

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

## **October 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 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

- 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 has launched efforts aimed toward gaining a better understanding of policy instruments necessary to support Digital Government.

### Update October 2017

- 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.
- Our membership has endorsed our “community of practice” approach, and has recognized value being received from cross-jurisdictional sharing of ICT policy information.

- 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.
- We continue to collaborate 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.
- As added value, there is much ICT information sharing in terms of requests from jurisdictions that takes place outside regular meetings, for example:
  - Priorities Setting for Information Technology Requests;
  - Policy Implementation – Best Practice;
  - VOIP – Jurisdictional Scan;
  - Elected Officials in Scope of Central Government Policies; and
  - Establishing ICT Standards.

## 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