

Justice Working Committee

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2021-2022 Committee Workplan Goals

- A. By Law Project Governance and Management (Phase Two)
- B. Strengthen Collaboration and Support the Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network (MLSN)
- C. Support Implementation of the Mi'kmaw Child Welfare Initiative
- D. Establish Gender and Safety Healing Committee

This workplan was assessed after a long hiatus of the committee following the restricting of the Tripartite Forum and some delays in our work occasioned by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. Much of the work from the last workplan remains outstanding and it is anticipated that the Work Plan will be amended following the Working Development Session, to allow for greater collaboration with other committees. Our commitment to furthering the work of justice behalf of all Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw, despite the persistence of the pandemic and distance it has placed between us, continues.

Future Goal: By Law Project (Phase Two)

Objectives	Actions Required	Lead Person/Group	Timing	Deliverables	Cost
<p>Work toward exercising options to pursue By Law Enforcement for NS Mi'kmaw Communities</p>	<p>Publish & Distribute By Law Report</p> <p>Meet with administrators, Chiefs & Council or Tribal Council to report on findings of By Law report; Is there consensus on how to proceed?</p> <p>Develop process for NS Mi'kmaw Bands toward By Law enforcement.</p>	<p>By Law Working Group Subcommittee;</p> <p>Shelly Martin April Howe David Hansen Janel Hayward Jane McMillan Robyn Thompson</p>	<p>April - Sept 2021</p> <p>April -</p>	<p>Published Report & Powerpoint</p> <p>One or two meetings in Cape Breton & Mainland communities</p> <p>Establish who is appropriately vested with authority to prosecute and hear By Law matters for Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Communities</p> <p>A "map" or how-to guide for By Law Development & Enforcement, in recognition that Bands will be at different stages of capacity development with respect.</p>	<p>\$6000.00 (funding carried over from Phase One)</p> <p>Meeting costs & honorarium?) TBD</p> <p>TBD</p>

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Goal 2: Support the Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network & Strengthen Collaboration on Aboriginal Justice Strategy

Objectives	Actions Required	Lead Person/Group	Timing	Deliverables	Cost
Inform the development and delivery of an Aboriginal Justice Strategy that aligns with the Provincial and Federal Justice Strategy and Mi'kmaw legal principles.	Invite Tuma Young, Jane MacMillan, Naiomi Metallic to present on Mi'kmawey Tplutaqan Project & their findings	TBD	May - June 2021	Meeting/dialogue sessions to inform JWC members	Meeting costs & honorarium (?) TBD
	Establish working committee to continue discussions to support and MLSN as necessary part of an Aboriginal Justice Strategy		May 2021	Meetings/dialogue sessions for identification of gaps	Meeting costs & honorarium(?) TBD
	Committee to also engage in work to further develop			Meetings/dialogue sessions for identification of gaps, plan for engagement and coordination with NS, who continue to develop this strategy	Meeting costs & Honorarium (?)

	Aboriginal Justice Strategy across tables in NS				
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Goal 3: Support Implementation of Child Welfare Initiative

Objectives	Actions Required	Lead Person/Group	Timing	Deliverables	Cost
Participate in joint committee of capital social dash justice dash health two address implementation issues of the amended Child and Family Services Act	Heather McNeil to update committee on status of new legislation Meet with Sandy Fisher, new Co Chair of Social committee on potential coordination work on training materials for court workers,	Child Welfare Subcommittee TBD	June - Sept 2021 June 2021	Joint Committee Workplan	In Kind

Increase public legal information an education to First Nations communities in relation to the new legislation	information parents etc, as a result of new legislation.				
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Goal 4: Establish Gender and Safety Healing Committee

Objectives	Actions Required	Lead Person/Group	Timing	Deliverables	Cost
Participate in committee focused on addressing issues of gender based violence	Plan a joint committee meeting with the Nova Scotia status of women, and Nova Scotia native women's Association to explore issues,	TBD	Ongoing	Joint Committee Workplan	In Kind

	options and initiatives aimed at safety, wellness, domestic violence and healing.				
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