

## Aboriginal Justice Program

The Aboriginal Justice Program exists so that the community can begin to take ownership for Aboriginal justice issues through the establishment of appropriate programming that reflects the unique cultural needs of Aboriginal people on PEI.

The program works to create an environment that allows Aboriginal people to self-administer justice by building a traditional justice system based on holistic community values.

**RSVP by October 9<sup>th</sup>**

### Four ways to Register:

1. **Email** your registration to: mgill@mcpei.ca
2. **Fax:** (902) 367-3779 (fill in registration below)
3. **Mail** your registration form to **MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program**, 199 Grafton Street, Suite 501, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 1L2
4. **Telephone** Michelle Gill at: (902) 569-6271

**Registration:** **Registration is FREE.** Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided. Dress code is business casual. Please specify any dietary special needs.

**Seats are limited ~ so register early!**

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

- Smoke free & scent free environment.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Parking at the back of the hotel off Fitzroy Street and at Pownal Parkade.

**When:** Friday, October 16, 2015. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Forum starts at 8:30 am.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PEI ABORIGINAL JUSTICE FORUM



Hosted by

Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI's  
Aboriginal Justice Program in partnership with  
Justice Canada's Aboriginal Justice Strategy and the  
PEI Department of Justice and Public Safety.

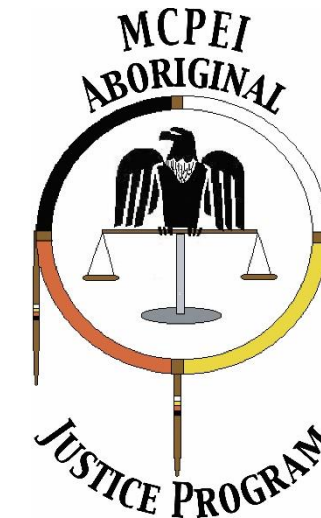
### Who Should Attend:

- Leaders in the Aboriginal 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 Aboriginal justice and policing
- Health and Social Services

### Purpose of Forum:

- Better understand Aboriginal culture & traditions
- Work effectively with Aboriginal people
- Build sustainable community partnerships

## Hearing Our Stories ~ Healing Our People



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**2015 Aboriginal Justice Forum Planning Committee:**

- Sgt. Leanne Butler
- Diane Burke
- Michelle Gill
- Joanne MacKinnon
- Cst. Rob MacGregor
- Susan Maynard
- Lori St. Onge

**Director of Aboriginal Justice**



Lori St. Onge

**Aboriginal Justice Case Worker/ Executive Assistant**



Michelle Gill

**Workshop Descriptions**

**Home Fire – Ending the Cycle of Family Violence**

Home Fire is a 37 minute documentary film that explores family violence and restorative justice from an Aboriginal perspective. Featuring commentary from Elders, community leaders, and members of the western justice system, Home Fire examines the colonization of Canada, historic trauma, the western justice system and grassroots healing programs in Aboriginal communities.

**Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has released its findings. During its six year mandate the Commission has heard testimony from more than 6,750 survivors and witnesses of over a century of abuse in Indian Residential Schools. The 94 Calls to Action represent the first step towards redressing the legacy of Indian Residential Schools and advancing the process of reconciliation. Pamela Large Moran will share her experiences working as an Adjudicator in the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) and hearing the testimony of survivors. Her keynote address will be followed by a panel discussion on how each of us can better serve clients impacted by the residential school experience.

**Reflection Panel**

Panel guests, who work with survivors and/or their families, will reflect on Pamela Large Moran’s keynote address and talk about the work they do to support survivors and their families. They will share how each of us can better support clients impacted by the legacy of the residential schools.

**Gladue & Ipeelee**

Gladue was a landmark Supreme Court ruling that held that, under s. 718.2(e) of the Criminal Code, courts have a mandatory obligation to consider the “unique systemic or background factors which may have played a part in bringing that particular Aboriginal offender before the courts” when sentencing an Aboriginal offender. The Gladue ruling was subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court in the Ipeelee decision. Jonathan Rudin, Program Director at Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto, will explore the significance and impact of these decisions and how they can be applied in the administration of justice.

**Gladue Reports**

A Gladue report is a pre-sentencing or bail hearing report prepared to provide a judge with detailed information on a particular Aboriginal offender’s experiences, so the principles of Gladue can be applied. Jonathan Rudin will draw on his experience at the Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (ALST) to describe how Gladue Reports are prepared, their role in a restorative justice model, and the unique after-care programs that ALST provides offenders.

**Agenda**

**Friday, October 16, 2015**

**MORNING**

8:00 - 8:30am	Registration
8:30 - 8:45am	Opening Prayer & Welcoming Remarks
8:45 - 9:30am	Home Fire – Ending the Cycle of Family Violence
9:30 - 10:30am	Keynote Speaker – <i>Pamela Large Moran</i> Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action Report
10:30 - 10:45am	Health Break
10:45 - 12:00pm	Reflection Panel – <i>Pamela Large Moran, Moderator</i>

**AFTERNOON**

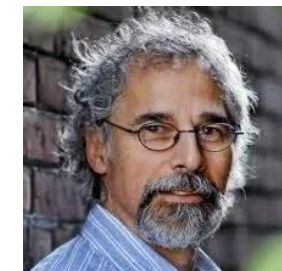
12:00 - 1:00pm	LUNCH (provided)
1:00 - 2:30pm	Keynote Speaker – <i>Jonathan Rudin</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gladue &amp; Ipeelee</li> <li>• Gladue Reports</li> </ul>
2:30 - 2:45pm	Closing Remarks/Evaluations/Closing Prayer

**Keynote Speakers**

**Pamela Large Moran**, LL.B, LL.M (ADR), C. Med., C. Arb. is a lawyer, mediator and arbitrator who, for the past four years, has conducted work as an Adjudicator in the Independent Assessment Process (IAP) which is a part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, the largest class action in Canadian history. She has travelled to remote regions and reserves across the country and heard stories of abuse from survivors who attended Indian Residential Schools (IRS) in Canada between the years 1894 and 1996. The IAP hearings strive to not only award fair compensation but also to provide a place of trust and safety and an opportunity for healing and reconciliation for IRS survivors.



**Jonathan Rudin** received his LLB and LLM from Osgoode Hall Law School. In 1990 he was hired to establish Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto (ALST) and has been with ALST ever since. Currently he is the Program Director. Jonathan has appeared before all levels of court, including representing ALST before the Supreme Court in *R v. Ipeelee*. Jonathan is probably Canada's foremost expert on Gladue reports, having set up and designed the first reports following the Supreme Court decision that recognized the need for the reports.



**MCPEI Aboriginal Justice Program**

**How can we help you? We can...**

- Provide support and talk to you about your situation
- Provide cultural based justice alternatives
- Provide educational workshops for youth and adults
- Provide referrals to services for Aboriginals
- Help communities become more involved in the justice process
- Increase your knowledge and understanding about the justice system

**Aboriginal Justice Circles**

Justice Circles are used to get to the root of the situation and to identify what steps are necessary to begin a path of healing.

The focus of a Justice Circle is to develop a healing plan that will allow the individual to take responsibility for his or her actions and reintegrate him or her into the community in a positive way.

**One People, One History, One Voice**