

Joint Task Team Statutory Funding Action Items

Meeting Date: March 29th – March 30th, 2017

Location: Ottawa, Ontario

Notes Status: *DRAFT for approval*

Participants:

AFN and First Nations Members:

- Jarrett Laughlin, *AFN (co-chair)*
- Bob Atwin, *New Brunswick*
- Mitchell Soo-Oyewaste, *Saskatchewan*
- Deborah Jeffrey, *British Columbia*
- Shirley Fontaine, *Manitoba*
- Darren Googoo, *Nova Scotia*
- Julia Candlish, *Ontario*
- Anita Tenasco, *Quebec*
- Brian Kelly, *New Brunswick (observer)*
- Rhonda Bluehorn, *Saskatchewan (observer)*
- George Merasty, *Manitoba (observer)*

INAC Headquarters and Regional Members:

- Steven Begg, *INAC (co-chair)*
- Alice Wan, *INAC*
- Natalie Fraser, *INAC*

Meeting Goals:

1. Explore options for current funding mechanisms, both legislative and non-legislative
2. Receive updates from various fiscal relations national tables
3. Identify implication of Indigenous Languages Act on education funding
4. Develop list of required communication tools

Action Items:

1. INAC to get update from exploratory tables led by Joe Wild for April meeting.
2. INAC to provide breakdown of INAC staff in Headquarters and Regions, by branch/unit.
3. INAC to check on flexibility of regulatory process and see how flexible it is if there were annual changes required to regional regulations (i.e. for funding formula changes)
4. INAC to share a guide to drafting legislation as published by the Department of Justice
5. AFN/INAC to build on meeting discussions and start draft of the following documents:
 - a. Q&A: First Nation Education Funding Legislation
 - b. Discussion Paper: First Nation Education Funding Legislation
 - c. Visual Graphic: Options for Education Funding Legislation and non-legislation options

Recommendations:

1. The Joint Working Committee develop a joint communication protocol for all Task Teams.