



Mackenzie County

REQUEST FOR DECISION

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| Meeting: | Regular Council Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | November 15th, 2022 |
| Presented By: | Don Roberts, Director of Community Services |
| Title: | Invitation to Northern Alberta Restorative Justice Symposium - Nov. 18, 2022 |

BACKGROUND / PROPOSAL:

On Thursday November 10th, Administration was contacted by RCMP with the attached invitation to attend the Northern Alberta Restorative Justice Symposium in Peace River on November 18th, this Friday. (RSVP 16th November)

Restorative Justice

Overview

Restorative justice is a method of resolving disputes that addresses the harm caused by crime or conflict and promotes meaningful resolutions. It's often referred to as 'alternative dispute resolution.'

It's a voluntary process that addresses the victim's needs and holds offenders responsible for their actions.

How it works

If you have been involved in a crime or conflict, restorative justice may be suggested to you as an alternative to legal proceedings.

The process allows everyone involved to meet with a restorative justice facilitator and discuss the conflict. It can give you an opportunity to deal with the harm caused by the impact of the event.

Principles

Restorative justice is available through many communities, organizations and non-profit organizations.

All restorative justice programs use the following principles:

- participation is voluntary and based on free, informed, ongoing consent
- all participants are treated with respect
- the victim sought to be engaged
- offenders are:
 - held accountable
 - encouraged to accept responsibility

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- encouraged to make amends
- participation should be meaningful and include everyone
- the physical and psychological safety of all participants is upheld

Grant purpose

The Alberta Community Restorative Justice (ACRJ) grant supports the delivery of direct restorative justice services.

The grant may be used to finance the direct operation of a program. Grant uses include:

- wages
- program administration
- training
- associated operational costs

Funding limits

Grants will be limited to:

- up to \$50,000 per program for one year (2022-23)
- established or ongoing programs
- new programs in communities with a prior history of
 - restorative justice programs or
 - restorative practice in the justice system

Not all applications will be funded. Others might be recommended for a lesser amount.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- located in Alberta
- one of the following:
 - a registered non-profit organization
 - a registered charity in good standing
 - a community-based coalition or network group with an incorporated fiscal agent
 - an Indigenous community, including band and tribal councils
 - a youth justice committee applying to fund activities not currently funded by the ministry

Ineligible applicants

- individuals
- academic institutions
- for-profit organizations
- crown corporations
- municipalities
- police services

OPTIONS & BENEFITS:

Option 1

Appoint member/members of Council to attend Restorative Justice Symposium in Peace River on November 18th, 2022

Option 2

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Receive for information

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING:

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:

N/A

COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

N/A

POLICY REFERENCES:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Simple Majority Requires 2/3 Requires Unanimous

For Discussion

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Court of King's
Bench of Alberta



The Provincial Court of Alberta

Peace Regional Restorative Justice



Safe, Healthy, and Connected Communities

NORTHERN ALBERTA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM

Co-hosted by the
Court of King's Bench of Alberta, the Provincial Court of Alberta, and
Peace Regional Restorative Justice

Friday, November 18, 2022 | 9:30 AM

Peace River Court House, Courtroom #3

RSVP by Nov. 16 to Carol.Drescher@just.gov.ab.ca



NORTHERN ALBERTA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

NOV. 18, 2022 @ 930 AM – 12 PM

PEACE RIVER COURT HOUSE, COURT ROOM #3

WEBEX: <https://albertacourts.webex.com/meet/virtual.courtroom69>

9:30 AM

OPENING REMARKS and WELCOME

PRAYER & SMUDGE and LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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9:45 AM

INTRODUCTION TO SPEAKER PANEL

**MODERATOR: CHINA SIEGER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
PEACE REGIONAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

PANEL DISCUSSION

A. THE COURTS:

JUSTICE ANNA LOPARCO, COURT OF KING'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

*HONOURABLE BEVERLEY BROWNE – WĪYASÔW ISKWEÊW – RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE COMMITTEE PROJECT OVERVIEW*

B. THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA:

KAREN KORCHINSKI, SPECIALIZED COURTS & RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

ALBERTA JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA RESTORATIVE JUSTICE STRATEGY

C. THE CROWN:

MATTHEW HINSHAW, DIRECTOR - POLICY UNIT

ALBERTA JUSTICE & SOLICITOR GENERAL EDUCATION & PROSECUTION POLICY

PROSECUTION REFERRAL GUIDELINE PRESENTATION

D. LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES:

BIGSTONE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, BIGSTONE CREE NATION

*HOW CAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES BE EMPOWERED IN RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE WORK?*

E. LOCAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AGENCY:

CHINA SIEGER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

PEACE REGIONAL RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AT WORK - REFERRAL TO REPORTING

11:00 AM

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MYTHS & MISCONCEPTIONS - QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

MODERATOR: CHINA SIEGER

11:15 AM

CLOSING PRAYER

11:20 AM

REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING