



# Łíídlıı Kúé First Nation

## Community Justice FAQ's

### What is Community Justice?

The Community Justice Committee helps young people or first offenders who have broken the law to pay back for the harm they have done to the community.

### What are alternative measures?

These are measures decided upon by the Community Justice Coordinator and the offender that allows the offender to pay back the victim and or the community. Usually in the form of community service or personal service.

### How does it work?

The offender is referred to the Community Justice Committee by the RCMP or the Courts, if its believed the offender is a good candidate for the program. They meet with the Justice Committee and together come up a with a list of conditions to follow to make up for the offence.

### What do I need to serve on the Community Justice Committee?

You are sober. Can make hard decisions, willing to have a criminal records check.

Have your own life experiences that a young person can learn from.

### If I want to serve on the Community Justice Committee who should I talk to?

Contact the Community Justice Coordinator at 695 3131 ext 1010

### How long does a person have to complete what has been agreed to?

If a person has been referred to the Community Justice Committee by the RCMP before charges have been laid usually 6 months. If they have been referred by the crown usually 3 months. Extensions can be given to complete conditions.

### What happens after someone completes their alternative measures?

The Crown is notified with an update of the completion and the file is closed. After 2 years the file is shredded and there are no further records of the incident.

### What happens if someone doesn't complete their alternative measures but are trying?

The Community Justice Committee Coordinator will advise the courts either at court with the offender or update the Crown prosecutor by letter and request an extension.



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**What happens if someone doesn't complete or refuses to complete their alternative measures by the time agreed to?**

The file is referred back to court, the individual will be required to go to court for the original charge and be sentenced as the court sees fit.

**What if you have been fined by the courts but can't pay?**

There is a program called the Fine Options Program that will allow an offender to pay off their fine through Community Service Hours. Usually the number of hours is the fine divided by the minimum wage. The Community Justice Coordinator will meet with the individual and make a plan and advise the clerk of the court of the plan. The individual is required to update the Community Justice Committee of the hours worked and where with verification.

**Does Community Justice (alternative measures) work?**

If you do what is asked of you, on time and don't get anymore charges while being diverted you will have no criminal record. That's the point of being diverted.

**How do you get referred to Community Justice Committee?**

You can be diverted by the RCMP before a charge is laid and you have to admit to the offence. The Crown can also refer you to the Community Justice Coordinator and again you have to admit to the offence.

**Does the Community Justice Committee do other things in the community?**

The Community Justice Committee works with the community in Crime Prevention activities, mentorship and workshops. It has a broad mandate to work with youth.

**What happens if someone gets another charge while being diverted?**

The existing diversion is cancelled, returned to court and usually the individual will not be able to be diverted again. The Charge is reinstated and the courts decide what the sentence will be.