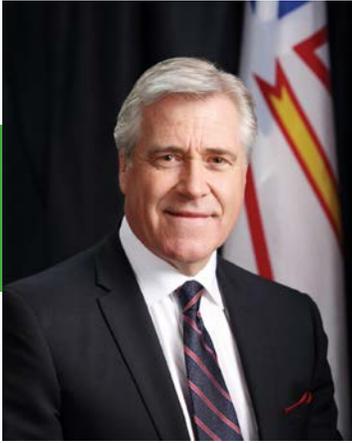


Intergovernmental
and Indigenous Affairs

Annual Report

2016-17





MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

It is my pleasure to present the 2016-17 annual performance report for the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat (Secretariat) for the period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. As Premier and Minister for Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs, I am accountable for the preparation of this annual performance report and the achievement of its goals and objectives. This report was prepared in accordance with the Transparency and Accountability Act requirements for a category three entity.

Due to departmental restructuring in February 2017, the former Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office was reconfigured, with the former Aboriginal Affairs functions of the office merging with the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat to establish the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat. This report details the Secretariat's implementation of the intergovernmental goals in the former Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs 2014-17 Strategic Plan, and the Indigenous affairs goals of the former Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs 2014-17 Business Plan. My signature below is indicative of my accountability for the actual results reported herein.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Secretariat staff in accomplishing the 2014-17 goals and objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ball'.

Honourable Dwight Ball
Premier
Minister for Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs

Departmental Overview

The Secretariat has two branches: Intergovernmental Affairs and Indigenous Affairs.

Intergovernmental Affairs Branch

The branch has three divisions: Resource and Fiscal Policy, Social and Economic Policy, and Trade Policy.

The Resource and Fiscal Policy division formulates intergovernmental policy advice relating to the Provincial Government's resource, fiscal, and constitutional priorities, and supports First Ministers' intergovernmental priorities.

The Social and Economic Policy division formulates intergovernmental policy advice relating to social and economic policy priorities, as well as national defence and foreign affairs; and serves as government's military liaison.

The Trade Policy division leads the formulation of policy advice and consultative services related to national and international trade.

Indigenous Affairs Branch

The Indigenous Affairs branch has two divisions: Policy and Planning, and Negotiations.

Through a respectful, principles-based relationship with Indigenous people, communities, governments and organizations, Policy and Planning supports government policies, programs and services that are culturally sensitive, meaningful and appropriate.

Policy and Planning is also responsible for the Indigenous consultation policies and practices to ensure Government discharges the Duty to Consult whenever it may arise.

Negotiations focuses on the 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 with respect to the ownership and management of lands and resources in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For more information on the Secretariat, please visit <https://www.gov.nl.ca/iias>.

Staff and Budget

As of March 31, 2017, the Secretariat had a staff complement of 24 (14 female; 10 male), and a budget of \$3,461,600, broken down as follows:

Division	# of Employees	Budget
Intergovernmental Affairs	14	\$1,859,433
Indigenous Affairs	10	\$1,602,161

The entire staff complement is located in the Confederation Complex in St. John's.

Highlights and Partnerships

The Way Forward

The Way Forward commits the Secretariat to “establish an annual Leaders Roundtable with Indigenous governments and organizations, including Native Friendship Centres and Indigenous Women’s Organizations, to meet and establish priority actions.” The Secretariat worked with Indigenous governments and organizations to prepare for the Leaders Roundtable, to take place in May 2017. The Way Forward also commits the Secretariat to review federal program, policy and funding initiatives currently in place and potentially available to the Province with the aim of increasing the level of federal funding. The Secretariat worked with various Provincial Government departments and agencies to advance the review and other horizontal priorities outlined in The Way Forward, including a targeted approach to exploring funding opportunities for the Province related to the Pan-Canadian Framework.

Atlantic Growth Strategy

With the cooperation and collaboration of many Provincial Government departments and agencies, the Secretariat supported the Premier in launching the Atlantic Growth Strategy along with Atlantic Premiers and Atlantic Federal Ministers in July 2016. This federal-provincial initiative is intended to drive economic growth in the region by implementing targeted, evidence-based actions under the following five priority areas: skilled workforce/immigration, innovation, clean growth and climate change, trade and investment, and infrastructure.

A number of initiatives have been announced under the Atlantic Growth Strategy that support the priorities of the Provincial Government, including the launch of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program which will support the Provincial Government’s goal of increasing immigration to Newfoundland and Labrador by 50 per cent by 2022, as outlined in The Way Forward. The branch will also support the Provincial Government in

setting the agenda for an upcoming Atlantic Growth Strategy meeting to take place in Newfoundland and Labrador in summer 2017.

Federal Loan Guarantee

In November 2016, Provincial Government departments, including Finance, Natural Resources and the Secretariat, secured additional federal loan guarantee support for the Lower Churchill projects, up to an additional \$2.9 billion. The loan guarantee is an important financial support for the Province and will help improve the management of the Muskrat Falls project.

Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change

Also with the support of many Provincial Government departments and agencies, particularly the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, the Secretariat supported the Premier in concluding the December 2016 federal-provincial-territorial Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. The Pan-Canadian Framework outlines key actions that will be required to grow the economy while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As part of the Pan-Canadian Framework and its implementation, the Provincial Government has been developing a made-in-Newfoundland and Labrador plan to address climate change, which will address the province's particular social, economic and fiscal realities in its transition to a clean growth economy.

Canadian Free Trade Agreement

In July 2016, Premiers reached an Agreement in Principle for the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and directed their respective ministers responsible for trade to undertake the remaining technical work required to conclude the Agreement. In March 2017, Trade Ministers concluded the remaining technical work facilitating the entry into force of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement on July 1, 2017. The Canadian Free Trade Agreement introduces a modern and comprehensive internal trade framework that will enhance the flow of goods and services, investment and labour mobility, eliminate technical barriers to trade, greatly expand procurement coverage, and promote regulatory cooperation

within Canada. The Secretariat was responsible for the coordination of analysis and provincial positioning relating to the Canadian Free Trade Agreement and led an interdepartmental committee which supported Provincial Government's negotiation objectives for this Agreement.

Devolution of Income Support

On April 1, 2016, responsibility for the administration of Income Support in the two Innu communities was devolved to Innu Nation from the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour. 2016-17 saw the Innu take over the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour Income Support files and taking responsibility for providing service to these clients. The Secretariat provided advice and support to the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour's Income Support Division, assisting with a smooth transition.

Aboriginal Consultation and Policy Advice

The Secretariat reviewed all Crown land applications, mineral exploration referrals, quarry permits, environmental assessment registrations, and post-environmental assessment permit applications to ensure appropriate Aboriginal consultation was conducted. Additionally, the Secretariat provided advice on government resource management policies, working to ensure Aboriginal rights were considered. This was accomplished through interdepartmental communication and consultation, providing advice on the Aboriginal Consultation Policy, attending committee meetings, and reviewing resource development applications and environmental assessment processes.

Land Claims and Self Government Agreements

Negotiations continued between Innu Nation, the Federal Government and the Secretariat, on behalf of Government, toward a final land claims and self-government agreement.

Negotiations on the final self-government agreement amongst Miawpukek First Nation, the Federal Government and the Secretariat, on behalf of Government, have been on hold since March 2016. Government remains willing to continue those negotiations once the other parties are in position to do so.

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

The Secretariat continued to work with the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Women's Policy Office regarding the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. In 2015-16, Government engaged provincial Indigenous governments and organizations on the National Inquiry, and worked to prepare a What We Heard document summarizing those engagements. That document is anticipated to be released in 2017-18.

Repatriation of Beothuk Remains

The Secretariat continued to work with the Federal Government to support the repatriation of the remains of Beothuk individuals held by National Museums Scotland.

Report on Performance

In consideration of commitments outlined in The Way Forward, Government's strategic directions and the Secretariat's 2014-17 Strategic Plan and Business Plan, the following issues were identified as the key priorities of the Minister:

1. Advancing the Provincial Government's Interests;
2. Support the economic and social development of Labrador and Indigenous people;
3. Increase awareness of the unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous people; and,
4. Support departments and agencies in the discharge of any duty to consult Indigenous governments and organizations that may arise.

Issue One – Advancing the Province's Interests

To advance Newfoundland and Labrador as a full partner with other provinces and territories and the Canadian federation, the Provincial Government must build and maintain productive relationships with other sovereign governments. This requires provision of high quality advice, analysis, and support to the Premier, ministers and departments and agencies on intergovernmental matters. This section summarizes activities undertaken through 2014-17 to support the Provincial Government's achievement of equitable treatment of the Province in the federation.

2014-17 GOAL:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have supported the advancement of the interests of the Province in the federation and beyond.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Support provided to Provincial Government at bi-lateral and multi-lateral meetings with other jurisdictions on key issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the 2014-17 reporting period, the Secretariat provided support to the Premier for numerous intergovernmental meetings, including: three First Ministers' Meetings; five Council of the Federation meetings (two chaired and one hosted by the Premier); seven Council of Atlantic Premiers meetings (two chaired and hosted by the Premier); and three New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (one chaired and hosted by the Premier); two Atlantic Growth Strategy Leadership Committee meetings, and a climate summit.
Research and analyses conducted to support the Premier and Minister on issues of provincial importance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over the 2014-17 reporting period, the Secretariat provided research and analysis on intergovernmental matter of provincial importance by preparing about 250 briefing notes, as well as by analyzing a large number of cabinet submissions and draft letters for intergovernmental implications. The Secretariat also supported the Premier in preparing a submission as part of the Federal Government's Defence Policy Review. The submission is available at: http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2016/exec/0801n03.a.spx.

2016-17 Objective:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have continued to promote Newfoundland Labrador's right to equitable treatment in the federation.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Intergovernmental agreements negotiated and/or reviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016-17, the Secretariat participated in the negotiation and review of 61 intergovernmental agreements, 55 of which were with the Federal Government (see Annex A for a list of agreements signed in the reporting period).
Advice provided to provincial departments on intergovernmental matters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat provided advice to Provincial Government departments and agencies on the development and revision of intergovernmental policies and priorities. Intergovernmental advice took the form of bilateral discussions with departments and agencies, preparation of and consultation on briefing materials, preparation of and consultation on intergovernmental correspondence, policies, work plans, and participation in teleconferences and working groups (internal and intergovernmental). The Secretariat also provided strategic advice and other protocol support for 10 foreign dignitary teleconferences or visits during the reporting year (including diplomats or heads of state from Korea, Israel, Japan, the United Kingdom, France, Norway, India and the United States). Meetings included the engagement and participation of dignitaries in relation to the Honour 100 commemoration of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians role in the First World War.
Support provided on the Council of the Federation and other intergovernmental meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016-17, the Secretariat supported the Premier for: three meetings of the Council of Atlantic Premiers (Annapolis Royal, NS in May 2016, Brudenell, PE in July 2016, and Steady Brook, NL in February 2017); Council of the Federation and National Indigenous Organization meeting (Whitehorse, YT in July 2016); Atlantic Growth

Indicators	Actual Performance
	Strategy Leadership Committee (St. Peters Bay, PE, July 2016 and Wolfville, NS in January 2017); Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers (Boston, MA in August 2016); and a First Ministers' Meeting (December 2016 in Ottawa, ON).

Issue Two – Support the Economic and Social Development of Labrador and Indigenous People

The Secretariat supports the economic and social development of Indigenous peoples through its development and analysis of government policies, programs and services to ensure they meet the needs of the people they are designed to serve. This issue includes two Goals.

2014-17 GOAL 1:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have promoted sustainable development by considering impacts of major resource developments on communities in Labrador and on Indigenous people.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Provided input on Labrador and Indigenous perspectives on major developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat continued to provide advice on Indigenous perspectives and leadership on consultation where any duty to consult may be owed.
Supported Government consultations to enable Labrador and Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat developed project-specific Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines for the Iron Ore Company of Canada's Wabush-3 project, Luce

Indicators	Actual Performance
perspectives to be considered on resource development in Labrador	Lake, and the Howse Direct Shipping Ore Project.
Implemented the provincial Aboriginal Consultation Policy (the "Policy")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat continued to provide support and guidance to departments on consultation activities, conducted in accordance with the Policy.
Provided advice or other facilitation, or taken action to meet Government's obligations in the noted agreements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat continued to provide advice and support to ensure government's obligations were met under any applicable agreement.

2016-17 Objective:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have further promoted sustainable development by considering impacts of major resource developments on communities in Labrador and on Indigenous people.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Monitored economic and social development initiatives for Labrador and Indigenous people via, but not limited to, such forums as Northern Development Ministers Forum, and Expo Labrador	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat attended the National Indigenous Women's Summit in March 2017. Information gathered at this event allowed the Secretariat to better inform policy and programs throughout 2016-17. Additional updates on this indicator can be found in the Labrador Affairs Secretariat Annual Report 2016-17.
Supported committees that address impacts of major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat attended a meeting in June 2016 regarding a training proposal for the Labrador

Indicators	Actual Performance
<p>projects on Labrador and Indigenous communities such as Labrador West Regional Task Force</p>	<p>Aboriginal Training Partnership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional updates on this indicator can be found in the Labrador Affairs Secretariat Annual Report 2016-17.
<p>Provided input on environmental assessments, particularly integrating any needed Aboriginal consultations into environmental assessments and post-environmental assessment permitting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat monitored approximately 150 permits pertaining to the Lower Churchill Project and maintained contact with relevant departments to ensure that any appropriate Aboriginal consultation was conducted. • The Secretariat reviewed and provided advice to Government entities as well as project proponents on environmental assessments, post-environmental assessment permitting and land use applications respecting Labrador (e.g., Howse Direct Shipping Ore Project; Southern Labrador Waste Disposal Facility Project; IOC's Wabush 3 Project) to ensure Aboriginal consultation was undertaken where and as required.
<p>Advocated for federal investment and policies that are reflective of the economic and social needs and opportunities for Labrador and Indigenous people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February 2017 the Secretariat wrote the federal Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada regarding issues around the creation of Qalipu First Nation. • The Secretariat continued to work with the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group, comprised of five National Indigenous Organizations and Provincial/Territorial Ministers responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. The Aboriginal Affairs Working

Indicators	Actual Performance
	<p>Group focused on violence against Indigenous women and girls, economic development, education, housing, and disaster mitigation and emergency management in Indigenous communities.</p>
<p>Consulted and collaborated with Provincial Government departments/entities to advance economic and social development for Labrador and Indigenous people such as to increase public infrastructure and sustainable major resource developments in Labrador</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat routinely reviewed Government documents and materials and provided advice and commentary on Indigenous issues. • The Secretariat regularly communicated with relevant Government departments and agencies regarding Indigenous-specific subjects. • The Secretariat reviewed proposals to Government's Interdepartmental Land Use Committee on development in Labrador.
<p>Provided advice to departments regarding consultations with Indigenous governments and organizations and residents of Labrador on resource development in Labrador</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat reviewed all resource development applications, environmental assessment registrations, Crown Lands Applications, mineral exploration approvals and quarry permits to provide Aboriginal consultation advice and ensured that Indigenous perspectives were considered. This advice included consideration of any Aboriginal land claims or assertions.

2014-17 GOAL 2:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have progressed relations with Indigenous people through participation in the negotiation and implementation of land claims, self-government and other agreements.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Strived to complete land claims and self-government agreements with Innu Nation and the Miawpukek First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiations continued toward a Final Land Claims and Self Government Agreement with Innu Nation and the Federal Government. Tripartite negotiation sessions continued to take place on a monthly basis. • Final agreement negotiations with Miawpukek First Nation and the Federal Government continued over the first two fiscal years of this three year reporting period. Negotiations have been on hold since March 2016. The Secretariat is willing to continue negotiations once the other parties are in position to do so.
Supported devolution agreements with Indigenous governments/organizations in the province and the Federal Government on appropriate provincial programs and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support was devolved on April 1, 2016 with the Innu Round Table Secretariat taking over delivery of Income Support from the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour. 2016-17 saw the transition of the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour's Income Support files to the Innu Round Table Secretariat, and the Innu taking responsibility to provide service to these clients. The Secretariat supported the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour with the smooth transition.
Continued to implement the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Implementation Committee, which is responsible for overseeing and monitoring the implementation of the agreement, met regularly in 2014-17. • Annual tripartite funding agreements were signed

Indicators	Actual Performance
	<p>with each of the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board and the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board by Government, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Federal Government and each of the Boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government and the Nunatsiavut Government signed annual funding agreements respecting the Dispute Resolution Board. • The Secretariat contributed to the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement Annual Report each year during 2014-17. • The Secretariat, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government met to discuss renewal of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement Implementation Plan, including budgets for the boards. • The Secretariat attended meetings in 2015-16 to review the current Nunatsiavut Government Fiscal Financing Agreement which expired on March 31, 2017. This will help inform the negotiations on a renewed Fiscal Financing Agreement. • The Subsurface Resource Revenue Sharing Committee met to discuss issues respecting subsurface resource revenue sharing during 2014-16. • During 2014-16 the Secretariat and other departments met with the Nunatsiavut Government to discuss the possibility of working together on a

Indicators	Actual Performance
	joint land use plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area. In 2015, the Secretariat shared a draft land use plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area outside of Labrador Inuit Lands.

2016-17 Objective:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have supported negotiations and implementations of land claims, self-government and other agreements with Indigenous people.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Worked towards a final land claims agreement and implementation plan with Innu Nation and the Federal Government and a final self-government agreement and implementation plan with the Miawpukek First Nation and the Federal Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information, please see Goal two, Indicator one.
Strived to achieve devolution agreements with Innu Nation and the Federal Government on Income Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information, please see Goal two, Indicator two.
Strived to achieve agreement with Innu Nation, the Miawpukek First Nation and the Federal Government on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada has agreed to provide funding to the Innu for two proposals regarding funding to support the Innu led residential services in their two

Indicators	Actual Performance
an Enhanced Prevention Framework	communities. In 2016-17 the Innu received \$452,253 from Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development Canada to support these proposals.
Advocated for the Federal Government to make a decision regarding the land claim of the NunatuKavut Community Council and continued to encourage the Federal Government to provide access to federal programs and services to all Aboriginal people in the province to which they are entitled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier Ball's 2015 mandate letter notes that he would "encourage the Federal Government to render a decision on the land claim of the NunatuKavut Community Council." • Government advocated for the decision on the NunatuKavut Community Council land claim and the expansion of federal programming primarily through oral representations to federal officials.
Worked towards the renewal of agreements associated with the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and implementation plan and on a land use plan for the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information, please see Goal two, Indicator three.
Participated in the Innu Round Table, an Innu-led initiative that includes the province and the Federal Government and focuses on health and healing in the Innu communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat continued to participate in the Innu-led trilateral roundtable mandated to address community health and healing initiatives for the Innu of Labrador. • The Secretariat attended an event at the Muskrat Camp for the 1,000,000th Innu Hour worked on the

Indicators	Actual Performance
	Muskrat Falls Generation Project.

Issue Three – Increase Awareness of the Unique Perspectives of Residents of Labrador and Indigenous People

The heritage of Indigenous people is unique, which has created unique perspectives that need to be reflected in Government policies, programs and services to ensure they are effective for Indigenous people.

2014-17 GOAL:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have worked to increase awareness of the unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous peoples in Government policy and programs.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Communicated the unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous peoples to Government department/entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat collaborated with all departments and agencies to ensure that Indigenous perspectives were considered in policy, programming and planning activities, and provided consultation advice to ensure that Indigenous governments and organizations were engaged effectively whenever appropriate. • The Secretariat led Government's review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Communicated the unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous people to the general public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat’s website includes various agreements, including land claim agreements, and policies, for the information of the general public. • The Secretariat has represented the Province at various events including the tenth anniversary of the Labrador Inuit Land Claim Agreement, the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group, National Aboriginal Day Celebrations, and Indigenous cultural events including the Bay St. George Mi’kmaq Powwow and the Miawpukek First Nation Powwow. • The Secretariat continued to work with the Federal Government to support the repatriation of the remains of Beothuk remains from the National Museums Scotland.

2016-17 Objective:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have further promoted the unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous people in government policy and programs.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Conducted an evaluation of the Labrador Transportation Grooming Subsidy Program which addresses the unique needs of residents living in Labrador’s isolated communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on this indicator can be found in the Labrador Affairs Secretariat Annual Report 2016-17.

Indicators	Actual Performance
<p>Provided advice to departments/entities regarding unique perspectives of residents of Labrador and Indigenous people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat led Government’s review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s 94 Calls to Action. • The Secretariat continued to monitor the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls with the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Women’s Policy Office. The Secretariat worked on a What We Heard document summarizing Government consultations of provincial Indigenous governments and organizations respecting the National Inquiry. • Indigenous Affairs continued to participate on the Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee, which was established to examine/develop Indigenous curriculum in the K-12 education system. • The Secretariat continued to provide advice to departments regarding consultation requirements and engagement opportunities regarding the George River Caribou Herd. • The Secretariat collaborated with all departments and agencies to ensure that Indigenous perspectives were considered in policy, programming and planning activities, and provided consultation advice to ensure that Indigenous governments and organizations were engaged effectively when appropriate. • Throughout 2016-17, the Secretariat participated in numerous cross-departmental initiatives, such as:

Indicators	Actual Performance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aboriginal Affairs Working Group; ○ Health Services Integration Fund; ○ Violence Prevention Initiative; ○ Innu Round Table; ○ Arctic Opportunities; ○ Poverty Reduction Strategy; and ○ Interdepartmental Land Use Committee.
<p>Promoted or presented at annual forums such as: Combined Councils of Labrador, Northern Development Ministers Forum, and the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In June 2016, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, and the five National Indigenous Organization leaders met to transition the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group into the Federal/Provincial/Territorial/Indigenous Forum , confirming a new approach in support of improving outcomes for Indigenous peoples and promoting reconciliation in Canada. The Secretariat continues to work with the other parties to develop a list of common priorities for the Forum. ● Additional updates on this indicator can be found in the Labrador Affairs Secretariat Annual Report 2016-17.
<p>Supported community/Provincial Government committees such as the Labrador West Regional Taskforce</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Additional updates on this indicator can be found in the Labrador Affairs Secretariat Annual Report 2016-17.

Issue Four – Support Departments and Agencies in the Discharge of any Duty to Consult Aboriginal Governments / Organizations that may arise

The Indigenous Affairs Branch provides leadership and advice with respect to any duty to consult and works with provincial departments and agencies to ensure that the Policy is implemented. The Policy aims to foster and improve effective working relationships among Indigenous governments and organizations, project proponents and Government.

2014-17 GOAL:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have implemented actions related to the development and application of Aboriginal consultation guidelines and processes to assist departments and agencies in the discharge of any duty to consult Indigenous governments /organizations that may arise.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Promoted the Aboriginal Consultation Policy to Government departments/entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat worked with Government departments and entities to implement the Policy, and provided advice and support on consultation activities to fulfill any duty to consult that Government may owe.
Supported completion of project specific guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat developed project-specific Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines to guide provincial regulatory departments and agencies in their consultation activities. Project-specific Aboriginal consultation guidelines were developed for several projects including Luce Lake, Wabush 3 and Howse Direct Shipping Ore Mine Project.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Supported implementation of project specific guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat continues to support provincial regulatory departments in the implementation of project-specific guidelines for several projects, including the Muskrat Falls Generation Project, the Labrador-Island Transmission Links Project, Wabush 3, Luce Lake and Voisey's Bay.
Advised departments/entities on Consultation obligations with Indigenous governments/organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat regularly advised department/entities on the fulfillment of any duty to consult that the Province may owe. The Secretariat provided guidance throughout the consultation process through use of the Policy, project-specific Aboriginal consultation guidelines, and regular meetings and correspondence.

2016-17 Objective:

By March 31, 2017, the Secretariat will have further developed guidelines and processes to assist departments and agencies in the discharge of any duty to consult Indigenous governments and organizations that may arise.

Indicators	Actual Performance
Supported the completion of project specific Aboriginal consultation guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information please see Goal four, Indicator two.
Provided advice to departments regarding consultation obligations with Indigenous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October 2016, Government, Innu Nation, Nunatsiavut Government, and the NunatuKavut Community Council met to address concerns regarding the health and well-being of people of Labrador related to the Muskrat Falls

Indicators	Actual Performance
governments and organizations	<p>Project. In addition to information sharing, the Parties agreed to establish an Independent Expert Advisory Committee to be comprised of representatives of Innu Nation, Nunatsiavut Government, the NunatuKavut Community Council, and federal, provincial and municipal governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information, please see Goal four, Indicator four.
Supported implementation of the policy and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to ensure that Indigenous governments and organizations are consulted appropriately, and that Indigenous perspectives are considered, all resource development applications and environmental assessments were reviewed by the Secretariat to ensure that policy and guidelines were implemented appropriately. • The Secretariat supported the development of the Terms of Reference for the Independent Experts Advisory Committee.

Opportunities and Challenges

The 2017-18 fiscal year provides an opportunity for the Secretariat to support Provincial Government departments and agencies in continuing to foster a collaborative and productive relationship with the Federal Government. The Secretariat aims to leverage and optimize federal programs and policies to ensure that the related funding is applicable and suitable to Newfoundland and Labrador. The Secretariat will also continue to support the fostering of strong ties with Atlantic provinces and all Canadian jurisdictions to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's interests in a way that achieves results for the people of the province.

Multiple significant initiatives are likely to require government attention in the upcoming 2017-18 fiscal year, including the first-ever Indigenous Leaders Roundtable, an inquiry into the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system, the Federal Government's approach to the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Qalipu First Nation enrolment. The implementation of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Indigenous engagement at national tables, and the evolution of the Aboriginal Duty to Consult in relation to agencies, boards and commissions and in areas like the offshore will also require Government's attention. The Secretariat will also continue to work directly with Indigenous governments, organizations, communities and other stakeholders throughout Newfoundland and Labrador to discuss challenges and opportunities, and will continue to work on the repatriation of Beothuk remains from Scotland.

Financial Information

Expenditure and revenue figures included in this document are based on public information provided in the Report on the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for Fiscal Year Ended 31 March 2017 (*Unaudited*).

	Actual \$	Amended \$	Original \$
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT			
2.6.01. EXECUTIVE SUPPORT			
01. Salaries	332,313	332,400	286,500
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	-	900	900
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	32,647	32,000	32,000
<i>Supplies</i>	3,246	11,000	11,000
<i>Purchased Services</i>	274,627	277,400	277,400
<i>Property, Furnishings and Equipment</i>	-	100	100
02. Operating Accounts	310,520	321,400	321,400
10. Grants and Subsidies	32,400	35,500	35,500
	675,233	689,300	643,400
02. Revenue – Provincial	(62,428)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Total: Executive Support	612,805	629,300	583,400
2.6.02. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS			
01. Salaries	955,521	955,700	931,700
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	46,497	97,500	97,500
<i>Supplies</i>	636	200	200
<i>Professional Services</i>	240,000	240,000	120,000
02. Operating Accounts	287,133	337,700	217,700
10. Grants and Subsidies	3,974	5,900	5,900
Total: Intergovernmental Affairs	1,246,628	1,299,300	1,155,300

2.6.03. INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

01. Salaries	1,101,291	1,102,000	1,097,800
Operating Accounts:			
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	2,132	2,700	2,500
<i>Transportation and Communications</i>	77,425	115,700	115,900
<i>Supplies</i>	7,818	11,700	11,700
<i>Professional Services</i>	-	71,700	100,000
<i>Purchased Services</i>	33,030	38,600	10,300
02. Operating Accounts	120,405	240,400	240,400
10. Grants and Subsidies	381,318	399,800	399,800
	1,603,014	1,742,200	1,738,000
02. Revenue – Provincial	(853)	-	-
Total: Indigenous Affairs	1,602,161	1,742,200	1,738,000
TOTAL: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT	3,461,594	3,670,800	3,476,700

Annex A: Intergovernmental Agreements

NL Party	Other Party	Name of Agreement	Signed*
Department of Health and Community Services (HCS)	Public Health Agency of Canada	Foodbook Data Sharing Agreement Between the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Department of Health and Community Services	March 29/17
Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL)	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	Funding Agreement - Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for Income Support	March 27/17
Department of Justice and Public Safety (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. 1	March 23/17
Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD)	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada/ Department of Health Canada	Memorandum of Agreement for Toll-Free Quitline Numbers on Tobacco Packaging Initiative	March 23/17
AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Agreement on the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program	March 7/17

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AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Information Sharing Between Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador - Express Entry Chapter	March 3/17
AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Information Sharing Between Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador - Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program Chapter	March 3/17
AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Information Sharing Between Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador - Provincial Nominee Chapter	March 3/17
AESL	Department of Employment and Social Development Canada	Amendment to the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Job Fund Agreement	Feb 21/17
Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation (TCII)	Global Affairs Canada	Federal/Provincial Memorandum of Understanding for Sharing Information Pertaining to Potential Discussions on Trade With the United States and Mexico	Feb 13/17
AESL	Department of Employment and Social Development Canada	Agreement to Amend the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Market Agreement	Feb 8/17

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JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Amending Agreement Respecting Adult and Youth Criminal Legal Aid, Immigration and Refugee Legal Aid and Court-Ordered Counsel in Federal Prosecutions Between Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador	Feb 8/17
Department of Finance (FIN)	Statistics Canada	Statistics Canada Licence Agreement for Public Use Microdata Files - 2017	Feb 7/17
TCII	Parks Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	Specified Purpose Account Agreement 2017-2022 Respecting the Management of Funds to Support the Canadian Parks Council	Feb 2/17
HCS	Governments of all other Provinces and Territories	Pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance Memorandum of Understanding	Jan 30/17
AESL	Statistics Canada	Statistics Canada Termination of Data-Sharing Agreements	Jan 27/17
FIN	Statistics Canada	End-Use Licence Agreement for Postal Code Conversion File and/or Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File and/or Postal Code Conversion File Plus - 2017	Jan 10/17

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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD)	Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Youth Internships (YI) Program - Contribution Agreement	Jan 3/17
CSSD	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	Funding Agreement - Province of Newfoundland And Labrador - Child Youth and Family Services	Dec 20/16
Government Purchasing Agency	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada	National Master User Agreement Regarding Canada's Procurement Instruments	Dec 20/16
Department of Transportation and Works (TW)	Department of Infrastructure Canada	Amending Agreement No. 3 – Canada -Newfoundland and Labrador Building Canada Fund Agreement for Core National Highway System and Local Road Infrastructure Projects 2009-2010 / 2018-2019	Dec 14/16
FIN	Department of Finance Canada	Amendment to the Schedule of Tax Programs of the Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Tax Collection Agreement	Nov 28/16
TW	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	Funding Agreement - Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for Natuashish Airport	Nov 16/16

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Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR)	Royal Canadian Mounted Police	Memorandum of Understanding - Canadian Firearms Safety Course Extension	Nov 16/16
FLR	Department of Natural Resources Canada/ Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada for Parks Canada/ Governments of all other Provinces and Territories/ Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre Inc.	Canadian Interagency Mutual Aid Resources Sharing Agreement	Nov 7/16
Service NL (SNL)	U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission	Counterpart to Memorandum of Understanding - United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Superintendent of Securities (Newfoundland and Labrador) - Cooperation and the Exchange of Information Related to the Supervision of Cross-Border Covered Entities	Nov 1/16
TW	Department of Transport Canada	Canada - Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Coastal Airstrips Restoration Program - Agreement for Airport Restoration Projects	Oct 31/16

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FLR	Department of National Defence	Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of National Defence and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Management System Military Training in Goose Bay	Oct 24/16
FLR	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada/ Labrador-Island Link Limited Partnership/ Argirov Engineering Inc.	Reliance Agreement Related to the Labrador-Island Transmission (LIL)	Sept 23/16
Human Resource Secretariat (HRS)	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada	Master Agreement on Language Services	Sept 23/16
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Memorandum of Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Respecting the Responsibilities Under the Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings Regulations	Sept 14/16
FIN	Statistics Canada	Statistics Canada Licence Agreement for Public Use Microdata Files - 2016	Sept 13/16

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AESL	Department of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada	Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) Contribution Agreement	Sept 8/16
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	Sept 6/16
JPS	Department of Justice, Nova Scotia/ Nova Scotia Medical Examiner Service	Memorandum of Understanding on the Independent Review of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Newfoundland and Labrador	Aug 26/16
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC)	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	CMHC and NLHC 2016 Social Infrastructure Fund Agreement Under the Agreement for Investment in Affordable Housing	Aug 22/16
NLHC	Canada Revenue Agency	Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Taxpayer Information for Income Verification Between Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Newfoundland and Labrador	Aug 22/16
EECD	Public Health Agency of Canada	Memorandum of Agreement - Autism Spectrum Disorder Surveillance System	Aug 12/16

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TCII	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency/ Governments of Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island/ Tourism Industry Association of Prince Edward Island	Marketing Year 2 Agreement - Atlantic Canada Tourism Partnership (ACTP)	Aug 1/16
AESL	Department of Employment and Social Development Canada	Foreign Credential Recognition Program - Labour Market Integration Funding Agreement	July 31/16
AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Immigration Agreement	July 31/16
AESL	Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada	Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Information Sharing Between Canada – Newfoundland and Labrador	July 31/16
Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment (MAE)	Department of Infrastructure Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Bilateral Agreement – Public Transit Infrastructure Fund and Clean Water And Wastewater Fund	July 16/16

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MAE	Department of Infrastructure Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador New Building Canada Fund - Small Communities Fund - Funding Agreement 2014 - 2024 -Amendment No. 1	July 2/16
TCII	Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency/ Global Affairs Canada/ Governments of Nova Scotia/ New Brunswick/ Prince Edward Island	Canada/ Atlantic Provinces Agreement on International Business Development - 2016 Agreement	June 30/16
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Funding Agreement – Canada’s Supporting Families Fund - Family Justice Initiatives Component	June 20/16
MAE	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada/ NSP Maritime Link Incorporated/ Frontier Subsea Inc./ Government of Nova Scotia	Reliance Agreement Related to the Maritime Link	June 9/16
NLHC	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada/ Department of Justice Canada	Instrument of Grant - Legal Mechanism for the Transfer of the Federal Property in St. Lewis to the Province	June 8/16

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NLHC	Department of Public Services and Procurement Canada/ Department of Employment and Social Development Canada	Contribution Agreement - Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative	June 8/16
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Drug Treatment Funding Program Contribution Agreement – Drug Treatment Court Program Feasibility Project	June 6/16
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Agreement Respecting Federal Contributions for the Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision (IRCS) Program Part D – FY 2016-2017 - Revisions to Secure Custody's Behaviour Modification System Through A Treatment-Focused and Trauma-Informed Lens	May 7/16
JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Agreement Respecting Federal Contributions for the Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision (IRCS) Program Part D - FY 2016-2017 Walking the Walk: Creative Tools for Transforming Compassion Fatigue and Vicarious Traumatization Workshop	May 7/16

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JPS	Department of Justice Canada	Agreement Respecting Federal Contributions for the Intensive Rehabilitative Custody and Supervision (IRCS) Program Part D - FY 2016-2017 - The Somatic Experiencing Professional Training Program	May 7/16
MAE	Department of Infrastructure Canada	Canada - Newfoundland and Labrador Building Canada Fund - Amendments to the Communities Component Amended Agreement 2007-2017 - Amendment No. 3	April 21/16
Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat (IIAS)	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board	Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-Management Board Funding Agreement - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA)	April 20/16
IIAS	Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada/ Nunatsiavut Government/ Torngat Joint Fisheries Board	Torngat Joint Fisheries Board Funding Agreement - Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA)	April 20/16
AESL	Department of Employment and Social Development Canada	Canada Apprentice Loan Information Sharing Agreement	April 20/16

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FIN	Statistics Canada	End-Use Licence Agreement for Postal Code Conversion File and/or Postal Codes by Federal Ridings File and/or Postal Code Conversion File Plus - 2016	April 19/16
SNL	Consul General of Japan in Montreal, Quebec	Treatment of Driver's License Issued by the Competent Authorities of Japan and Newfoundland and Labrador	April 6/16
SNL	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators (CCIR)	April 5/16
SNL	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	Administrative and Operational Support Services for Inter-Jurisdictional Initiatives - Canadian Association of Pension Supervisory Authorities (CAPSA)	April 5/16