



MISSION STATEMENT

Promote and maintain social peace, harmony and healing for the individual, families and the community of Waskaganish.

Offer alternatives or complements to the mainstream Justice System while including people that have been affected by the crime or conflict.

Encourage a social reaction to crime and conflicts that favours accountability, reparation, restoring balance and the re-establishment of relations among affected individuals.

Promote understanding and respect of laws and socially accepted behaviours, cultural values.

MANDATES, SERVICES & TASKS

The Committee shall deal with criminal offences committed by residents of the community or by members of the Nation residing in the immediate vicinity of the community.

The committee shall perform sentencing circles, conflicts between families/workplaces/ community members and circles between offenders and victims that are culturally appropriate.

The committee is in the process of offering 4 programs per year, by seasons.

The committee collaborates and networks with other entities in the community.

The mandates of the Committee shall be:

- To handle cases that are referred to them through the Alternative Measures Program for Adults, referrals from lawyers and self-referrals
- To offer counselling, support and guidance to offenders, victims, and family members that are affected by the impact of a crime.
- To offer assistance or support to the offender in ways previously determined in the probation order, conditional sentence, or temporary release.
- To educate the community and to set up crime prevention activities.
- Accepts requests from the Court for Gladue Reports (when a person is being sentenced)



The Committee shall seek to attain the following objectives:

- To reduce the number of community members that come in conflict with the law and incarceration;
- To offer a wide range of interventions that are in accordance with the community's values, beliefs and traditions and to also tend to the needs of its people;
- To address social and criminal conflicts through a holistic and balanced approach; including victims, families and the community and to encourage healing;
- To establish healthy collaborations with professionals participating in the Justice System: (Judge, Probation Officer, Attorney General's Prosecutor, Defence Counsel, Health and Social Services) by sharing information on the Committee's vision and ways to deal with situations.





MEANING OF THE NAME:

Guide and give support to clientele that go through the court system and to prevent them from re-offending.

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The Committee consists of 8 members which hold a balance of elders, adults and youth and the members are not there to pass judgment.



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WASKAGANISH JUSTICE COMMITTEE



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