

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

## **January 2017 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 is of the understanding that active collaboration between 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)
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

- Initiated the development of an ongoing master list of various policy instruments contributed by some jurisdictions (including policies, directives, standards and guidelines);
- Established an ICT national policy working group folder on the “Public Service Without Borders” website where member jurisdictions post/share approved policy instruments, as well as work-in-progress (this gives us access to policy materials from other jurisdictions that may be useful but are not always published/available on the Internet); and
- 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.

### Update January 2017

- In response to the focus of the Joint Council, and the PSCIOC, the Policy Working Group has launched efforts aimed toward gaining a better understanding of policy instruments necessary to support Digital Government. To date:

- The group members gathered and shared existing definitions that our respective organizations have of “digital government” and used them as the basis for a shared/common definition we could use to guide our work.
  - The members then described what policy instruments and legislation would need to be in place to enable DG as per the agreed-to definition.
  - The group is now assessing which policy instruments and legislation each jurisdiction currently has in place (as well as gaps and barriers), and bringing this information together.
  - The group will continue its focus on Digital Government enablement over the coming months, and as a result, provide documentation/checklists that will assist jurisdictions in the pursuit of their respective digital agendas.
- As has become regular practice, the last portion of our monthly meeting is set aside to share information and receive updates from member jurisdictions, to address any specific ICT policy issues and challenges that members may have come across, and to provide a forum for general ICT policy discussion (such as policy frameworks; the range and hierarchy of policy instruments implemented; planned policy priorities, etc.,) and to continue to explore together shared priorities such as cloud technology adoption and aspects of digital government.
- Some policy sharing takes place outside regular meetings, for example, an informal cross-jurisdictional survey on Device Protocol Summary was performed by the Northwest Territories to assist in some of their policy development.

## Appendix A

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

#### Membership List – as of January 2017

**Alberta**

Vacant

**British Columbia**

Colleen Rice

Ceri Sanderson - Alternate

**Manitoba**

Bill Markiw (2017 Vice Chair)

Patrick Hoyer (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**

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