

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20



Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat









## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

It is my pleasure to present the 2019-20 annual performance report for the former Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat for the period of April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. As Premier and Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs, I am accountable for the preparation of this report and the achievement of the results reported. This report was prepared in accordance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, under which the Secretariat was a category three entity.

On August 19, 2020, I announced a new Cabinet and changes to the structure of government that reflect the priorities of my Government as we aim to improve the Province's fiscal situation while continuing to provide critical programs and services. These changes included the creation of the following two entities within Executive Council from the former Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat: the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat; and the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation

This report identifies progress in achieving the Provincial Government's intergovernmental priorities through engaging with the Federal Government, and other sovereign governments including other provinces and territories. My Government will continue to build on these vitally important relationships to help achieve our economic and social objectives, and build a brighter future for Newfoundlanders and Labradorians as we recover from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

I feel fortunate to lead a team of dedicated public service professionals. I thank them for their commitment and leadership in these unprecedented times to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's efforts to grow our economy, capitalize on opportunities within and beyond Canada, and build and maintain effective intergovernmental partnerships.

Hon. Andrew Furey  
Premier  
Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs





## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

As Minister Responsible for the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, formerly the Indigenous Affairs Branch of the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for 2019-20. As Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, I am accountable for the preparation of this report and the achievement of the results reported. This report was prepared in accordance with requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act** under which Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is a category three entity.

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is committed to collaborating with Indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador to advance Reconciliation and continue to foster working relationships with Indigenous Governments and Organizations and the Federal Government. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation works to build principle-based relationships with Indigenous people based on the value of mutual respect as a foundation for trust and meaningful communication. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to promote the government-to-government relationship between Newfoundland and Labrador and Indigenous peoples, and build capacity that supports self-determination of Indigenous peoples.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the employees of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation for their commitment to developing policies, programs, and partnerships with Indigenous Governments and Organizations throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. The relationship between Indigenous people and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is of critical importance to the wellbeing the province. As Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation I will continue to build relationships with Indigenous Governments and Organizations, and make our province a better place for Indigenous people and for all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Dempster'.

Hon. Lisa Dempster

Minister Responsible for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation



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## **Departmental Overview**

The Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat (the Secretariat) supported the Premier and ministers in building relationships with other sovereign governments and international entities, to advance provincial interests and provide strategic advice and support related to domestic and international trade.

The Secretariat also supported the Premier and ministers in building principle-based relationships with Indigenous peoples.

On August 19, 2020 the Honourable Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, announced a new Cabinet and the realignment of a number of government departments, including the creation of the following two entities within Executive Council from the former Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat:

- the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat; and
- the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation.

The information and results contained in this report pertain to the structure and mandate of the former Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat.

## **Organizational Structure**

In 2019-20, the Secretariat was comprised of two branches: Intergovernmental Affairs and Indigenous Affairs.

### **Intergovernmental Affairs Branch**

In 2019-20, the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat, formerly the Intergovernmental Affairs Branch of the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat, was comprised of three divisions: Economic Policy, Social Policy, and Trade Policy.

The Economic Policy Division provides intergovernmental policy advice relating to resource, fiscal, and constitutional priorities, and supports provincial participation in the Council of Atlantic Premiers, the Atlantic Growth Strategy Leadership Committee, and the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, a Canada-U.S. intergovernmental forum comprised of the six New England states, the four Atlantic Provinces and Québec.

The Social Policy Division provides intergovernmental policy advice related to social, industry, and infrastructure priorities, national defence and international affairs, and supports provincial participation in First Ministers' meetings, and the Council of the Federation, an intergovernmental forum that includes the Premiers of Canada's 13 provinces and territories.

The Trade Policy Division leads the formulation of policy advice and consultative services related to domestic and international trade, including the negotiation and implementation of trade agreements.

### **Indigenous Affairs Branch**

In 2019-20, the Office of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, formerly the Indigenous Affairs Branch of the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat, had three core functions: Policy and Planning, Consultations, and Negotiations.

Through a respectful, principles-based relationship with Indigenous people, communities, governments and organizations, the objective of the Policy and Planning function is to develop policies that promote the aspirations of Indigenous people, and provide advice to provincial departments and agencies on programs and services that are culturally sensitive, meaningful, and appropriate for Indigenous people.

The Office is also responsible for the development of Indigenous consultation processes and providing advice to provincial departments and agencies on the conduct of Indigenous consultations.

Negotiations focus on 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 clarity and advice on Indigenous rights in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information on the Office, please visit our web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/>

### Staff and Budget

As of March 31, 2020, the Secretariat had a combined staff complement of 25 (12 female and 13 male) and a budget of approximately \$3,443,480.

Branch	# of Employees	Budget
Intergovernmental Affairs	16 (7 female, 9 males)	\$1,869,500
Indigenous Affairs	9 (5 female, 4 male)	\$1,573,980

The Intergovernmental Affairs Branch was located on the seventh floor of Confederation Complex, East Block, in St. John's. The Indigenous Affairs Branch was located on the sixth floor.

## Highlights and Partnerships

### Intergovernmental Collaboration on the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Intergovernmental Affairs Branch monitored the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak as it began to accelerate in early 2020, and collaborated with relevant departments (including Health and Community Services) to provide strategic intergovernmental advice to the Premier on this emerging threat. Intergovernmental discussions on COVID-19 increased significantly during this time. The Intergovernmental Affairs Branch provided support to the Premier in intergovernmental forums with federal, provincial, and territorial governments, including regular discussions of First Ministers, the Council of Atlantic Premiers (chaired by Newfoundland and Labrador in 2020), and the Council of the Federation. The Branch worked with departments to coordinate the Provincial Government's position in these discussions, and advance provincial interests with respect to the initial federal response, which included restrictions on international flights, closing the United States (U.S.)-Canada border, consultations with respect to the federal **Emergencies Act**, and federal economic support programs. The Branch also monitored the spread of COVID-19 across jurisdictions, along with public health restrictions, economic support programs, and trade policy implications.

### Collaboration with Atlantic Provinces and Partners

Newfoundland and Labrador served as chair of the Council of Atlantic Premiers in 2020, and the Secretariat provided support to the Premier on several of the Council's initiatives and meetings during 2019-20. This work included logistical and analytical support for in-person meetings held in St. John's in January 2020 that were attended by the Premiers of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Québec. At this meeting, Atlantic Premiers and Québec Premier François Legault committed to moving forward in an expeditious manner on new, clean, reliable, sustainable and affordable electricity generation, improving transmission networks, and reducing

greenhouse gas emissions in the region. The Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, also attended a portion of this Council meeting.

The Secretariat also hosted regular conference calls of the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic. Premiers worked together to support economic and social recovery while ensuring the health and safety of all Atlantic Canadians.

During the reporting period, the Secretariat also supported the Atlantic Growth Strategy, a collaborative initiative of the Atlantic Provinces and the Federal Government aimed at accelerating the growth of Atlantic Canada's economy. The Secretariat provided strategic support to the Premier to coordinate and advance work on the region's shared priorities including clean growth and climate change, economic development, and immigration.

Building on the commitment made at the March 2019 Atlantic Growth Strategy meeting, the Secretariat continued to support work to advance a Clean Power Roadmap for Atlantic Canada in 2019-20. This work, co-chaired by Natural Resources Canada and Nova Scotia, will outline a collective vision for how the Federal Government, the Atlantic Provinces and electric utilities will collaborate to build a clean power network across the region to produce and use more clean energy in the region while improving transmission networks, better integrating regional markets, and strengthening reliability. The Government of Québec and its provincial public utility, Hydro Québec, are participating in this work.

### **Chair of Committee on Internal Trade**

On January 1, 2020, Newfoundland and Labrador became chair of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table (RCT). The CFTA is federal-provincial-territorial internal trade agreement designed to reduce and eliminate, to the extent possible, barriers to the free movement of persons,

goods, services, and investments and to establish an open, efficient, and stable domestic market.

As CFTA Chair, the Province led all meetings of Internal Trade Representatives, as well as, various sub-committees related to the Internal Trade Secretariat's operations. The Province also took over as chair of the Cannabis Working Group and the Electricity Transmission Working Group. The Province oversaw the first CFTA Protocol of Amendment, which will make it easier for Parties to reduce or narrow their party-specific exceptions further liberalizing internal trade in Canada.

As RCT Chair, the Province oversaw the implementation of the 2019-2020 Work Plan and started the development of the 2020-21 Work Plan. RCT also focused on improving administrative practices and strengthening communications. The Province formed various RCT sub-groups to clarify the process for developing new reconciliation and cooperation agreements for technical working groups, which should lead to more consistent and timely agreements. Newfoundland and Labrador is also leading the development of RCT's first annual report, which will improve the transparency of the work of RCT.

### **Commemoration of Orange Shirt Day**

Orange Shirt Day is a commemoration that began in 2013. It reflects upon the entry of six-year-old Phyllis Webstad into the St. Joseph Mission Residential School, outside of Williams Lake, British Columbia, to illustrate the experience of Indigenous children in residential schools.

On September 30, 2019, the Premier as Minister of Indigenous Affairs, as well as then Minister of CSSD, Lisa Dempster, wore orange and engaged in social media to acknowledge and honour survivors of residential schools, and promote reconciliation. The Public Service Network also issued a message detailing the significance of Orange Shirt Day.



## **National Indigenous Peoples Day**

National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21, recognizes the contributions that Indigenous peoples have made and continue to make to Newfoundland and Labrador. In June 2019, Premier Ball accompanied Her Honour, the Honourable Judy Foote, Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Indigenous Government representatives, participated in the unveiling of the Heart Garden at Government House in St. John's.

## **Repatriation of Beothuk Remains**

On March 11, 2020, the remains of two Beothuk people, Nonosabasut and Demasduit, were successfully repatriated from Scotland to Newfoundland and Labrador. The transfer was arranged with National Museums Scotland by Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and the federal department of Canadian Heritage. The remains were transported through a careful and respectful process into the care of The Rooms.

## **Heart Garden**

In keeping with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to action, Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote, in consultation with Indigenous people in the Province, developed a heart garden on the grounds of Government House. Heart Gardens honour residential school survivors and their families. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided support both in the coordination of the Indigenous Governments views and participation.

## **Government of Newfoundland and Labrador – Innu Anti-Racism Working Group**

On September 15, 2019, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, with Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation and Innu Nation, agreed to the formation of a Working Group to address Innu concerns regarding racism against Innu people from within Government. The parties agreed the mandate of the Working Group would be to develop concrete measures 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 ultimate goal of the Working Group is to ensure that Innu are treated with dignity, equality, and respect by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **MOU with Mushuau Innu First Nation**

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with Mushuau Innu First Nation and the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development to formalize an agreement that recognized the challenges of delivering child, youth, and family services during the COVID-19 pandemic in a way that addressed community concerns related to the risk of social workers entering the community of Nataushish.

## **Meeting of Premiers and National Indigenous Organization Leaders**

This meeting, held in Big River First Nation, Saskatchewan, provided an opportunity for Premiers and National Indigenous Organization (NIO) leaders to discuss ongoing work, share priorities and discuss issues of mutual importance. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation briefed the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, who represented the Premier at the July 2019 meeting of Premiers and NIO leaders. This included an Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation briefing on a National Leaders' Roundtable discussing Indigenous child welfare, as well as the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

## **Bill C-92**

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation briefed the Minister with regards to the coming into force of federal Bill C-92, An Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families. Until the enactment of this Act, only provincial legislation applied to Indigenous children. In Newfoundland and Labrador, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development is responsible for child protection services. The Federal Government notes that the new Act affirms the inherent right and jurisdiction of Indigenous peoples with relation to child and family services, including best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality. In March 2019, then Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development Minister Dempster corresponded with Indigenous leaders in the province indicating a desire to work collaboratively to implement the legislation. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development in communicating with Indigenous leaders, on working to implement the new federal legislation.

## **Investment in Friendship Centres**

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to commit core funding in the amount of \$30,000 each to the First Light Friendship Centre in St. John's, People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre in Stephenville, and the Labrador Friendship Centre in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The investment of \$90,000 supports friendship centres to provide valuable programs and services and to promote and celebrate Indigenous cultures.

## **Increase in Funding for the Torngat Boards and its Secretariat**

The Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board and the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board are established pursuant to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement to provide advice to the Nunatsiavut Government, Provincial Government, and the Federal Government on resource management issues pertaining to the Labrador Inuit

Settlement Area. These Boards have a joint Secretariat which acts as “public service to the Boards.” The three governments fund the Boards and Secretariat equally. In the reporting period, the three governments each agreed to increase its funding to the Boards and Secretariat by \$115,000. This was almost a 30% increase in funding.

## **Report on Performance**

### **Issue 1: Advancing the Province’s Strategic Intergovernmental Priorities**

The Secretariat supported Government’s efforts to ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador’s intergovernmental priorities are advanced through productive partnerships with the Federal Government and other sovereign jurisdictions.

In 2019-20, this strategic work included supporting the Premier’s participation in various intergovernmental meetings, including multilateral meetings of the Council of the Federation, bilateral meetings and discussions with the Prime Minister and federal ministers, leading the Province’s participation in domestic and international trade initiatives and agreements, and providing support to departments when engaging with other governments, including the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements.

#### **Goal Statement**

By March 31, 2020, the Secretariat will have supported the advancement of Government’s strategic intergovernmental priorities.

#### **2019-20 Objective**

By March 31, 2020, the Secretariat will have continued to advance Government’s intergovernmental interests.

## 2019-20 Objective and Indicators

Indicator	Performance
<p>Further supported Government departments and agencies in advancing Provincial priorities under the Atlantic Growth Strategy and other Federal-Provincial forums.</p>	<p>As Chair of Council of Atlantic Premiers, the Secretariat worked with departments and agencies to support the Premier in a meeting of the Council in January 2020 in St. John's. Québec Premier François Legault also participated in these clean energy discussions, and Deputy Prime Minister and federal Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Hon. Chrystia Freeland, also met with the Atlantic Premiers.</p> <p>Although the annual conference of the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers that was scheduled to take place in Saint John, New Brunswick on September 8-10, 2019 was cancelled due to Hurricane Dorian, the Secretariat supported ongoing work at the officials level, including working groups and resolutions.</p> <p>The Secretariat continued to participate in and support departments and agencies on the development of a Clean Power Roadmap for Atlantic Canada.</p> <p>The Secretariat also advanced Provincial priorities through the Council of the Federation in 2019-20 to support Canada's economic competitiveness, and worked with the Department of Finance to support provincial and territorial advocacy efforts to reform</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>the federal Fiscal Stabilization Program, to make it more responsive to economic circumstances and downturns in resource sectors. The Secretariat also worked with the departments of Finance and Health and Community Services in relation to provincial and territorial efforts to ensure healthcare sustainability and to seek further partnership with the Federal Government on funding.</p>
<p>Further advanced implementation of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, through the Regulatory Collaboration Table and other mechanisms.</p>	<p>Newfoundland and Labrador took over chair of the federal-provincial-territorial Ministerial Committee on Internal Trade (CIT) for the 2020 calendar year. This committee is responsible for internal trade in Canada as outlined under the 2017 CFTA.</p> <p>In 2019-20, the Secretariat continued working to advance CFTA implementation. Through the ongoing work of the 2019-2020 RCT work plan, the Secretariat, in cooperation with departments across the Provincial Government and other CFTA Parties (provinces, territories and the Federal Government) completed five new reconciliation agreements in the following areas: Construction Codes, Energy Efficiency Standards for Household Appliances, Aquaculture Site Marking, Corporate Registries and Upholstered and Stuffed Articles. The Secretariat will continue to work on addressing the remaining RCT work plan items and address any new items that arise in the coming year.</p>



Indicator	Performance
	<p>The Secretariat assumed the chair of RCT on January 1, 2020 and will lead the development of the next RCT work plan, the first RCT annual report, and reports to CIT Ministers and the Council of the Federation.</p> <p>In 2020, the Secretariat also took over as CFTA chair of the Internal Trade Representatives, the Internal Trade Secretariat Board of Directors and the working groups related to cannabis for non-medical purposes and electricity transmission.</p> <p>The Secretariat also participates in other CFTA working groups including the Financial Services Working Group (along with Justice and Financial Regulation officials), the Procurement Committee (along with Public Procurement Agency officials) and the Trade in Alcoholic Beverages Working Group.</p> <p>The Secretariat, in coordination with the other CFTA Parties continued its work on liberalizing the trade of alcoholic beverages in Canada by implementing the CFTA Action Plan on Alcoholic Beverages. The Secretariat, in cooperation with the Department of Finance and the Newfoundland Labrador Liquor Corporation, partnered in meeting the Province's obligations under this action plan. This included increasing the Province's personal use exemption limit (by amending the Province's <b>Liquor Limitation Order</b>) and the development of a new website for</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>the alcohol industry, <a href="http://AlcoholLaws.ca">AlcoholLaws.ca</a>, which provides regulatory information regarding doing business in each Canadian jurisdiction.</p> <p>The CFTA Parties successfully concluded the first CFTA Protocol of Amendment in December 2019, which provided new rules to make it easier for Parties to reduce or narrow their party-specific CFTA exceptions. The Secretariat will continue to work with the CFTA Parties to complete the financial services chapter, include rules for non-medical cannabis and implement pan-Canadian rules on electricity transmission over the next year.</p>
Further supported Government departments and agencies in leveraging federal funding through intergovernmental agreement negotiation.	In 2019-20, 75 intergovernmental agreements were signed involving 13 Provincial Government departments and agencies, including 60 with the Federal Government (see Annex A for a complete listing). The Secretariat supported provincial departments in leveraging over \$3 billion in federal funding commitments (including multi-year funding).

## 2017-20 Goal Reporting

Indicator	Performance
Supported Government in advancing the Province's intergovernmental objectives through multilateral and	During 2017-20, the Secretariat supported the Premier on various face-to-face intergovernmental meetings, including: two First Ministers' meetings; five Council of the Federation meetings; six Council of Atlantic Premiers meetings (one chaired and

Indicator	Performance
bilateral meetings and policy frameworks.	<p>hosted by the Premier); two New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers conferences; and four Atlantic Growth Strategy Leadership Committee meetings (one hosted and co-chaired by the Premier), as well as one Atlantic Growth Strategy mission to China.</p> <p>The Secretariat also supported the advancement of key policy frameworks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Atlantic Growth Strategy</b>, by participating in federal-provincial work on the Clean Power Roadmap, including a meeting hosted by the Premier in July 2017.</li> <li>• The <b>Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change</b>, by supporting the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities (formerly Municipal Affairs and Environment) in developing a made-in-Newfoundland and Labrador approach to carbon pricing in 2018-19;</li> <li>• <b>Federal environmental regulatory processes</b>, by supporting the Department of Industry, Energy and Innovation (formerly Natural Resources) and the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities in 2018-19 to articulate the Province's position, including a presentation</li> </ul>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>by the Premier and the Minister of Natural Resources to the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources on Bill C-69, an <b>Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act</b>;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for the Federal Government's action to <b>legalize cannabis</b> in 2018, by supporting the proactive efforts of the Department of Justice and Public Safety, the Department of Health and Community Services, the Department of Finance, and others.</li> </ul>
<p>Developed policy and provided consultative services for national and international trade policy.</p>	<p>The Secretariat was engaged on several key trade policy issues in 2017-20, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leading the <b>Province's response to several trade disputes with the U.S.</b>, including anti-dumping and counter-vailing duties investigations into uncoated groundwood paper (newsprint) exports from Canada and softwood lumber, and U.S. tariffs on worldwide steel imports, in consultation with the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (formerly Fisheries and Land Resources), the Department of Justice and Public Safety, industry stakeholders, and others. As part of the Province's advocacy efforts, the Premier engaged the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, Canada's</li> </ul>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>Ambassador to the U.S. the Federal Minister of Natural Resources, and the Prime Minister.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing <b>domestic trade initiatives</b>, including the entry into force and implementation of the CFTA on July 1, 2017. The Secretariat supported legislative and regulatory changes necessary to bring the Province into CFTA compliance, and supported the RCT's establishment and the CFTA's Alcoholic Beverages Working Group, to work towards further improving internal trade across Canada. The Secretariat also supported the Premier in his capacity as CIT Chair in 2020.</li> <li>• Leading the Province's participation in negotiations on various <b>international free trade agreements</b>, including Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), which entered into force on September 21, 2017, the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA), which was signed in September 2018 and replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The Secretariat also led the Province's participation in negotiations with Pacific Alliance, and South American trade block partners Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay (MERCOSUR).</li> </ul>

Indicator	Performance
<p>Provided intergovernmental policy advice and strategic support to Government departments and agencies, including supporting the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements.</p>	<p>Throughout 2017-20, the Secretariat provided research and analysis on intergovernmental issues for the Premier and Executive Council, and reviewing various Cabinet submissions and draft correspondence prepared by departments for intergovernmental considerations.</p> <p>The Secretariat also supported negotiations on 197 intergovernmental agreements during the 2017-20 reporting period, including leading roles on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Atlantic Accord Review</b>, which culminated in a renewed federal-provincial agreement signed in April 2019 that included: \$2.5 billion in guaranteed revenue, a renewed commitment to strengthen and deepen joint management of the Province's offshore resources, a commitment to work together to plan the use of the offshore area to develop petroleum resources and protect marine biodiversity, and a commitment for both governments to engage on rate mitigation opportunities.</li> <li>• A <b>Cooperative Agreement with Québec</b>, signed in April 2018, on the development of the Labrador Trough and the improvement and extension of road infrastructure.</li> <li>• The <b>Atlantic Trade and Procurement Partnership</b>, finalized in 2020, to streamline,</li> </ul>



Indicator	Performance
	<p>harmonize and simplify the trade and procurement relationship between the four Atlantic Provinces.</p>
<p>Leveraged federal funding and increased the number of federal-provincial programs and initiatives in which Government is participating.</p>	<p>During 2017-20, the Secretariat supported the negotiation of over 165 agreements with federal entities, including over \$4.3 billion in federal funding.</p> <p>The Province also began participating in several new federal-provincial programs and initiatives during the period, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Hibernia Dividend Backed Annuity Agreement</b> under the Atlantic Accord, with \$2.5 billion in net federal funding through annual payments out to 2056;</li> <li>• The <b>Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program</b>, with \$555.8 million in federal funding for provincial and community infrastructure projects;</li> <li>• The <b>Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund</b>, with \$44.7 million in federal funding for programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support clean growth; and</li> <li>• The <b>Atlantic Fisheries Fund</b>, with \$88 million in federal funding to support innovative projects in the fish and seafood sector.</li> </ul>

## **Issue 2: Enhancing Collaborative Relationships with Indigenous Communities**

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked to provide advice and support to Government departments with regard to Indigenous Governments and Organizations, as well as ensure that the consultation obligations of Government and project proponents were met. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation also engaged in ongoing negotiations with Indigenous Governments and Organizations.

In 2019-20, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation's work included, among other items, repatriating Beothuk remains from National Museums Scotland, reaching an Anti-Racism MOU with the Innu Nation and working on the establishment of a NL-Innu Anti-Racism Working group, providing new funding for Friendship Centres, advising departments with regards to new federal child welfare legislation, working with Mushuau Innu First Nation to allow for continuation of services from the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development during community lockdown, and supporting departments in assessment of the recommendations from the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

### **Goal Statement**

By March 31, 2020, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will have continued to enhance the Government's relationship with Indigenous Governments, Organizations, communities and people.

### **2019-20 Objective**

By March 31, 2020, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will have sustained support of initiatives which promote the enhancement of positive relationships with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities and people of the Province.

## 2019-20 Objective and Indicators

Indicator	Performance
Strived to complete land claims and self-government agreements with Innu Nation and the Miawpukek First Nation, and continued implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.	<p>Regular negotiations continued towards a Final Land Claim and Self-Government Agreement with the Innu Nation and Federal Government. Tripartite negotiation of the Implementation Plan also continued.</p> <p>A Final Self-Government Agreement with Miawpukek First Nation has been in abeyance since March 2016. However, Government is willing to continue negotiations once the other parties are ready to do so.</p>
Monitored the progress of the new Recognition of Indigenous Rights and Self Determination Table announced in July 2018 by the Federal Government and the NunatuKavut Community Council.	Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continues to monitor this Table.
Provided advice and support to Government departments and agencies regarding Indigenous interests relating to public policy, programs, and legislation.	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation routinely reviewed Government documents, submissions, and plans and provided advice on Indigenous issues and requirements.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with the Innu, Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal Government on the establishment of the</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>Inquiry into the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continue to consider the further implementation of the calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p>
<p>Advised Government departments/entities on consultation obligations with Indigenous Governments and Organizations.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with the Department of Justice and Public Safety (JPS), Innu Nation, and the Federal Government to establish an Inquiry into the treatment, experience, and outcomes of Innu children in child protection system, including working on a terms of reference and appointing a Commissioner.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with various government departments, as well as Indigenous Governments and Organizations, to help draft the <b>Children, Youth and Families Act</b> that came into force in June 2019. This new legislation protects children and youth, and is culturally responsive. The new Act is designed to strengthen service delivery to Indigenous children, youth and their families by recognizing the importance of preserving an Indigenous child or youth's cultural identity, and providing for the involvement of Indigenous governments and organizations in decisions that will keep children</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>safe, and where possible, at home with their families and culture. When an Indigenous child is removed from their parent's care a social worker must file a cultural connection plan with the court describing how the child's connection to culture, traditions, community, language, and cultural identity will be preserved. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with various government departments, as well as Indigenous Governments and Organizations, to help draft this new legislation.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided advice to various departments on the federal <b>First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families Act</b> (Bill C-92) that came into force on January 1, 2020.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation served as a member of the Minister's Council for Higher Education, working to incorporate an Indigenous lens to the Council's discussions and deliberations.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation participated as a member of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee. This Committee provides advice on Indigenous content in the provincial education curriculum. It is also working on a framework</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>document on Indigenous Education for Newfoundland and Labrador.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation led the Indigenous consultation in association with the then Departments of Natural Resources and Justice and Public Safety on the renewal of the statutory leases held by the Labrador Iron ore Royalty Corporation, on which the operations of the Iron Ore Company of Canada in Labrador are based.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided advice on Indigenous considerations in the Tacora Benefits Agreement.</p>
<p>Participated in inter-jurisdictional working groups and committees to advance Indigenous interests and advocate for the Federal Government to discharge its constitutional responsibility to all Indigenous people in the province.</p>	<p>Briefed the Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development, who represented the Premier at the July 2019 meeting of Premiers and National Indigenous Organization leaders with regards to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.</p> <p>In 2012 the Innu-led trilateral Innu Roundtable (IRT) was launched to address community health and healing initiatives for the Innu of Labrador. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation is the provincial lead on this roundtable. In 2016, the Innu income support program was devolved to the IRT and the Innu took control of income support. During</p>



Indicator	Performance
	<p>the reporting period, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked to facilitate an amendment to the Income Support Regulation to promote a more Innu-centric income support system.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation participated in and provided advice to several intergovernmental working groups, including the Regional Oversight Committee on Oceans Management.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continues to lead and provide advice on federal efforts to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</p>
<p>Coordinated the Province’s response on national Indigenous initiatives including the implementation of the Calls to Action of the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked and will continue to work with Indigenous Governments and Organizations on how to move toward the ideals set out by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</p> <p>Her Honor, Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote in consultation with the Indigenous groups in the Province developed a Heart Garden on the grounds of Government House. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided support both in the coordination of the Indigenous Governments views and participation.</p>

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Indicator	Performance
	<p>In June 2019, Premier Ball, accompanied Her Honor, Lieutenant Governor Judy Foote and Indigenous Government representatives participated in the unveiling of the Heart Garden on National Indigenous Peoples Day. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation supported participation at the event.</p>
<p>Collaborated with provincial departments, the Federal Government, other provinces and territories, and Indigenous Governments and Organizations on the 231 Calls to Justice contained in the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to support Office for the Status of Women (OSW) and JPS 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.</p>
<p>Worked to repatriate the remains of Demasduit and Nonosabasut from National Museums Scotland.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with the Federal Government to successfully repatriate the remains of Beothuk individuals Demasduit and Nonosabasut, from National Museums Scotland.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with The Rooms with regard to an access policy to the remains, as well as communicated with Indigenous Governments and Organizations with regards to locating a final resting place for the remains.</p>

Indicator	Performance
Continued to work with the Qalipu First Nation to advance issues of importance to their membership	Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with Qalipu First Nation on issues within provincial jurisdiction, and communicated with and provided support to the Qalipu First Nation with regard to enrollment issues.

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Indicator	Performance
Continued to negotiate and implement land claims, self-government and other agreements.	Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continues 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.
Collaborated with Government departments and agencies and Indigenous governments and organizations to ensure that the unique interests of Indigenous people are considered in public policy, programs, services and legislation.	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 work in this area included: advising departments with regards to new federal child welfare legislation; leading negotiations in association with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Municipalities (ECCM) on the Muskrat Falls Monitoring and Health Oversight Committee; and facilitating the amendment of the Income Support Regulation to promote a more Innu-centric Income Support system.

Indicator	Performance
	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with JPS and MIFN to facilitate circuit courts to Natuashish.</p> <p>Communicated with Donald McRae regarding his 1993 Report for the Canadian Human Rights Commission about the treatment of Labrador Innu by the Government of Canada, and its 2002 follow-up Report, to discuss implementation of the two Reports in light of national and international human rights standards applicable to indigenous people.</p> <p>The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee, which is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the Agreement, continued to meet on a regular basis. Tri-partite negotiations for the Fiscal Financing Agreement (FFA) was successfully concluded in 2019-2020 and the renewed FFA was signed on March 30, 2020. The FFA provides a significant amount of revenue to the Nunatsiavut Government for federal programming such as the delivery of programs and services by the Nunatsiavut Government, including: governance, education, economic development, capital and infrastructure including operations and maintenance, housing, health, and fisheries. Funding under the FFA is federal as the Nunatsiavut Government has not</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>assumed programming currently provided by the Province. Once the Nunatsiavut Government is ready to assume responsibility for the delivery of those programs and services the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will commence negotiations with Nunatsiavut Government.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to support Government plans to deliver a formal apology to residential schools survivors and their descendants. During 2019-2020, Officials from both the Province and the Nunatsiavut Government were engaged in discussions for several months on arrangements to hold events in each of the five Labrador Inuit communities. These plans were put on hold because of the coronavirus. Discussions continued with officials and representatives of the survivors and their families, with plans to hold an event in the future.</p>
<p>Supported Government's fulfillment of any Duty to Consult.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked to ensure that the consultation obligations of Government and project proponents were met. This included a variety of projects, such as: leading the Indigenous consultation in association with the former Departments of Natural Resources and Justice and Public Safety on the renewal of the statutory leases held by the Labrador Iron ore Royalty Corporation, on which the operations of the</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>Iron Ore Company of Canada in Labrador are based; providing advice on Indigenous consultation in the Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore; providing advice on various forestry and mining projects.</p>
<p>Worked with the Federal Government and national and provincial Indigenous governments and organizations respecting Indigenous issues.</p>	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with national and provincial Indigenous Governments and Organizations on various projects, including: collaboration on the 231 Calls to Justice contained in the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; working to repatriate the remains of Demasduit and Nonosabasut from National Museums Scotland; and participating in various inter-jurisdictional working groups and committees to advance Indigenous interests and advocating the Federal Government to discharge its constitutional responsibility to all Indigenous people in Newfoundland and Labrador.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation carried out meetings on a variety of topics with Qalipu First Nation, Miawpukek First Nation, Nunatsiavut Government, Innu Nation, Nunatukavut Community Council, and First Light Native Friendship Centre.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided advice and support to government departments, as well as communicated with Indigenous Governments</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>and Organizations, regarding the Provincial Waste Management Strategy.</p> <p>The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee, which is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the Agreement, continued to meet on a regular basis. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with all parties (the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Government of Canada, and Nunatsiavut Government) to finalize tripartite funding agreements for the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board and the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board. The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) and the LILCA Implementation Plan (IP) came into effect on December 1, 2005. The IP outlines activities to be undertaken by the parties to the LILCA to implement their respective treaty requirements. The IP expired on December 1, 2015. The parties have engaged in negotiations and came to an agreement for a revised budget as noted previously.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation worked with the newly appointed Federal Special Representative to the Innu Roundtable to advance issues of common interest.</p>

Indicator	Performance
	<p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation provided advice on Indigenous participation in the Women in Mining Conference.</p> <p>Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation participated in the HCS-led Vulnerable Populations Task Group and one of its subcommittees, the Rural Remote and Indigenous Health Working Group, throughout the pandemic, providing advice and support to HCS on Indigenous engagement, participation and representation, and supporting bilateral engagement where concerns and issues arose in or were identified by Indigenous communities. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation also facilitated the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to several Indigenous communities, with the support of HCS and the Public Procurement Agency.</p>

## Opportunities and Challenges

### Intergovernmental Affairs

Newfoundland and Labrador's financial situation continues to be challenging in the context of high debt servicing costs and long-standing structural issues such as the high cost of providing services across a large geography, as well as having an older, declining population. These challenges have been compounded by the pandemic and global oil crisis. Continued collaboration with the Federal Government will be key to ensuring that Federal-Provincial fiscal arrangements and federal economic recovery programs are flexible and adequate to support Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, and to foster a safe economic recovery from COVID-19.



As governments across Canada work towards this economic recovery, the Secretariat will continue to work across the Provincial Government to help communicate the challenges being faced by the Province's natural resource sectors, including the oil and gas sector. The Secretariat will work to ensure that the Province's traditional industries are duly considered for federal support, along with emerging opportunities in innovation, technology and clean growth.

Domestic and international trade policy will likely continue to be a complex and dynamic environment for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Secretariat will ensure that the Province is well-positioned to capitalize on opportunities to access new markets, reduce barriers to interprovincial trade within Canada, and respond appropriately to any protectionist policies that may be implemented by other jurisdictions.

In 2020-21, the Secretariat will continue to work collaboratively with Provincial Government departments to leverage federal funding opportunities for key provincial priorities, including:

- long-term sustainable funding for health care;
- electrification and decarbonization initiatives to support rate mitigation and emission reductions;
- adjustments to the federal Fiscal Stabilization Program; and
- working with the Federal Government and the other Atlantic Provinces on clean power initiatives, such as the Clean Power Roadmap for Atlantic Canada, to advance the development of regional electricity transmission corridors that will open up new markets to jurisdictions seeking clean energy sources.

## **Indigenous Affairs**

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to assist Indigenous Governments and Organizations in the negotiation of land claims, self-government, and other agreements. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to assess any proposed federal changes to land claims, self-government, or other policies that could affect Indigenous Governments and Organizations on their path to self-determination.

Along these lines, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to participate in consultations on the federal intent to implement the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in areas of federal jurisdiction via federal legislation.

As part of advancing self-determination among Indigenous people, Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to work with Indigenous Governments and Organizations, the Federal Government, and Provincial Government departments on recently enacted federal legislation that empowers Indigenous Governments and Organizations to assume control of child welfare services.

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 people in Newfoundland and Labrador.

We will continue to work with Government departments and proponents to ensure Government continues to meet its Indigenous Duty to Consult. Government actions or authorizations, that have the potential of adversely affecting asserted or established rights, must be preceded by Indigenous consultation.

We will also continue to assess the implications of the new federal Impact Assessment Act as it relates to Indigenous engagement for projects on land and in the offshore. Indigenous engagement is crucial to environmental assessment, given the overlap

between environmental effects and potential adverse impacts on asserted or established Indigenous rights, and this engagement is a major part of the new federal Act.

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continued to work with the Innu, Justice and Public Safety, and the Federal Government on the establishment of the Inquiry into the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system.

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation continue to consider the further implementation of the calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Discussions will continue with Indigenous officials and representatives of Residential School survivors and their families, to complete the Residential Schools Apologies. Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will work to establish the Innu-NL anti-Racism Working Group.

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation will continue to assist the Qalipu First Nation and Federal Government with the Qalipu enrolment process.

Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation 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 31 March 2020.

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Original</u>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat</b>			
<b>2.5.01. Executive Support</b>			
01. Salaries	<b>405,933</b>	411,200	327,800
Operating Accounts:			
Employee Benefits	<b>66</b>	-	-
Transportation and Communications	<b>54,515</b>	68,100	62,100
Supplies	<b>11,480</b>	7,300	6,300
Purchased Services	<b>282,100</b>	282,100	282,100
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	<b>7,427</b>	-	-
02. Operating Accounts	<b>355,588</b>	357,500	350,500
10. Grants and Subsidies	<b>33,600</b>	35,000	35,000
<b>Total: Executive Support</b>	<b>795,121</b>	803,700	713,300
<b>2.5.02. Intergovernmental Affairs</b>			
01. Salaries	<b>901,456</b>	901,500	963,500
Operating Accounts:			
Transportation and Communications	<b>47,238</b>	67,400	67,400
Supplies	<b>639</b>	500	500
Professional Services	<b>118,900</b>	118,900	118,900
Purchased Services	<b>550</b>	-	-
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	<b>2,548</b>	-	-
02. Operating Accounts	<b>169,875</b>	186,800	186,800
10. Grants and Subsidies	<b>-</b>	5,900	5,900
<b>Total: Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	<b>1,071,331</b>	1,094,200	1,156,200
<b>2.5.03. Indigenous Affairs</b>			
01. Salaries	<b>984,101</b>	989,900	1,026,400
Operating Accounts:			
Employee Benefits	<b>4,113</b>	4,300	4,300
Transportation and Communications	<b>47,995</b>	109,100	109,100
Supplies	<b>4,145</b>	7,000	7,000
Purchased Services	<b>6,399</b>	11,000	11,000
02. Operating Accounts	<b>62,652</b>	131,400	131,400
10. Grants and Subsidies	<b>466,584</b>	489,800	489,800
<b>Total: Indigenous Affairs</b>	<b>1,513,337</b>	1,611,100	1,647,600
<b>Total: Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs</b>	<b>3,379,789</b>	3,509,000	3,517,100

**Annex A: Intergovernmental Agreements Signed in 2019-20**

Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)	Canadian Heritage (Official Languages)	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement on Minority-Language and Second Official Language Instruction	March 31/20
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE)	Health Canada	Memorandum of Agreement for Services for the Delivery of Pesticide Compliance Inspections	March 31/20
Service NL (SNL)	Department of Finance Canada/ Governments of British Columbia, Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Yukon	Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System	March 27/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
SNL	Department of Finance Canada	Cooperative Capital Markets Regulatory System Transition Funding Agreement	March 27/20
Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat (IIAS)	Crown-Indigenous Relations/ Nunatsiavut Government	Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financial Agreement	March 27/20
IIAS	Crown-Indigenous Relations/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Joint Fisheries Board	Funding Agreement for Torngat Joint Fisheries Board - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement – FY 2020- 2021	March 26/20
IIAS	Crown-Indigenous Relations/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board	Funding Agreement for the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement – FY 2020 - 2021	March 26/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
MAE	Infrastructure Canada	Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Bilateral Agreement - Amending Agreement No. 2 for the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund and Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	March 24/20
Department of Justice and Public Safety (JPS)	Public Safety Canada	Contribution Agreement Memorandum of Agreement - Drug Impaired Driving in Canada	March 20/20
Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD)	Health Canada	Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement - Toll-Free Quitline Numbers on Tobacco Packaging Initiative	March 20/20
SNL	Employment and Social Development Canada	Letter of Agreement for the Implementation of Death Registration and Notification Blueprint	March 19/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
MAE	Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	Provincial and Territorial Ministers Responsible for Local Government Collaboration Agreement	March 19/20
Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR)	Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except NT, NU	AgriStability Program Guidelines Amendment No. 2	March 19/20
FLR	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Memorandum of Understanding Amendment to Canadian Firearms Safety Course	March 18/20
JPS	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada	Memorandum of Agreement with Public Health Agency - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	March 18/20



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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
JPS	Government of Nova Scotia and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	Memorandum of Understanding on Forensic Investigation and Other Services by Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service to Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	March 18/20
Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (TCII)	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada	Proposed Eagle River Waterway Provincial Park Contribution Agreement	March 18/20
Department of Health and Community Services (HCS)	Canadian Blood Services/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except QC	Canadian Blood Services National Accountability Agreement	March 18/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
SNL	Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario	Addendum to Agreement Regarding Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Canadian Association of Pension Authorities	March 17/20
Department of Finance (FIN)	Statistics Canada	Statistics Canada SPSPD/M Memorandum of Understanding	March 11/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
TCII	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency/ Governments of Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island/ Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador/ Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia/ Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick/ Tourism Industry Association of Prince Edward Island	Atlantic Canada Agreement on Tourism in Support of the Atlantic Canada Tourism Partnership	March 10/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
JPS	Public Safety Canada	Amendment Number Two to the Framework Agreement for the Use of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police First Nations Community Policing Program Services in Newfoundland and Labrador	March 6/20
Department of Transportation and Works (TW)	Indigenous Services Canada	Funding Agreement - Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Natuashish Airport - 2019 - 2020	March 6/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
TW	Infrastructure Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador New Building Canada Fund - Amending Agreement No. 2 Contribution Agreement for the Provincial -Territorial Infrastructure Component - National and Regional Projects in Newfoundland and Labrador - 2016-2017 / 2023-2024	March 5/20
CSSD	Indigenous Services Canada	Funding Agreement - Province of Newfoundland and Labrador - Child, Youth and Family Services - 2019 - 2020	Feb 28/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
TCII	Canadian Heritage	Agreement Concerning the Participation of Newfoundland and Labrador in the Culture Statistics Strategy for the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 (April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020, inclusive)	Feb 13/20
JPS	Public Safety Canada	Memorandum of Agreement in Respect to the Memorial Grant Program for First Responders	Jan 27/20
Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL)	Government of Manitoba	Forum of Labour Market Ministers – Innovative and Best Practices Working Group Memorandum of Understanding 2019-2020	Jan 15/20

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
IIAS	Governments of Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island	Atlantic Trade and Procurement Partnership Memorandum of Understanding – Council of Atlantic Premiers Agreement	Jan 13/20
Department of Natural Resources (NR)	Department of Natural Resources Canada/ Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada	Amendment to Conduct a Regional Assessment of Offshore Oil and Gas Exploratory Drilling East of Newfoundland and Labrador	Dec 20/19
HCS	Canadian Blood Services/ Canadian Blood Services Captive Insurance Company Ltd./Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except QC	Canadian Blood Services Excess Insurance Captive Support Agreement	Dec 17/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
NR	Statistics Canada	Agreement Concerning the Sharing and Disclosure of Information Between Statistics Canada and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (Department of Natural Resources)	Dec 9/19
MAE	Department of Natural Resources Canada	Climate Change Adaptation Amendment No. 1 to the Non-repayable Contribution Agreement Building Adaptation Capacity in Key Economic Sectors in Newfoundland and Labrador	Dec 5/19
AESL	Employment and Social Development Canada	Agreement to Amend the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Market Development Agreement	Dec 4/19



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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
JPS	Public Safety Canada	Amendment Number One to the Framework Agreement for the use of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police First Nations Community Policing Services in Newfoundland and Labrador	Nov 21/19
EECD	Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except QC	Protocol for Agreements for Minority-Language Education and Second-Language Instruction 2019-20 to 2022-23	Nov 21/19
IIAS	Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	First Protocol of Amendment to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement	Nov 8/19
IIAS	Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	Intergovernmental Agreement Permitting Ontario to Amend Two of their Party-Specific Exceptions in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement	Nov 5/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
FLR	Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	Contribution Agreement for the Agricultural Clean Technology Program - Low-Input Agriculture in Cool Climate Boreal Ecosystems	Nov 5/19
AESL	Government of New Brunswick	Forum of Labour Market Ministers - Mobility and Qualification Recognition Working Group Memorandum of Understanding 2019-2020	Oct 25/19
MAE	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada	Contribution Agreement for Data Management and Quality Control Measures for Water Resources Climate Network Monitoring Data in Newfoundland and Labrador	Oct 24/19
AESL	The Labour Market Information Council	Forum of Labour Market Ministers - Labour Market Information Council Agreement 2019-2021	Oct 18/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
AESL	Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency	Forum of Labour Market Ministers - Provincial-Territorial Apprenticeship Mobility Executive Group Memorandum of Understanding 2019-2021	Oct 18/19
AESL	Government of Saskatchewan	Forum of Labour Market Ministers - Strategic Planning and Engagement Working Group Memorandum of Understanding 2019-2021	Oct 18/19
SNL	Governments of Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island	Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Recognition of Equipment and Training Pertaining to Occupational Health and Safety	Oct 17/19
AESL	Employment and Social Development Canada	Agreement Respecting the Secretariat of the Forum of Labour Market Ministers	Oct 1/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
AESL	Employment and Social Development Canada	Memorandum of Understanding (Costing) Between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Respecting the Costs incurred by the Province associated with the Administration of the Student Financial Assistance Program	Sept 20/19
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Project Funding Agreement Between the Department of Justice Canada - Department of Justice and Public Safety Newfoundland and Labrador - Enhancement of Services for Victims of Crime in Newfoundland and Labrador – 2016-2021 - Amendment No. 3	Sept 20/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
HCS	Public Health Agency of Canada	Memorandum of Agreement Respecting Prepositioning of Mini-Clinics Between the Public Health Agency of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador	Sept 13/19
MAE	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	Memorandum of Understanding Respecting the National Air Pollution Surveillance Program	Sept 12/19
FLR	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada	Conservation Agreement for the Conservation of the Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population ("Boreal Caribou") in Labrador	Sept 10/19
AESL	Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund - Amended and Restated Contribution Agreement	Sept 3/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
FLR	Public Health Agency of Canada	Determine the Environmental Burden of Lyme Disease in Newfoundland and Labrador	Sept 3/19
MAE	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except QC	Memorandum of Understanding for Mutual Aid for Environmental Emergencies	Aug 27/19
JPS/ CSSD	Department of Justice Canada	Agreement Respecting Federal Contributions for the Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision Program Part D FY 2019-2020 – Staff Training in De-escalating Potentially Violent Situations	Aug 26/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
AESL	Canada Revenue Agency	Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Taxpayer Information in Support of Provincial Child Benefit Adjustments	Aug 20/19
AESL	Employment and Social Development Canada	Foreign Credential Recognition Program - Labour Market Integration – Amendment No. 5	Aug 15/19
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Project Funding Agreement Between the Department of Justice Canada - Department of Justice and Public Safety Newfoundland and Labrador - Family Information Liaison Unit	Aug 15/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
AESL	Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Letter of Extension to the Memorandum of Understanding on the International Student Program Between Canada and Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	July 29/19
CSSD	Employment and Social Development Canada	Extension of the Inter-governmental Agreement for the Management of the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Seniors Forum Budget	July 22/19
SNL	Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except NU	Reconciliation Agreement on Weight Allowances for Wide Base Single Tires	July 22/19



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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
FLR	Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada	Contribution Agreement: Implementation of Conservation Agreement for the Conservation of Woodland Caribou, Boreal population ("Boreal Caribou") in Labrador	July 5/19
TW	Parks Canada	Memorandum of Agreement for the Purposes of Installing and Maintaining a Highway Traffic/Weather Camera at Rocky Harbour on Federal Land within Gros Morne National Park	June 19/19
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Funding Agreement Between Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Regarding French Language Training for Provincial Court Judges	June 17/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
HCS	Employment and Social Development Canada	Service Level Agreement for the Agreement Relating to the Communication of Old Age Security Information to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Administration of the 65 Plus Plan	June 17/19
HCS	Employment and Social Development Canada	Agreement Relating to the Communication of Old Age Security Information to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for the Administration of the 65 Plus Plan	June 17/19
SNL	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Mortgage Broker Regulators' Council of Canada	May 6/19

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Provincial Department(s)	Other Part(ies)	Name of Agreement	Signed
SNL	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators	May 6/19
SNL	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities	April 25/19
MAE	Department of Natural Resources Canada	Climate Change Adaptation Non-Repayable Contribution Agreement	April 17/19
HCS	Indigenous Services Canada	Amendment Agreement - Health Funding Contribution Agreement	April 16/19
SNL	Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories except NU	Memorandum of Understanding Respecting a Federal - Provincial - Territorial Agreement on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions – Tenth Amendment	April 15/19

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IIAS	Crown Indigenous Relations/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Joint Fisheries Board	Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Funding Agreement - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) -FY 2019 - 2020	April 8/19
IIAS	Crown Indigenous Relations/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board	Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board Funding Agreement - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement – FY 2019 - 2020	April 8/19
IIAS	Department of Finance Canada	Hibernia Dividend Backed Annuity Agreement – Atlantic Accord	April 1/19
CSSD	Governments of Alberta (6), Saskatchewan (5), Manitoba (3), Ontario (14), Nova Scotia (5)	Interprovincial Placement Agreements for Child Services (total of 33 agreements)*	Various dates 2019-20

\*These confidential agreements are not counted in the total number of intergovernmental agreements signed in 2019-20.



