

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) POLICY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

September 2021 Update to PSCIOC

Background

The FPT ICT Policy Community of Practice was established 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. In February the PSCIOC approved transiting the Policy group to a Community of Practice from its initial Working Group status (2014)

The ICT policy community of practice 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 community of practice membership includes representation from the following jurisdictions:

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

11. Nunavut
12. City of Edmonton

ICT Policy Community of Practice 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 quarterly using MS Teams as portal between discussions. During the height of the pandemic the community of practice, meetings were suspended to permit members to concentrate on high priority activities. Meetings are restarted in September 2020.

Highlights

- Quarterly 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.
- Keith Douglass (NB) stepped down as vice-chairperson and Betty MacLean (PEI) assumed the role through candidate acclamation.

Community Policy Interaction Highlights:

- Lessons learned from COVID 19 - cross jurisdictional discussion regarding policy impacts
- Government of British Columbia presentation on both using agile in policy development and GBA+.
- Discussion re: IMT project intake
- Formalized welcome message for new members
- MS Teams channel (via Ontario) for CoP members to access and share information- ICT Policy CoP
- Developing a formalized process on how the CoP engages membership on jurisdictional questions

Appendix A

Federal Provincial Territorial Information Communication Technology (FPT ICT) Policy Community of Practice

Membership List – as of September 2021

Jurisdiction	Member(s)
Alberta	Kellie Majoros Scott Ironmonger
British Columbia	Dean Sutton (Chairperson) Jenny Romero
City of Edmonton	Jared Bielby
Manitoba	Patrick Hoger
New Brunswick	Keith Douglass Ron Allison
Newfoundland & Labrador	Susan Wilkins
Northwest Territories	Susan Martin
Nova Scotia	Krista Spurr Leanne Cahill
Nunavut	Roy Egbuna
Ontario	David Langille Tim Dafoe
Prince Edward Island	Betty Maclean (Vice-chairperson) Melissa MacDonald Tracy Wood Meghan van Gaal
Quebec	Étienne Deschênes Burt Crépeault
Saskatchewan	Vinay Chandramohan
Yukon	Vacant
Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat	Lindsay Rivard