

MISSION STATEMENT & MANDATES

The Justice Committee is a body comprised of volunteers tasked with such things as mobilizing the community in regards to justice issues, addressing cases through a restorative justice process (sentencing circle, victim/offender mediation), and implementing crime prevention and reduction programs (such as bush programs).

A Justice Committee is about much more than “justice” in the traditional sense of the “administration and procedure of law”. Justice Committees are really about healing, equity and peacemaking, and when used, can improve the safety and harmony of the community for all Cree people.

The Community Justice Committee is committed to preventing crime and working in collaboration with the community to research, develop and implement effective crime prevention and reduction programs. Crime prevention and reduction programs can take many forms, and may include awareness programs, special meetings and consultation, and intervention programs for youth that deal with their risk factors before they offend. The Justice committee, for example, can accept and review crime prevention program proposals from other community stakeholders, and even provide funding to these programs.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OUJE-BOUGOUMOU JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

- To promote and maintain social peace and harmony in our community;
- To help administer justice using culturally adapted approaches, which place greater emphasis on healing victims, offenders, families and the community, and to deal with the underlying causes of problems and offending behaviour;
- To offer alternatives or complements to the mainstream justice system while including the people that have been affected by the crime or conflict;
- To encourage a social reaction to crime and criminal behaviour that favors accountability, reparation, restoration of balance and the re-establishment of relations among affected individuals;
- To promote understanding and respect of laws, socially acceptable behaviours, cultural values, and traditions.



The roles and responsibilities of the Ouje-Bougoumou Justice Committee

- Attend meetings for case hearings, case resolutions, mediations, circles, discussion of alternative measures;
- Meet with people in need of support and involved in a conflict situation and inform them of the different possibilities to solve matters of conflict in a peaceful and restorative manner;
- Support victims and offenders in getting the services they need to repair harm and restore harmony in the community;
- Assist with monitoring diversions and alternative measures and supporting paroles;
- Assist with the implementation of community crime prevention and reduction efforts including programs, awareness programs, referring high risk youth to community services;
- Participate in training and conferences.





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The Committee consists of 7 members, which hold a balance of elders, adults, and youth. The members are not there to pass judgement.



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