

12th Annual PEI INDIGENOUS JUSTICE FORUM



Hosted by

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI's Indigenous Justice Program
in partnership with Justice Canada's Indigenous Justice
Program & PEI Department of Justice and Public Safety.

Who Should Attend:

- Leaders in the Indigenous communities
- Law enforcement, Crowns, Legal Aid, Judiciary, Community & Correctional Services, and others working in the justice system
- Federal, provincial and municipal government officials involved in Indigenous justice and policing
- Child & Family, Health & Social Services and educators

Purpose of Forum:

- Increase understanding of Indigenous culture & traditions
- Learn how to work effectively with Indigenous people
- Build sustainable community partnerships

No Sides In A Round World



Friday, October 18, 2019
8:30am – 3:00pm
Rodd Charlottetown Hotel
75 Kent Street, Charlottetown

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Judge Laurel J. Halfpenny MacQuarrie was born and raised near Mulgrave, Nova Scotia. She received her undergraduate degrees from St. Francis Xavier University then worked for a Member of Parliament in Ottawa. She then attended the University of New Brunswick for her law degree. She was admitted in 1990 and entered private practice before joining the NS Public Prosecution Service, which included a two-year secondment to the Appeals Branch, before being sworn in as a Provincial Court Judge in 2003. In 2016, she began working collaboratively with the Wagmatcook and We'koqma'q First Nations Chiefs, Councils and Elders to establish a community-based Court. On April 4, 2018, Wagmatcook First Nations Court held its first sitting. The Court serves as an arraignment and trial Court, as a Gladue Court, including Bail hearings and a Healing to Wellness Court.

Director of Indigenous Justice



Lori St. Onge

Indigenous Justice Coordinator



Sheri Bernard

Indigenous Reintegration & Healing Coordinator



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2019 Indigenous Justice Forum Planning Committee

- Sheri Bernard
- Paula Finkle
- Bethany Knox
- Det. Rob McGregor
- Susan Maynard
- S/Sgt. Major Hank Pollard
- Lori St. Onge

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Indigenous Justice Program ~ Year in Review

The Indigenous Justice Program came under the stewardship of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI in 2003. This year marks the 16th Anniversary of the Program. Lori St. Onge, Director of Indigenous Justice, will provide an update on the work she and her team have been doing in the past year.

Indigenous Reintegration and Healing Program

The Indigenous Justice Program received funding to develop an Indigenous Reintegration and Healing Program. The program will collaborate and coordinate with Elders in the existing CSC system to assist in the transition of Indigenous offenders from Corrections to the community. Learn how the program will incorporate tradition and spiritual healing methods, such as storytelling, sacred circles, sacred medicines, drumming, dancing and ceremonies in the reintegration and healing process.

Less Talk, More Listening – Panel Discussion

Indigenous people are struggling to get the justice system to listen. Many feel that they are not being heard. The Indigenous Justice Programs in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and PEI will talk about the challenges Indigenous people face when involved in the Criminal Justice System. The panel will explore ways to get the Justice System to listen more to what Indigenous people have to say.

Two Worlds Working Together: Exploring Indigenous Culture as an RCMP Officer

The journey towards decolonization begins with the recognition of the harm and hurt Indigenous people have experienced as a result of the Criminal Justice System. Learn from an Indigenous RCMP member why Indigenous people must be treated differently. Only through understanding will reconciliation happen.

My Journey of Healing ~ An Indigenous Perspective

The path to wellness is not always an easy one for Indigenous people who are surrounded with drugs, alcohol and violence. Hear from an Indigenous person their story about the challenges they have faced and the amazing people they have met on their road to healing.

Seats are limited ~ so register early!

RSVP by October 11th

Three ways to Register:

1. **Email** your information to: nmackinnon@mcpei.ca
2. **Fax** your business card to: **(902) 367-3779**
3. **Telephone:** Novalea MacKinnon at: **(902) 626-2882**

Registration: **Registration is FREE.** Lunch will be provided. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know when registering. Dress code is business casual.

Where: Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown, PEI.

- Smoke free & scent free environment.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Free parking.

Time: Registration starts at 8:30am and forum begins at 9:00am.