allan Castle), and the BCAJC, together with other interactions with Indigenous Justice experts had revealed interest in Indigenous Justice as the theme of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Summits.
- Minister Anton announced this theme to participants at the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Summit on November 25, 2016. Subjects potentially to have been addressed at these events included  
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**DISCUSSION:**

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- The requirement and sector expectation of a Summit cycle in 2017 remains. JPSC met on February 14<sup>th</sup> to consider ten alternative topics within the areas of criminal justice, civil justice and administrative justice.
- Topics considered included: the use of custody, bail/remand reform, access to justice, use of conditions and breaches, tribunals, cybercrime, performance measures, employee wellness, technology and justice, and specialized courts.
- The consensus choice of the Council as a recommendation was "Technology and Justice." This topic is seen as central to the statutory mandate of the Summits, operationally important, touching all areas of the system, and bringing in a number of important players and innovators in the sector who have largely been excluded from Summit participation to date. Issues within this theme include use of big data, increased access to justice, and more efficient operations.
- No other topics attracted majority support. There was greatest interest in bail and remand, matched with concern about too many criminal-themed topics in sequence.
- Time is of the essence as the next Summit is scheduled for June 23-24, 2017.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Approve "Technology and Justice" as 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Summit theme. [RECOMMENDED]
2. Select an alternative topic from those considered. [NOT RECOMMENDED]
3. Consider other topics via research and consultation. [NOT RECOMMENDED]

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- MARR and MCFD advised of the prior choice of topic and the recent change.

**OPTION 1 APPROVED:**

**DATE:**



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March 3, 2017

**OPTION 1 APPROVED:**

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OPTION 1 APPROVED:

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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** FOR INFORMATION Suzanne Anton, QC  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

**ISSUE:** Surrey Justice Access Centre Implementation

**BACKGROUND:**

- Since 2009 Justice Services Branch (JSB), through Family Justice Services Division (FJSD), have created and implemented three Justice Access Centres (JACs) in Nanaimo, Vancouver and Victoria.
- A recent Treasury Board submission with respect to the creation of a Justice Access Centre in Surrey was approved and announced in the 2017/18 Ministry of Justice Budget.
- JACs are a key Ministry priority and one of the three key Ministry of Justice transformation initiatives, along with RSI and CRT.
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- The Surrey JAC is currently anticipated to open in 2018.

**DISCUSSION:**

- The Surrey JAC has been one of the Ministry key priorities for a number of years. On April 3, 2009, government announced \$3.3 million capital from the Accelerated Infrastructure Plan to establish a Surrey Neighbourhood Justice Centre.
- In 2010 Surrey invited the province to consider options for redeveloping the Surrey Municipal Hall located adjacent to the Surrey Provincial Court. Planning for a JAC became one component of a comprehensive plan to address capacity issues in the Surrey Provincial Courthouse by redeveloping the municipal hall.
- Subsequently, the Surrey JAC was included in the \$33 million envelope for the Surrey courthouse expansion. In all subsequent studies and business plans, the Surrey JAC has been a feature of that courthouse design.
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- The TB submission with respect to funding of the Surrey JAC operating costs was approved in December 2016. s.12,s.17  
s.12,s.17



- The rationale for creating a JAC in Surrey at this juncture is as follows:
  - Transformative nature of the initiative and evidenced connection with Ministry vision
  - JACs are a proven initiative with positive and successful evaluation findings
  - JACs exemplify the tenets and goals of the Government's Red Tape Reduction Initiative
  - JACs improve the justice system by delivering services that are faster, easier to access, and simpler to use, which effectively reduces frustration for people using the justice system

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- Modifications to the space will be made in order to accommodate current occupants and future community partners. A Self Help Resource Room for use by self-represented litigants will also be created within the current space. An illustration of a possible usage of space is attached below ("Surrey JAC Preliminary Design").
- Discussions between Ministry of Justice Corporate Management Services Branch, FJSD and other interested stakeholders on the design and use of space are currently ongoing.

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- In comparison, the Vancouver JAC has 16 delegated FTEs (4.5 are federally funded), Nanaimo has 11 FTEs (2 are federally funded) and Victoria has 10.5 FTEs (none are federally funded).
- Expected hiring and training of new staff will commence s.13
- The opening of the Surrey JAC is subject to completion of the construction.

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**BOC, Amortization and FTE Breakdown in the Surrey Treasury Branch Submission:**

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Date: March 13, 2017

**Attachment:**  
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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
COURT SERVICES BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For **DECISION** for Richard J.M. Fyfe, Q.C.  
Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister of Justice

**ISSUE:**

Court Services Branch (CSB) Office of Professional Standards (OPS) seeks approval to increase the June 2017 Sheriff Recruit Training (SRT) class from 24 to 32 recruits.

**DECISION REQUIRED/ RECOMMENDATION:**

Option 2 – Approve the increase in the June 2017 SRT class from 24 to 32 recruits.

**SUMMARY:**

- Ongoing employee retention trends and hiring lags resulting from past FTE constraints has contributed to the BCSS being unable to reliably staff its legislated program obligations without incurring significant costs in overtime and travel. There is a critical short term need to bring new qualified employees into the field as quickly as possible.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The shortage of qualified deputy sheriffs was cited as the reason for two highly publicized stays of proceedings cases in Victoria in recent weeks. Other staffing pressures such as the opening of the Okanagan Correctional Center, eNitro high security trial in Kelowna, and the Surrey courthouse expansion due to come online in October 2017, add additional urgency to existing staffing requirements.
- BCSS staffing demands, combined with employee attrition, long term STIIP and retirements have left the service utilizing a number of short term strategies to meet operational requirements. Overtime, travel and deferring or cancelling training are being utilized to manage the core duties of protective services for the courts.
- In order to attract, hire, and train qualified applicants to meet the demand, CSB approved OPS recruitment section to increase the past two classes from 12 to 24 recruits. This commitment to larger classes has been announced by the Attorney General as ongoing until there are enough Sheriffs to stay ahead of attrition.
- The maximum numbers of classes that can currently run are two SRT classes per year. Each class runs for 16 weeks and utilizes a total of 21 field instructors (BCSS employees) at various stages, in addition to private instructor contracts from other agencies facilitated through the JIBC.
- The general recruit hiring process has been shaped by PSA requirements and Merit Commission reviews, and now takes approximately 5-6 months to complete (similar to BC Corrections). The SRT curriculum has also been reviewed, and core training

reaffirmed. It has been determined that a possible reduction from the current 16 weeks to 14 weeks should be considered. If approved by the ADM, this change is not likely to be implemented until the class of January, 2018.

- Currently, it takes approximately 10 months to complete the hiring and training process assuming facilities are available
- As part of an overarching strategic plan which includes recruitment and retention, BCSS is working closely with PSA on streamlining the hiring process for the future.
- Funding for the additional 8 recruits will be absorbed in the Branch budget and mitigated with hiring lags. Total cost of a class of 32 is approximately \$448,000 wages (based on \$23-25 per hour wages) and \$352,000 training costs. Adding these 8 new recruits will require an additional \$200,000.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Maintain current class levels

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2. Increase June 2017 SRT class size from 24 to 32 recruits

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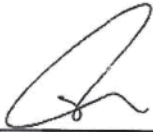
**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- BCPSA to assist with marketing and streamlining hiring processes.
- CMSB regarding related funding pressures.



**OPTION 2 APPROVED**

**DATE:**



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Richard J. M. Fyfe, Q.C.  
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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for the Honourable Suzanne Anton, Minister of Justice and Attorney General

**ISSUE:** Meeting of the Joint Partners Table regarding continued work on MOU regarding violence against Aboriginal women and girls on March 30, 2017.

**SUMMARY:**

- The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) sent a letter to members of the Joint Partners Table (JPT) on November 23, 2016 requesting a meeting to discuss continued work on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding violence against Aboriginal women and girls (Appendix A).
- Ministers Anton, Morris and Rustad are scheduled to attend the meeting with FNLC on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The JPT is comprised of political signatories to the MOU – the First Nations Summit (FNS); the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC); the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN); the President of the Métis Nation of BC (MNBC); and, the Province of BC.
- The FNLC requested that the upcoming meeting be focused on:
  - Addressing the remaining three action items identified at the June 2015 JPT meeting.
  - Discussing the current context, including the upcoming National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIWG).
  - Considering any additional items that might be relevant to the MOU (See Appendix B for full agenda).
- The three action items identified at the June 2015 JPT meeting include:
  - Expansion of the *Declaration on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls*
  - Public awareness campaign
  - Youth focused campaign
- s.16,s.17
- BC is committed to fully participating in the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

- The Commission has indicated that Phase 1 of the Inquiry will include hearing from family members and survivors and will commence in late May 2017. Phase 2 will commence in the Fall of 2017, and will involve hearing from individuals, organizations and institutions, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, including governments, and agencies such as police departments and child welfare agencies. The Commission will also hear from subject matter experts (Phase 3) – Phase 3 will occur concurrently with Phases 1 and 2.
- The Commission has posted an application for standing at the National Inquiry on its website. Individuals or collective groups may apply for standing. Family members or survivors of violence do not require standing to share their stories and experiences with the Commission. The deadline for standing applications is April 10, 2017.

## **BACKGROUND:**

- In June 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls ("MOU") was signed by the First Nations Summit (FNS), the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), and the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) (in collaboration as the First Nations Leadership Council); the President of the Métis Nation of BC (MNBC); and, the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (representing the Province of British Columbia).
- The MOU includes commitments to:
  - Work together to identify shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities.
  - Agree that success is a shared responsibility with shared accountabilities and report on the collective progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
  - Meet annually or more frequently as required to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding, that the reporting is on track and to make additions or amendments to the priorities as the work evolves.
- In June 2015, the JPT held its first meeting. Parties committed to hosting the Provincial Gathering for Families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, which was held January 31 to February 2, 2016 in Prince George on Lheidli T'enneh territory.
- The Department of Justice Canada (DOJ) is providing funding to establish new Family Information Liaison Units (FILUs) to assist families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. The launch date for the BC FILU will be in Spring 2017, to align with the anticipated commencement of the National Inquiry hearings process.

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

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## **RE: Continuity on MOU Re. Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls**

Dear Premier Clark, Minister Rustad, and Ms. Morin-Dal Col:

We are writing with respect to our continued work on the Memorandum of Understanding on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls ("MOU") which was signed on June 13, 2014 by five signatories: the First Nations Summit (FNS); the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC); the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN); the President of the Métis Nation of BC (MNBC); and the Premier of BC and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (representing the Province of British Columbia).

As you recall, the MOU confirms the parties' shared commitment to end violence against Aboriginal women and girls, and was initially proposed by the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women (MACAW). As per the MOU, a Joint Partners Table (JPT) was created with a Terms of Reference (attached).

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015, we had an annual meeting of political signatories to the MOU, where we agreed to carry out the following action items:

1. Gathering for family members of murdered and missing Aboriginal women and girls
2. Expansion of Declaration on Ending Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls
3. Public awareness campaign
4. Youth focused campaign

The parties to the MOU collectively planned and carried out the Family Gathering in Lheidli T'enneh Territory from January 31- February 2, 2016. We acknowledge the extensive work this required from all parties, and the significant emotional impact of participating in the Family Gathering. We received generally positive feedback about the Family Gathering, along with some concerns to address for future gatherings regarding inclusion and resourcing.

We are writing to set up a second political signatories meeting of the Joint Partners Table, as per our joint commitment under the MOU, in order to address the remaining three action items we identified, discuss the current context including the upcoming National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and consider any additional items. We propose identifying a meeting date in January, 2017 and are looking forward to continuing with this important work.

Sincerely,

**FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT:**



Grand Chief Edward John

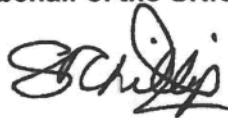


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**On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:**

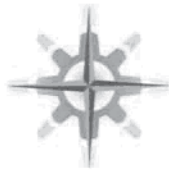


Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson

CC: Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women and Girls

Encl: MOU on Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls (June 13, 2014)  
Joint Partners Table Terms of Reference  
Joint News Release: Gathering for BC Families of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women  
(June 18, 2015)  
Joint thank you letter to attendees of Family Gathering (March, 2016)





## MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING Regarding STOPPING VIOLENCE Against ABORIGINAL WOMEN and GIRLS

Between:

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(Represented by the Premier of British Columbia and  
the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, on behalf of all ministries)

THE FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT, the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS, and the  
BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS, in collaboration as the FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MÉTIS NATION BRITISH COLUMBIA  
(Represented by the President)

The Parties recognize that Aboriginal women and girls suffer disproportionately high levels of violence and that research indicates that the root causes can be linked back to years of colonial policies and practices that sought to exclude Aboriginal people economically and socially, and attempted to destroy their cultures.

The Parties recognize that the legacy of these policies and practices has contributed to social problems that continue to exist in many communities today and may include the expression of trans-generational violent behaviour (e.g. lateral violence), believed to not normally be found in pre-colonial Aboriginal communities; and additionally, that these colonial policies and practices have contributed to racist and sexist beliefs towards Aboriginal people, and females in particular, which are seen manifested as lateral, stranger and societal violence.

By undertaking this MOU, the Parties are seeking to ensure that indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees enjoyed by all citizens, against all forms of violence and discrimination and recognize that particular attention should be paid to the rights and special needs of indigenous elders, women, youth, children and persons with disabilities.

The Parties acknowledge that the *New Relationship Statement of Vision*, the *Transformative Change Accord* and the *Métis Nation Relationship Accord* are all based on shared commitments to reconcile the historical Aboriginal-Crown relationship in British Columbia which has given rise to the present socio-economic disparity between Aboriginal peoples and other British Columbians.

The First Nations Leadership, Métis Nation British Columbia Leadership, and the Provincial Government (The Parties) acknowledge that the Province is developing a coordinated framework to address violence against women and girls and that, while various actions are being undertaken to address the problem, the levels of violence against Aboriginal women and girls remain unacceptable; as such, Parties agree that a focused, collaborative, coordinated approach needs to be taken by all parties to address the disproportionate levels of all types of violence experienced by Aboriginal women and girls:

1. The Parties agree to work together, or through their delegates to identify shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities.
2. The Parties agree that success is a shared responsibility with shared accountabilities and to report on the collective progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
3. The Parties, or their delegates, agree to meet annually or more frequently as required to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding, that the reporting is on track and to make additions or amendments to the priorities as the work evolves.

JUNE 13, 2014

HONOURABLE CHRISTY CLARK  
Premier of the Province of British Columbia

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**MOU Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls**  
**Joint Partners' Table Terms of Reference**

**BACKGROUND:**

Aboriginal leadership and the Province of British Columbia signed the *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls (MOU)* on June 13, 2014. The MOU signatories subsequently committed to developing the MOU Joint Partners' Table (JPT). The overarching goal of the JPT is to facilitate collaboration between MOU signatories on shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, and actions needed to stop violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

**ACTIVITIES:**

As per the MOU:

1. The Parties agree to work together, or through their delegates to identify shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities.
2. The Parties agree that success is a shared responsibility with shared accountabilities and to report on the collective progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
3. The Parties, or their delegates, agree to meet annually or more frequently as required to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding, that the reporting is on track and to make additions or amendments to the priorities as the work evolves.

**MEMBERSHIP AND AUTHORITY:**

The JPT will be comprised of the five MOU signatories: the political executives from the First Nations Summit (FNS), the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), and the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN) (in collaboration as the First Nations Leadership Council); the President of Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC); and the Premier of British Columbia and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (representing the Province of British Columbia).

The JPT recognizes that each political signatory has its own respective internal authority structure. The JPT has designed a relationship chart to illustrate how the political signatories are informed by their respective staff (Senior Officials and Technical Support), as well as Key Partners/Advisors as appropriate, based on the identified priorities (See Appendix 1: MOU Joint Partners' Table Relationship Chart).

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. MOU Joint Partners' Political Signatories:



- The Parties agree to work together, or through their delegates to identify shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities.
  - The Parties agree that success is a shared responsibility with shared accountabilities and to report on the collective progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
  - The Parties, or their delegates, agree to meet annually or more frequently as required to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding, that the reporting is sufficient and to make additions or amendments to the priorities as the work evolves.
2. MOU Joint Partners' Senior Officials and Technical Support will seek direction from the Political Signatories to:
- Confirm shared priorities, intended outcomes, actions required to achieve the outcomes, targets, indicators of success and accountabilities through approval of a MOU Joint Partners' Work Plan.
  - Develop the MOU Joint Partners' Work Plan for review/approval of the MOU Signatories Political Table.
  - Draft any other documents as required under the Work Plan.
  - Meet in advance of the MOU Signatories meetings as required, to ensure the agreed upon work is proceeding under the MOU Joint Partners' Work Plan.
3. Key Partners/Advisors:
- To be determined based on the Work Plan.

#### **GOVERNANCE:**

- The JPT will be co-chaired by the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and an Aboriginal organization representative, as appointed by the Aboriginal organizations.
- The JPT will utilize a consensus decision making model founded on the principles of shared responsibility and cooperation.
- All parties will share administrative support for the JPT.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

- The JPT Work Plan will outline the priorities, deliverables and timelines for the JPT activities.
- The JPT will report on the collaborative progress in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls. In addition, the JPT recognizes that each party has its own respective reporting and accountability structures.
- The JPT will seek to engage with key partners/advisors as required.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

The parties agree to the following main principles for maintaining respectful and supportive communication links among members of the JPT.

The purpose of these principles is to establish trusting and reciprocal relationships between the parties to share information as freely as possible and in a timely fashion. This is intended to apply to both crisis situations as well as activities, which the JPT is planning to undertake, that are connected to stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

**JPT Overarching Communication Principles:**

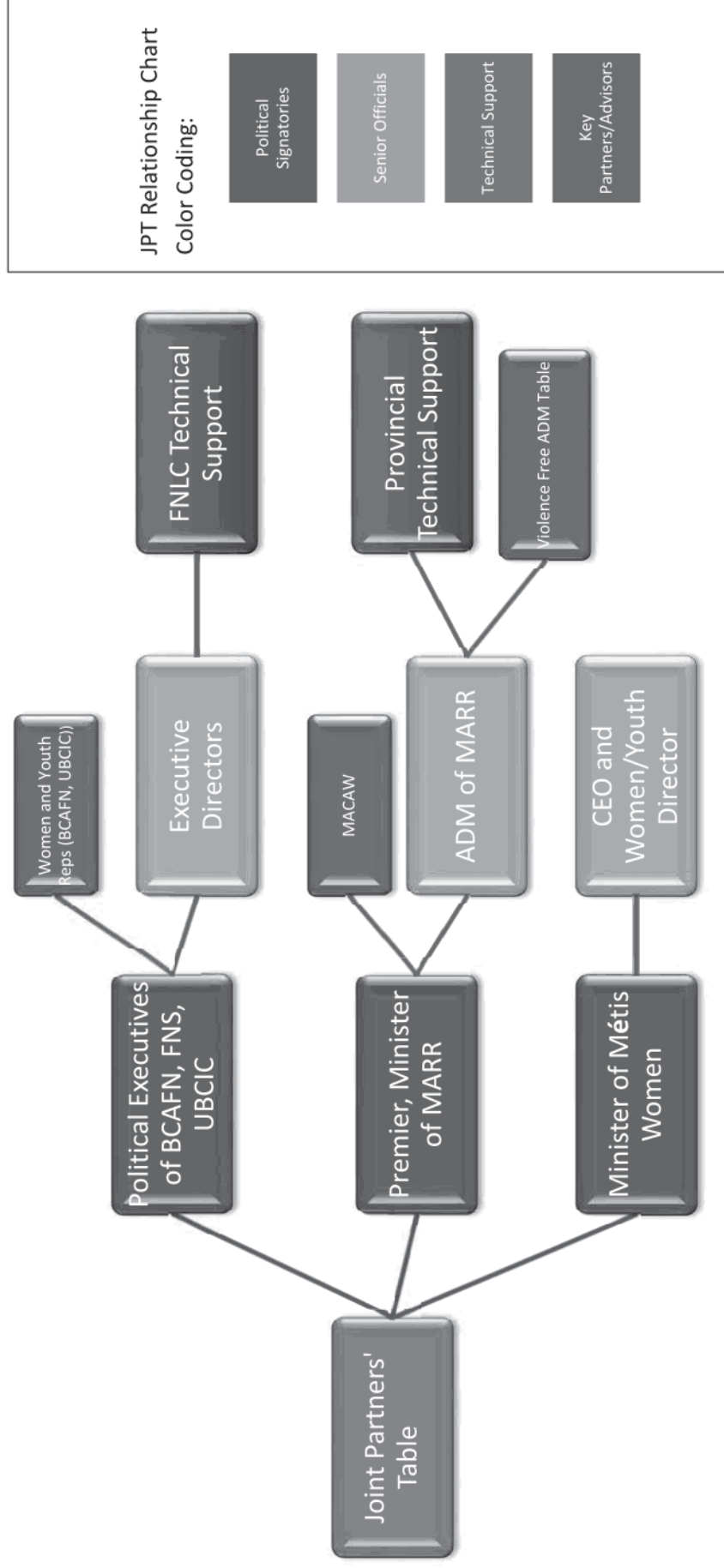
1. Respect: We recognize and respect each other's interests and perspectives on issues.
2. Engagement: We are committed to engaging in an ongoing process of dialogue to develop common understandings, strategies and/or positions on identified issues of mutual interest or priority.
3. Advance Notice: We will do our best to provide advance notice to others on actions and communications that may or may not have been previously discussed and that could have significant impacts.
4. Crisis management/Conflict resolution: When in disagreement on an issue, we commit to engage in timely discussions. If unable to reach resolution, we will advise each other of any intention to pursue external communications. If, for some reason, one party is aware of forthcoming media coverage, that party will provide advance notice to their colleagues prior to its release, if at all possible.
5. Confidentiality: We will ensure a clear understanding of what information is confidential and not appropriate for general distribution.
6. Trust: We will build trust within our relationships to ensure that information and perspectives can be shared and understood by all parties, that advance notice is easily provided, and that confidentiality is honoured.

See Appendix 2: MOU Joint Partners' Table Communication Guidelines for additional detail.

**TERM:**

The JPT will remain in place until such a time that the parties agree to discontinue its efforts. The JPT will review the Terms of Reference and the relationship chart on an annual basis, to determine if changes are required.

**APPENDIX 1: MOU Joint Partners' Table (JPT) Relationship Chart**



## **APPENDIX 2: MOU Joint Partners' Table Communication Guidelines**

[Insert Communication Guidelines – in development]





## NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release  
June 18, 2015

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations  
and Reconciliation

### **Gathering For B.C. Families of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women**

VANCOUVER – B.C. and Aboriginal leadership partners have agreed to jointly plan and host a family gathering to provide a safe and supportive place for families of missing and murdered Aboriginal women to heal together by sharing their stories and their strength, and identifying a path forward to end violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

B.C. family members of missing and murdered Aboriginal women have long emphasized the importance of bringing together as many family members as possible to share their experiences and stories. Recent reports by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Standing Committee on the Status of Women speak to the need for broad reconciliation policy in order to address violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

The gathering, proposed for this fall or spring 2016, follows up on the inaugural National Roundtable on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women held in Ottawa in February, 2015. John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation attended the Roundtable with a provincial delegation, which included Aboriginal family members.

On June 13, 2014, Aboriginal leadership and the Province of British Columbia signed the *Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls (MOU)*. The MOU signatories subsequently committed to developing the MOU Joint Partners' Table (JPT). The overarching goal of the JPT is to facilitate collaboration between MOU signatories on shared priorities, core relationship and implementation principles, intended outcomes, and actions needed to stop violence against Aboriginal women and girls.

The MOU signatories met on June 16, 2015 to mark the one-year anniversary, review progress and focus on next steps, which include the commitment to host a family gathering in B.C., working in partnership with families and impacted communities. Following the family gathering, the JPT will work to implement identified actions.

#### **Quotes:**

#### **Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia –**

"I thank the Joint Partners' Table, the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding, for agreeing to help plan and co-host this important event for the families of missing and murdered

Aboriginal women and girls. Your willingness to work in collaboration with the Province is vital to ensuring a safe, more secure future for the vulnerable.”

**John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation –**

“The cases of murdered and missing women and girls are tragic for the families, their friends, and our entire province. It’s my hope the stories and experiences shared at B.C.’s Family Gathering will help strengthen families and communities, and provide a valuable legacy for the victims. As part of the Vision for a Violence Free BC Strategy, the Province is working in partnership with Aboriginal women, organizations and Aboriginal leadership to end violence and support Aboriginal women and children.”

**Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, Union of BC Indian Chiefs –**

“We are hopeful that the gathering will provide much needed support to families who have tragically lost their loved ones. The heartbreaking death of Paige Gautier, described in the Representative for Children and Youth’s recent report “Paige’s Story” demonstrates the institutionalized attitude of indifference to the safety of Aboriginal women and girls that we absolutely must change.”

**Cheryl Casimer, First Nations Summit Political Executive –**

“The First Nations Summit fully supports BC family members of missing and murdered Aboriginal women in their call to bring together as many family members as possible to collectively share their experiences and to support one another in their journey of healing. The proposed family gathering is a positive and critical first step in this important journey. We also encourage the BC Government to formally endorse and support all recommendations recently announced by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the summary of their final report, in particular those related to missing and murdered Indigenous women.”

**Chief Maureen Chapman, BC Assembly of First Nations Spokesperson –**

“Reconciliation takes many forms, key among which is healing, and advancing reconciliation will require strengthened partnerships between our citizens, organizations, and all levels of government. The Family Gathering is an excellent example of both. It is one step among many that we will have to take to honour victims of violence, provide space for the families of missing and murdered women and girls to heal, and to develop actions to ensure we can do better for those who are still at risk.”

**President Bruce Dumont, Métis Nation British Columbia –**

“A gathering of the families of the missing and murdered Aboriginal women is strongly supported by Métis Nation BC as an important step in the healing process for the families who have lost their mothers, daughters and sisters. This is a loss that will affect the families forever, and whatever we can do to help them cope and heal, we will do. ”

**Learn More:**

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls: <http://ow.ly/MUUFu>

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Dear ,

On behalf of the Province of BC, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, the First Nations Leadership Council (BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit, Union of BC Indian Chiefs) Métis Nation BC, the Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council and Carrier Sekani Child and Family Services we would like to thank you for attending the recent Provincial Family Gathering for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Prince George. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the people of the Lheidli T'enneh for allowing us to do this important work on their traditional lands.

We were honored to listen to your stories and our hope is that the Family Gathering helped you in your healing journey. Your recommendations will continue to guide our daily work as well as inform our input into the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

With great respect,

Minister John Rustad  
Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

Chief Dominic Frederick  
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**Annual Meeting of Political Signatories to the  
Memorandum of Understanding  
Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls**

March 30, 2017 1:00-3:00pm

Cabinet Boardroom, Premier's Vancouver Office, Vancouver, BC  
Traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations

**Agenda – Chaired by Honourable John Rustad**

1:00pm	<b>Prayer and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Opening Remarks by Leadership</li> </ul>
1:15pm	<b>Discuss the current context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Information Liaison Unit (PSSG)</li> <li>• BC Memorial Quilt Book (MARR)</li> <li>• Aboriginal Domestic Violence Funding (MARR)</li> <li>• Ending Violence Advisory Session (MARR)</li> <li>• Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women (MACAW)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• National initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (JAG)</li> <li>• Pan-Canadian Awareness and Prevention Campaign (MARR)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
1:45pm	<b>Address the remaining three action items identified at the last JPT meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of the <i>Declaration on Ending Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls</i> and the <i>Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls</i></li> <li>• Public awareness campaign</li> <li>• Youth focused campaign</li> </ul>
2:15pm	<b>Determine next steps</b>
2:45pm	<b>Closing Comments</b>
3:00pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For DECISION for the Honourable Suzanne Anton, QC,  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General

**ISSUE:**  
Independent Investigations Office (IIO) authority to investigate officers

**DECISION REQUIRED/ RECOMMENDATION:**

s.12,s.16

**SUMMARY:**

- The IIO is statutorily mandated to investigate 'officers' as defined in the *Police Act*.
- s.16
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**BACKGROUND:**

IIO overview

- The IIO is an independent civilian-led body established under the Act to investigate incidents of death or serious harm involving police officers including RCMP and municipal police officers both on and off-duty, and special provincial constables in British Columbia. It has been operational since September 2012.
- Mr. Albert (Bert) Phipps is the acting Chief Civilian Director (CCD), following the s.22 retirement of Mr. Richard Rosenthal in September 2016.
- The CCD is accountable to the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) through a Letter of Expectations.

Legislation

- Part 7.1 of the *Police Act* establishes the authority of the IIO to investigate 'officers' as defined in Part 1, section 1 and Part 7.1, section 38.01.
- 'Officer' in Part 1, section 1 of *Police Act* includes: a provincial constable, special provincial constable, designated constable, municipal constable, special municipal constable, auxiliary constable or enforcement officer.

- 'Officer' in Part 7.1, section 38.01 of the *Police Act* includes a member of the RCMP.
- The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General is undertaking a review of the *Police Act* s.16
- Members of the RCMP are appointed under the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Act (RCMP Act)* and include officers, regular constables and some civilians.

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## DISCUSSION:

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**OPTIONS:**

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**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- The RCMP will need to be consulted if Option 1 is approved.

**RECOMMENDED OPTION APPROVED**

**DATE:**



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Richard J.M. Fyfe, Q.C.,  
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March 15, 2017

Cliff: 426910  
Date Prepared: March 15, 2017  
Date Decision Required: March 20, 2017  
**DATE:**

**RECOMMENDED OPTION APPROVED**

*S. Anton*

The Honourable Suzanne Anton, Q.C.  
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• *Understand analysis*

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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for the Honourable Suzanne Anton, QC,  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

**ISSUE:**

Update regarding the status of work relating to s.13  
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**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

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