Inside

- ***What is Restorative Justice?***
  Pg. 2
- ***The Restorative Justice Process***
  Pg. 3
- ***Restorative Justice vs. Regular Sentencing***
  Pg. 4
- ***FAQ of the Restorative process***
  Pg. 5
- ***Contact Information***
  Pg. 6

Tungasuvvingat Inuit

Restorative Justice Client Factsheet

Information To Begin Healing Harm and Restoring Harmony Through Tungasuvvingat Inuit

What is Restorative Justice?

Restorative Justice (RJ) is an approach to justice where the response to a crime is to bring together all parties involved including the person(s) harmed; person(s) who caused harm) and sometimes members of the community. Together, they have the opportunity to talk about what happened, how the crime has affected the person(s) harmed, their families, and the community, and to agree on how the person who caused harm (offender) can take responsibility, l make things right and help restore harmony.

This gives the person who caused harm the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions, and gives g the person who has been harmed the opportunity to have their voice heard. It also allows the community to better understand what happened and how they can help with healing and restoring harmony.

Being able to go through the Restorative Justice process is made possible through the Bill C-41 sentencing amendments:

> **718.2 A court that imposes a sentence shall also take into consideration the following principle(s):**
>
> **(e) all available sanctions, other than imprisonment, that are reasonable in the circumstances and consistent with the harm done to victims or to the community should be considered for all offenders, with particular attention to the circumstances of Aboriginal* offenders.**
> ***Inuit are included under the term 'Aboriginal' as used in the Criminal Code.**

How Can TI Help You?

TI will help you (*Cost-free*) to connect with programs and services that are based on Inuit values and cultural needs. The facilitators help you create a healing plan that is specifically made for you and your situation.

There are too many Inuit going through court system and too many Inuit in prison. TI will work with you and provide support to help you so thatmove forward and reduce the likelihood of further involvement with h the criminal justice system.

The Restorative Justice(RJ) Process

How do I start the Process?

There are 4 main ways you can enter the RJ process. Generally, the more serious the offence, the further along in the criminal justice process you may be before RJ can begin:

- **Pre-Charge Diversion – when you have been arrested for a crime, but the Police decide not to charge you.**
- **Post-Charge Diversion – when you have been charged with a crime, but the Crown decides not to bring you to trial.**
- **Sentencing – After you have been found guilty of a crime.**
- **Re-integration – After you have been released from prison/jail.**

You can also start the process yourself, or a community member or community organization may want to start the process for you.

You can contact the Restorative Justice Liaison (see p.6 for contact info) and they will answer any of questions and get you started.

What Happens After I Am Referred?

- **The Restorative Justice Liaison (RJL) will contact you to set up your first meeting.**
- **You will need to attend an intake meeting with the RJL and Restorative Justice Caseworker (RJC) to discuss what happened, what to expect from the program,what is needed from you and provide availability to meet with the facilitator(s).**
- **You are expected to agree to meet with the Restorative Justice Committee facilitator(s) on several occasions (as needed) to determine the plan.**
- **You need to be prepared to meet with the person harmed or community (if they wish to be part of the process).**
- **During the meeting or conferencing, you are expected to take responsibility for your actions, work with the person harmed and/or the community to make things right.**
- **You will be provided with supports and options through TI and other community resources to help with your Healing and Wellness Plan.**

- **You will continue to meet with the RJL and RJC as well as members of the Justice Committee to complete the work you agreed to do outlined in the healing plan.**
- **Once you have completed the plan, a written and signed report or agreement by everyone will be given to the courts. This would include recommendations for the judge to consider when deciding your case.**

Note: All parties involved are provided with supports like access to elders, counselling, and other Inuit-specific programming.

How Is Restorative Justice Different from Regular Court Sentencing?

Regular court sentencing focuses on punishment for an offence, which can include prison time. When a judge is sentencing you, information about your life, your circumstances, why you became involved with the justice system, and the kinds of support you may need can also be considered..

Restorative Justice takes a different approach by focusing on accountability, healing, and addressing the harm that was caused. It looks at what can help you move forward and reduce the likelihood of coming into contact with the criminal justice system again.

A Healing and Wellness Plans is made with you, the Restorative Justice Liaison and Caseworker, and the Restorative Justice Committee. Your plan is based on your individual needs and may include counselling programs, addictions services, healing circles, cultural supports or other programs and services that can support your healing and wellness..

Restorative Justice works to support healing from suffering, hurt, pain, difficult experiences and challenges that may have contributed to your involvement with the criminal justice system. The goal is for you to begin living a healthy lifestyle, take responsibility for the harm caused, and reduce the likelihood of you coming into contact with the criminal justice system again.

Restorative Justice also gives you a voice, whether you are the person caused harm or the person who was harmed.. It gives everyone involved a chance to be heard, take part in the healing process and to move forward in a meaningful way. Restorative Justice works to connect you with your community instead of pushing you away from it.

TI has made sure that the 8 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) guiding principles are included in the Restorative Justice program to help everyone through the process:

- **Inuuqatigiitsiarniq- Respecting others, relationships, and caring for people.**
- **Tunnganarniq- Fostering good spirit by being open, welcoming, and inclusive.**
- **Pijitsirniq- Serving and providing for family and/or community.**

- **Aajiiqatigiinniq- Decision making through discussion and consensus.**
- **Pilimmaksarniq- Development of skills through practice, effort, and action.**
- **Piliriqatigiinniq/Ikajuqtigiingniq- Working together for a common cause.**
- **Qanuqtuurniq- Being innovative and resourceful.**
- **Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq- Respect and care for the land, animals, and the environment.**

Note: The 8 Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) guiding principles are Inuit "Traditional Knowledge" values that guide our actions and have been known for generations. This knowledge is handed down through intergenerational relationships and teachings traditionally.

Who, What, Where, When and Why?

WHO can use Restorative Justice at TI?

- **All Inuit in the Ottawa community.**

WHY use Restorative Justice, WHAT is the goal?

- **Restorative Justice helps you take responsibility** for your actions**, begin to heal, work on yourself and may help you stay out of jail.**

WHEN can Iparticipate in Restorative Justice?

- **You can participate in Restorative Justice if you want to take responsibility for something you have done that hurt someone else or the community** and you wish to make amends and restore harmony.

WHERE does Restorative Justice take place?

- **At Tungasuvvingat Inuit's 282 Dupuis Street location and at the Indigenous Peoples Court (IPC) at the 161 Elgin Street Courthouse on Thursdays in courtroom 5.**

WILL this cost money?

- **No, TI does not charge any fees. It is absolutely free for Inuit clients.**

HOW long do I have to live in Ottawa to use Restorative Justice?

- **It does not matter how long you have lived or stayed in Ottawa. All Inuit can access Restorative Justice.**

WHO contacts me for restorative justice?

- **TI's Restorative Justice Liaison will contact you to set up your meetings.**

WHAT is required of me?

- **That you are ready to take responsibility for your actions.**
- **That you are on time for any meetings that are set up.**
- **We only ask you to be open, honest, and trust the process.**

HOW LONG does this process take?

- **This is based on your individual case and needs and can be different for each person.**

CONFIDENTIALITY

- **What you share during the Restorative Justice process is confidential. Under s.717(3) of the Criminal Code, what you say during this process cannot be used against you in court.**

Contact Information

Jessica Morden
Restorative Justice Liaison
Cell: 343-571-1246
Email: jmorden@tiontario.ca

Isabel Faria
Restorative Justice Caseworker
Cell: 613-407-6181
Email: ifaria@tiontario.ca

Location

282 Dupuis Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1L 7H9