



# Cree Justice Symposium News

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Please see the agenda below for an update of today's proceedings. The final two community presentations will be made (Nemaska and Mistissini), followed by a presentation by Isaac Masty of the Cree Trappers Association. After our morning break, Michael Chettleburgh and Louise Logue will facilitate a group discussion where we will identify the key issues to vote on after our feast.

During the feast, the Cree Health Board will make a presentation about the effects of drugs and alcohol on unborn children. After the feast, delegates will be provided with remote control voting devices and we will vote on the key issues discussed in the morning session. We will conclude the Symposium with some words from the Cree Elder's Council, following by a closing address from the Grand Chief.

TIME	DETAILS
9:00	<b><u>Community Presentations 9 and 10</u></b>
10:00	<b><u>Successful On-the-Land Programs:</u></b> Isaac Masty, Cree Trappers Association <i>Mr. Masty will discuss the key factors for success for on-the-land programs. He will highlight how these programs can play an important role in youth intervention and diversion efforts.</i>
10:30	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45	<b><u>Facilitated Discussion</u></b> Michael Chettleburgh and Louise Logue <i>We will discuss and summarize the key issues that were raised during the Symposium. We will focus on proposed solutions, so that we can vote on these proposals as a group after the Feast.</i>
12:00	<b><u>Feast and Speech: Youth Engagement through Sports and Recreation:</u></b> Speaker TBD, Cree Health Board <i>This presentation will focus on sports and recreation programming and its role in engaging youth in positive, prosocial activities.</i>
1:15	<b><u>Electronic Polling</u></b> Michael Chettleburgh and Louise Logue <i>Remote control polling devices will be distributed and the key items identified in the morning session will be voted on as a group</i>
2:15	<b><u>Role of Elders</u></b> Speaker TBD, Cree Elders Council <i>The role of Elders in ensuring a just and peaceful Cree Nation will be discussed</i>
2:45	<b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b> Chief Matthew Mukash
3:00	<b><u>Adjournment</u></b>

## RE-CAP OF DAY TWO

**Stacy Bear**, Chief of the Cree Nation Youth Council, discussed the needs of youth of the Cree Nation and the work of the Cree Nation Youth Council. She concluded her speech with a summary of the results of the Cree Youth Survey, the results of which were distributed to the entire delegation.

**Doris Bobbish**, Director of the Cree Women of Eeyou Istchee Association, made a heartfelt speech on the issues surrounding violence against women and children. Ms. Bobbish offered resolutions to stop violence and declare a month dedicated to raising awareness in respect to the issues of family violence

**Donald Nicholls**, Acting Director of Justice/Corrections, Cree Regional Authority, presented highlights from the Cree Adult Survey, which received 352 responses from across the Cree Nation.

Our lunch time speakers were **John Henry Wapachee** and **Andrew Neeposh** from the CRA's Recreation Department. They discussed the work of the Recreation Department and the essential role sports and recreation plays in engaging youth and keeping them away from trouble. Mr. Wapachee and Mr. Neeposh also highlighted the need for enhanced funding to develop and implement a broader selection of programs for all Cree people.

Next, Deputy Grand Chief **Ashley Iserhoff** provided a progress update on the regionalized police service and made mention of each community's police commissioner. He also discussed the role of policing and the need for all community members to support the work of the police to ensure safe and healthy communities for all.

## COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Five communities – Chisasibi, Ouje-Bougoumou, Whapmagoostui, Washaw Sibi and Wemindji – presented their key justice issues. Summaries of their presentations are available from Ms. Judy Cooper or Ms. Rita Blackned. Today, the remainder of the communities will be asked to make their presentations.

## CONFERENCE HANDOUTS

Conference handouts are available from Ms. Judy Cooper and Ms. Rita Blackned. For those preferring electronic files, they will be posted as PDF files this weekend on the "More Information" section of the [www.creejustice.ca](http://www.creejustice.ca) website.

## ELECTRONIC POLLING

After the Feast, small handheld remote polling devices on black lanyards will be distributed to delegates, along with a summary of the questions and voting choices determined by the delegation in the morning session. We have a total of 100 units, which allow us to issue a question in PowerPoint, and poll the delegation in real time so that we can see results immediately.

These handheld units are small and expensive (\$125 each) so we kindly ask that you ensure yours is returned before leaving the Symposium!

## SPECIAL THANKS

To all delegates and participants, especially community delegates that worked so hard on their presentations! The thought and care you put into your presentations is obvious and we thank you for your gifts of wisdom.