## 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation** 





## **MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

As Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (the Office), I am presenting the Annual Report for 2021-22. I am accountable for the Report and the results reported. This Report outlines the Office's activities between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022 in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the 2020-23 Strategic Plan. This Report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** under which the Office is a Category 3 entity.

This Report highlights important work completed during 2021-22, and identifies opportunities and challenges for the upcoming fiscal year. The Office is committed to advancing Reconciliation through continued collaboration with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities, and people. The Office works to build principle-based relationships grounded on the value of mutual respect. The Office will continue to strengthen our relationships based on respect, co-operation, and partnership.

This was a year of national grief following the confirmation, on May 26, 2021, of 215 unmarked burials at Kamloops Indian Residential School, and that grief continued with more confirmations of unmarked burials. We must dedicate ourselves to never repeat the horrors of those schools, and strive for Reconciliation.

The pandemic continued to present challenges during the reporting period that the Office worked to address. I would like to thank Indigenous governments, organizations, communities, and people for their collaboration and work over the past year, as well as Office staff. I look forward to continued progress into 2022-23.

Hon. Lisa Dempster Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation



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### Overview

#### **Organizational Structure**

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation supports the Premier and Ministers in advancing Reconciliation and building principle-based relationships with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities, and people.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation works towards advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation has three core functions: Policy and Planning, Consultations, and Negotiations.

The Policy and Planning function develops policies and provides advice to Provincial Government departments and agencies on policies and programs affecting Indigenous people.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is also responsible for the development of Indigenous consultation processes and providing advice to Provincial Government departments and agencies on Indigenous consultation.

The Negotiations function advances the assessment, negotiation, and implementation of land claims, self-government, and other agreements to promote the self-sufficiency, self-government, and cultural autonomy of Indigenous peoples, and to provide advice on Indigenous rights in the province.

For more information on the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, please see our website at <a href="https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/iar">https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/iar</a>

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#### Staff and Budget

As of March 31, 2022, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation had a staff complement of 12.

As per the Report on the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue for fiscal year 2021-22, the total net expenditure for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation for fiscal year 2021-22 was \$1,896,927.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is located on the sixth floor of Confederation Complex, East Block, in St. John's.

#### Vision

The vision of the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is to advance the social and economic aspirations of Indigenous people in the province.

#### Mandate

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation focuses on a principle-based relationship with Indigenous peoples, characterized by mutual respect. The Office is specifically mandated to:

- collaborate with Indigenous governments and organizations, and the Federal Government to advance Reconciliation;
- support the Provincial Government's efforts to provide cultural sensitivity training to elected officials and public servants to ensure understanding of and respect for the cultures, values, and histories of Indigenous peoples;
- host the Premier-Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable;
- advance work on land claims and self-government;
- support Provincial Government apologies to residential school survivors;

- collaborate with other Provincial Government departments to establish a public inquiry into the treatment, experiences, and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system;
- collaborate with other Provincial Government departments to develop a process under which provincial monuments, symbols, and observances are anti-racist and better reflect the diversity, cultures, and traditions of Indigenous people.

## **Highlights and Partnerships**

The reporting period 2021-22 was another year of continued challenges posed by COVID-19.

This was a year of national grief following the confirmation, on May 26, 2021, of 215 unmarked burials at Kamloops Indian Residential School, and that grief continued with more confirmations of unmarked burials. To honour the children lost at residential schools we must dedicate ourselves to never repeat the horrors of those schools and strive for Reconciliation. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has pledged its support to Indigenous governments and organizations in the search for the unmarked graves of students that did not return to their families and communities from residential schools.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked during the reporting period with various Indigenous governments and organizations and with others to organize the Royal Visit of now His Majesty King Charles III and the now Queen Consort to Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### Partnering with Indigenous People to Advance Reconciliation

Reconciliation requires the Government to listen to and learn about the priorities of First Peoples, and then act on that learning. To this end, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation organizes weekly calls between the Premier and the Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation with the Leaders of Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, NunatuKavut Community Council, and Miawpukek and Qalipu First Nations. The Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation has also committed to monthly meetings with the First Light St. John's Friendship Centre. These efforts help to ensure the priorities of Government are aligned with the priorities of Indigenous peoples. The Innu Roundtable is an Innu-led initiative that includes the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Federal Government, and is mandated to address Innu community health and healing initiatives. The Innu Roundtable was able to meet three times during the reporting period.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation (the Office) supported the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture in engaging with Miawpukek First Nation on public consultations for a potential Forest Management Agreement for an area in central Newfoundland.

The Office attended the swearing-in of the newly elected Qalipu First Nation Council and continued to support the enrolment overtures of the Qalipu First Nation to the Federal Government.

The Gathering for Two-Eared Listening by Restorative Justice NL was attended by the Office. The Gathering featured the knowledge of Indigenous leaders and elders on the importance of two-eared listening and restorative justice.

The Office worked with the Departments of Environment and Climate Change, and Health and Community Services, as well as the Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, and NunatuKavut Community Council towards creating the Muskrat Falls Monitoring and Health Management Oversight Committee.

Throughout the reporting period the Office continued to provide consultation advice on resource developments, mineral exploration, environmental assessments, and other matters to Provincial Government departments and project proponents.

The Office is a member of the Fisheries Advisory Council along with various Indigenous governments and organizations.

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In accordance with Call 57 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Office began development of a training module on Indigenous peoples for core public servants in relation to service delivery, and consulted Indigenous governments and organizations on the draft. The Office is now co-developing training modules with each of the Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, NunatuKavut Community Council, and the Miawpukek and Qalipu First Nations.

The Office continues to lead provincial negotiations on the Innu land claim, and the provincial implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

During the reporting period, the Office worked with other Provincial Government departments on updating provincial progress on the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada that are within provincial jurisdiction.

The Office engaged with Indigenous governments and organizations regarding arrangements for school apologies. Unfortunately, again due to the pandemic, it was impossible to accommodate the associated public events while ensuring the health of survivors, family members, and public. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador remains committed to making these apologies, and collaborative planning is on-going with Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, NunatuKavut Community Council, Qalipu First Nation and Miawpukek First Nation.

The Office worked with the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development and other departments in organizing public engagement for the Social and Economic Well Being Plan.

The Premier and Minister Dempster met with the Assembly of First Nations' Regional Chief Paul Prosper for the island of Newfoundland and AFN established a regional office in the province. This was the first meeting of this kind.

#### **Ground Search and Rescue Inquiry Final Report**

On February 1, 2022 Minister Dempster issued a video message to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the loss of Burton Winters. On December 21, 2021, the Minister of Justice and Public Safety released the Final Report of the Ground Search and Rescue Inquiry with its 17 recommendations. The Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, and NunatuKavut Community Council all made representations at the Inquiry. As Search and Rescue services are of vital importance to people and communities of this province for traditional, recreational and commercial activities, the Office will work with other Provincial Government departments on the 17 recommendations of the report.

# Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System

The Office supported launching of the Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System during the reporting period. On June 10, 2021 the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and Innu Nation announced the Commissioners for the Inquiry. The Office worked with the Departments of Justice and Public Safety, the Commissioners, and Innu Nation from that time until the Inquiry was formally launched

#### Names, Sites, Holidays, and Symbols

In the Fall of 2021 the large lake in central Newfoundland was formally named Beothuk Lake by an enactment of the House of Assembly. More recently, Pride of Place-Budget 2022 allocated \$250,000 to begin planning for a new heritage centre near Beothuk Lake to commemorate the Beothuk, and as a possible final resting place for the remains of Demasduit and Nonosabasut.

In the same session of the House of Assembly the description of the Coat of Arms was changed by enactment to add the words "Labrador" and "Beothuk."

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On June 17, 2021, Minister Dempster delivered a statement in the House of Assembly about National Indigenous Peoples Day, which occurs on June 21 each year. Minister Dempster acknowledged the unique cultures and achievements of Indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as took a sombre moment to reflect on the 215 students from the Kamloops Residential School who did not have an opportunity to grow up and realize their potential.

In addition, at that time, Minister Dempster highlighted the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's resolve to strengthen relationships with Indigenous governments and organizations, and encouraged all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to take opportunities to learn about Indigenous cultures, traditions and history.

On September 30, 2021 the Provincial Government encouraged all residents to remember and reflect on the first Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Day for Truth and Reconciliation is dedicated to honouring the survivors, families and communities who were impacted by residential schools. In keeping with the Calls to Action directed to the Federal Government by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Federal Government and many other provinces also observed this day. This day is also observed as Orange Shirt Day. Flags at Confederation Building and other Provincial Government buildings were lowered to half-mast, and Confederation Building was lit in orange. As well, the Survivors' Flag developed by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation was flown at Confederation Building.

On September 30, 2021, Minister Dempster gathered with Qalipu First Nation Leaders, Qalipu members and residents of the West Coast in Corner Brook to participate in ceremonies marking the first Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Minister Dempster also posted a video in which she discussed residential schools, the need to reflect on past mistakes, and our collective commitment that "Every Child Matters."

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Government has commissioned a statue of the Beothuk for the Confederation Building and work is advancing toward the casting of the statue.

As well, Government is working with Indigenous governments and organizations to create and install murals reflecting Indigenous peoples in the lobby of Confederation Building.

Minister Dempster had communications with the Town of Botwood about a Beothuk statute the Town of Botwood was looking to create. The Federal and Provincial Governments have provided funding to the Town of Botwood for such a statue.

#### Independent Review of Child Protection Services to Inuit Children

During the reporting period the Office worked with the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development and Nunatsiavut Government to implement the recommendations of the Independent Review of Child Protection Services to Inuit Children.

#### Anti-Racism

Over the course of the reporting period, the Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation co-chaired and the Office participated in many sessions held by the Ministerial Committee on Anti-Racism, including at least thirteen sessions organized by the Office with Indigenous governments and organizations in Labrador, Western Newfoundland, and St. John's. The information gathered at these sessions will be invaluable in efforts to eliminate racism in all its forms.

The Innu-Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Anti-Racism Working Group became operational during the reporting period. This Group will develop measures to

ensure Provincial Government programs and services are delivered in a way that ensures the Innu are treated with dignity, equality, and respect.

#### Premier–Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable

On October 12, 2021, the Premier–Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable met in Corner Brook to discuss common interests and shared goals. Indigenous leaders were able to attend either in-person or virtually, as well as representatives from the three Indigenous women's organizations, and the three Friendship Centres. Presentations were given by the province's three Indigenous Friendship Centres, as well as the Ministerial Committee on Anti-Racism. Discussion followed on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

#### **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls**

The First Call to Justice of the Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, entitled Reclaiming Power and Place, was "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, municipal, and Indigenous governments (hereinafter "all governments"), in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, to develop and implement a National Action Plan to address violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people . . . ." The Federal Government has led the effort to create this National Action Plan. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador added its chapter along with other provinces and territories to the 2021 National Action Plan.

The Minister attended the Indigenous Women's Gathering at Marble Mountain. Recommendations from the Indigenous Women's Steering Committee were reviewed for actions that may be taken to address the primary concerns of Indigenous women, girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals, and communities in our province regarding genderbased violence. Subsequently, the final report of this 16th Provincial Indigenous Women's' Gathering, entitled Hearing Our Voices: MMIWG Policy Recommendations of the First Women of Newfoundland and Labrador, was compiled, and, more recently, presented to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Provincial Government, including the Office has this report under review.

The Premier and the Minister attended the opening, in Corner Brook, of the Mikwite'tm Garden. The name translates to "I remember" to serve as a tribute and memorial in honour of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across the country.

#### Education Regarding Indigenous Culture, Traditions, and History

The Office is a member of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee that advises the Department of Education on Indigenous content in the provincial curriculum. The Committee is also comprised of Indigenous governments and organizations, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, Memorial University, and Provincial Government departments.

A funding agreement was reached between the Department of Education and the Mushuau Innu First Nation for Adult Basic Education in Natuashish.

## **Report on Performance**

Strategic Issue #1: Enhancing Collaborative Relationships with Indigenous People.

This issue supports the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation's objective of enhancing collaborative relationships with Indigenous people by working to provide advice and support to Provincial Government departments about Indigenous governments and organizations, and ensuring that the consultation obligations of Provincial Government and project proponents are met.

In 2021-22 the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation's work included, among other items: supporting the launch of the Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System; providing consultation advice on resource developments; supporting the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture in engagement with Miawpukek First Nation on public consultations for a potential Forest Management Agreement in central Newfoundland; continuing to lead provincial negotiations on the Innu land claim; and working towards commissioning and siting a statue to commemorate the Beothuk people.

As the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation's core work will remain consistent over three years, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will report on the same objectives and indicators on all three years covered by the 2020-2023 Activity Plan.

#### **Goal Statement**

By March 31, 2023, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will have continued to enhance the Provincial Government's relationship with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities, and people.

#### 2021-22 Objective and Indicators

By March 31, 2022, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will have continued to support initiatives to build positive relationships with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities, and people.

#### **Results Achieved:**

The following details the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation's progress toward the achievement of the planned results for 2021-22 with respect to enhancing collaborative relationships.

**Indicator 1**: Advanced Reconciliation by having worked to complete land claims and self-government agreements with Innu Nation, and continued to implement the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to negotiate land claims and self-government agreements with the Innu Nation and Federal Government, as well as worked with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee.

**Indicator 2**: Supported the Provincial Government's efforts to provide cultural sensitivity training to elected officials and public servants to ensure understanding of and respect for the cultures, values, and histories of Indigenous peoples.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is working with Indigenous governments and organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Centre for Learning and Development, to develop training packages that will be applicable to all core public servants and elected officials. This training will provide a foundational knowledge of Indigenous peoples, communities, governments and organizations.

**Indicator 3**: Continued to provide support as the Provincial Government works towards delivering apologies to residential school survivors and their descendants.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has committed to undertaking apologies to residential school survivors, in consultation with survivors and leaders of Indigenous governments and organizations in Newfoundland and Labrador. The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continues to engage in collaborative planning with Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, NunatuKavut Community Council, Qalipu First Nation and Miawpukek First Nation to support the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in making these apologies.

**Indicator 4**: Advised Provincial Government departments and entities on consultation obligations with Indigenous governments and organizations.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked to ensure the consultation obligations of the Provincial Government and project proponents were met. This

included a variety of projects, including providing advice on Indigenous consultation in the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore, and forestry and mining projects.

**Indicator 5**: Provided advice and support to Provincial Government departments and agencies regarding Indigenous interests relating to public policy, programs, and legislation.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with Indigenous governments and organizations, various Provincial Government departments, the Federal Government, and other provincial and territorial governments to promote Indigenous interests. Examples of this work include Indigenous content in the school curriculum, naming the lake now called Beothuk Lake following public consultation aimed at supporting Reconciliation, and consulting with Miawpukek First Nation and the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture on a potential Forest Management Agreement for an area in Central Newfoundland.

**Indicator 6**: Established an NL-Innu Anti-Racism Working Group, mandated to ensure elected officials and public employees have an understanding and appreciation of Innu culture, values and history; via measures developed for all government programs and services such as health, justice, and corrections.

The terms of reference for this Group and the members of this Group have been established. This Group will develop measures to ensure Provincial Government programs and services are delivered in a way that ensures Innu people are treated with dignity, equality, and respect.

**Indicator 7**: Continued to organize and sit on the annual Premier-Indigenous Leaders' Roundtable to establish priority areas and build stronger relationships with Indigenous peoples in the province.

The 2021 Roundtable occurred in-person in Corner Brook. Leaders from four of the province's five Indigenous governments attended either in-person or virtually, as did representatives from the province's Indigenous Women's Associations and Friendship Centres, and the Premier and Minister.

**Indicator 8**: Continued to lead the Innu Roundtable, a forum where the province, Federal Government, and Innu Nation discuss issues of mutual importance.

The Innu Roundtable is an Innu-led initiative that includes the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the Federal Government, and is mandated to address Innu community health and healing initiatives. The Innu Roundtable was able to meet three times during the reporting period.

**Indicator 9**: Continued to work with the Department of Justice and Public Safety, Innu Nation, and the Federal Government to establish an Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences, and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System.

The Office supported the launching of the Inquiry into the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System during the reporting period.

**Indicator 10**: Supported the establishment of the Muskrat Falls Monitoring and Health Oversight Committee.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with officials from various Provincial Government departments, as well as from Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, and NunatuKavut Community Council to support this committee in reaching a draft terms of reference.

**Indicator 11**: Continued to lead the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on new federal action to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to engage in discussions with the Federal Government, provincial and territorial governments, and other departments within the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, with regard to federal legislation implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Indicator 12: Supported the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development on Innu action to avail of Indigenous jurisdiction under the federal First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families Act.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided advice to the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development with regards to Innu actions under this federal legislation.

**Indicator 13**: Continued to support the Office of Women and Gender Equality, and the Department of Justice and Public Safety, as they lead the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's assessment of the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to support departments in assessment of recommendations from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

**Indicator 14**: Continued to work with Qalipu First Nation on issues within provincial jurisdiction, and communicate on and provide support to Qalipu with regard to enrollment issues.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with and support Qalipu First Nation with respect to enrolment issues and communicated with the Federal Government on this subject. The Minister met with the federal Minister of CrownIndigenous Relations to voice her support for Qalipu First Nation with regard to enrollment issues.

**Indicator 15**: Supported the province's response on national Indigenous initiatives including the implementation of Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and recommendations from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to consider further implementation of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**Indicator 16**: Worked with Provincial Government departments, Indigenous governments and organizations, and others to review provincial monuments, symbols, and observances.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to engage in a review of public monuments, as well as holidays/observances to ensure Indigenous culture and history are respected, and that monuments and holidays are culturally sensitive.

## **Opportunities and Challenges**

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to work with Indigenous governments and organizations, and the Federal Government to negotiate land claims, self-government agreements, and other agreements, on their path to self-determination.

Addressing the issues of the rapidly growing populations of Indigenous people living in urban areas presents unique challenges. It is reported that St. John's has the highest rate of Indigenous population growth in Canada. The supports and services provided by the three Friendship Centres in this province is invaluable to meeting the needs of Indigenous people living in urban areas.

Addressing the unique needs of Indigenous women and youth is a pressing challenge and closing the many gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people across many measures is another critical task.

While climate change is a global challenge, it is particularly a challenge for the Indigenous communities of Labrador. The Office will continue to work with Provincial Government departments, the Federal Government, and Indigenous governments and organizations on this challenge.

Also, with the transition to a green economy and the exploding demands for new technologies, the resources of this province are fundamental. For example, Labrador possess hydroelectric potential and rare earth minerals that are vital for computer chips and other semiconductors, which are also used in electric cars, cell phones, and many other items. Indigenous consultation is critical to unlocking this potential in a sustainable manner that respects Indigenous rights and interests.

Delivering provincial services to remote Indigenous communities remains challenging. The Office will continue to work with various Provincial Government departments, the Federal Government, and Indigenous governments and organizations on the feasibility of projects such as a road to Northern Labrador, a new air facility for Nain, a fixed link across the Strait of Belle Isle, and on existing marine service.

The Office will continue to work with various Provincial Government departments, the Federal Government, and Indigenous governments and organizations to implement, if requested by Indigenous governments or organizations, legislation that recognizes the right of Indigenous governments or organizations to assume control of child welfare services.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will maintain collaborative relationships with Indigenous governments and organizations, the Federal Government, and other provinces and territories to advance the priorities of Indigenous peoples in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Office will continue to work with Provincial Government departments and proponents to ensure the Provincial Government continues to meet its Duty to Consult with Indigenous governments and organizations.

The Office will cooperate in the development of federal Indigenous health legislation following the death of Joyce Echaquan.

Likewise, the Office will cooperate with the Federal Government and the Department of Environment and Climate Change on new federal legislation for water and waste water for First Nations.

The Office will continue to promote further implementation of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Office will continue to collaborate with Indigenous governments and organizations, Provincial Government departments, the Federal Government, and other provinces and territories on the 231 Calls to Justice of Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

## **Financial Information**

Expenditure and revenue figures included in this report are based on public information provided in the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2022.



