

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) POLICY WORKING GROUP

February 2018 Update to PSCIOC

Background

The FPT ICT Policy Working Group) was established in 2014 at the direction of the Public Sector Chief Information Officer's Council (PSCIOC) representing all federal, provincial and territorial governments. This forum enables participating governments to exchange information, policies, and best practices related to ICT Policy.

The ICT policy working group operates on the belief that active collaboration among all members will enable the development of policy instruments that will be informed by, and when possible, aligned to the work of our colleagues across the country. In turn, this should result in more opportunities to share approaches or even federate services to promote a more Pan-Canadian approach to policy development and delivery.

In addition, through active collaboration, members also enjoy having an extended network of policy contacts across the country with whom they can informally connect to discuss challenges and approaches.

Membership

Through a gradual recruitment process from 2014 onward, our membership had grown to include representatives from eight provinces, two territories, and the federal government.

The current ICT policy working group membership includes representation from the following jurisdictions:

1. Canada (Federal government / Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat)
2. British Columbia
3. Saskatchewan
4. Manitoba
5. Ontario
6. New Brunswick
7. Prince Edward Island
8. Nova Scotia (chair)
9. Newfoundland & Labrador
10. Northwest Territories
11. Nunavut

Appendix A – Membership List

ICT Policy Working Group Objectives

- To share information, best practices, research, and to discuss national, provincial and territorial goals, positions and priorities for ICT policy in each jurisdiction, and to test their interoperability;
- To maintain the highest standards of policy analysis;
- To provide a forum for discussion to improve ICT policy and management by fostering innovation in research, analysis, and education;
- To create an approach to ICT policy that builds on the existing strengths of member governments - to increase their capacity to take advantage of opportunities and respond effectively to the challenges of new technologies; and
- To assist the PSCIOC membership with addressing any common policy issues.

Meeting Frequency

The ICT policy working group meets monthly by teleconference.

Past Highlights

- Throughout 2017, our monthly meetings continue to be focused on sharing information and receiving updates from member jurisdictions to address any specific ICT policy issues and challenges that members may have encountered.
- Initiated the development of an ongoing master list of various policy instruments contributed by some jurisdictions (including policies, directives, standards and guidelines);
- Performed an assessment of priority/topic areas by jurisdiction, and as a result, provided detailed presentations and follow-ups during regular meetings on topics such as Information Management and an ITIL Overview. Future topics on additional identified priorities will continue to be presented and discussed over the coming months.
- In response to the focus of the Joint Council, and the PSCIOC, the Policy Working Group launched efforts aimed toward gaining a better understanding of policy instruments necessary to support Digital Government.
- In addition, we continued to explore together shared priorities such as cloud technology adoption and aspects of digital government.
- Earlier this year, our members developed a list of policy issues for digital government, however, as a group we decided not to go further without our jurisdictions having digital strategies; each jurisdiction is at different stages in the digital evolution, (most who have not started, or are in very early stages), making it difficult for all parties to contribute.

Update February 2018

- Our membership has endorsed our “community of practice” approach, and has recognized value being received from cross-jurisdictional sharing of ICT policy information. This recommendation was reflected in the recent Gap Analysis Recommendation for the ICT Policy Working Group.
- Joanne Fletcher, the Government of New Brunswick Chief Access to Information and Privacy Officer, provided an overview to amendments made to the Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA).
- We have collaborated with the PSCIOC Cloud Working Group following their invitation to attend some of their meetings, so we can all be informed about the policy implications of their efforts.
- There is a continuation of ICT information sharing in terms of requests for established processes, policy, approaches, and other information from jurisdictions that takes place outside regular meetings. Information gathered is usually compiled and shared back to the group.

Appendix A

Federal Provincial Territorial Information Communication Technology (FPT ICT) Policy Working Group

Membership List – as of October 2017

Alberta

Vacant

British Columbia

Colleen Rice

Ceri Sanderson – Alternate

Kathleen Assaf

Manitoba

Bill Markiw (2017 Vice Chair)

Patrick Hoger (NCISP rep)

New Brunswick

Keith Douglass

Ron Allison - Alternate

Newfoundland & Labrador

Susan Wilkins

Northwest Territories

Susan Martin

Nova Scotia

Glenn Bishop (2017 Chair)

Nunavut

Roy Egbuna

Ontario

Charlotte Ward

Tim Dafoe - Alternate

Prince Edward Island

Tracy Wood

Quebec

vacant

Saskatchewan

Vinay Chandramohan

Yukon

Vacant

Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

Lindsay Rivard