

## TASK FORCE ON THE COMMEMORATION OF EDWARD CORNWALLIS AND THE RECOGNITION AND COMMEMORATION OF INDIGENOUS HISTORY

### MEETING OVERVIEW & HIGHLIGHTS

*Meeting Date: January 21, 2019*

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In attendance:

Chief Roderick Googoo (co-chair and chair of this session)

Jaime Battiste

Sheila Fougere

AJB (John) Johnston

Monica MacDonald (co-chair)

Heather McNeill

John Reid

Regrets:

Paul Friesen

Pam Glode-Desrochers

Daniel Paul

- Chief Morley Googoo, Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador, performed a smudging ceremony at the invitation of the Task Force.
- Co-Chair MacDonald summarized the correspondence received by the Task Force and outlined procedures for the collection of future correspondence and circulation to Task Force members.
- The Task Force discussed the necessity of creating and maintaining an archive of public submissions.
- The Task Force passed a motion to change its name to the **Task Force on the Commemoration of Edward Cornwallis and the Recognition and Commemoration of Indigenous History**. Co-Chair Chief Roderick Googoo noted it reflects the intention of the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs and Halifax Regional Council to recognize one another as equal partners in the establishment of the Task Force, with its dual mandate.
- The Task Force discussed their 2019 meeting schedule, and agreed to begin meeting the third Monday of each month with exceptions for holidays. The sessions will be either public engagement sessions, working group sessions for members only with a public presentation or other public component, or working group sessions for members only. Logistics/support will be shared equally between both below-noted organisations.
- The Task Force discussed the need for thoroughness in the deliberations and reporting, with the intention to report within the two-year timeline as agreed to in December 2018

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by HRM and the Assembly, and as corresponds to the two-year appointments of the members.

- The Task Force reviewed the communication protocols circulated with the agenda.
- The Task Force discussed the format of the public engagement sessions. Members expressed a desire to schedule the first community engagement in the Spring, and discussed types of engagement formats that could be used.
- Co-Chair MacDonald spoke to the nature of the preliminary research materials identified and gathered to date. The preliminary research materials in the form of articles and reports are being compiled for each member of the Task Force. Halifax Public Library will assist in making the works in book format accessible.
- Jaime Battiste (Task Force member) presented a video and conducted a discussion on Treaty Education and ongoing initiatives.