

LILLOOET INDIGENOUS COURT

The court provides Indigenous peoples in the area with a holistic, culturally-relevant approach to justice that prioritizes healing, accountability, and belonging over punishment and alienation.

Indigenous Courts address the growing challenge of overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system.


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Lillooet Indigenous Court is a criminal sentencing court that uses restorative justice and traditional practices to help community members find balance and healing. Individuals must be referred to the court.

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HELPING OUR PEOPLE AND
COMMUNITIES THROUGH
AN INDIGENIZED PROCESS



Lillooet Learning Communities Society
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HEALING PLAN

The Committee of Elders support individuals in making a healing plan that will move them toward a better future and help create accountability. A healing plan is an attachment to a probation order, and has a condition that states individuals must do their best to follow the plan. The Elders and individual's Probation Officer work closely to supervise and monitor progress made on the healing plan.

A healing plan is tailored to individual strengths, draws upon community capacity and could include rehabilitative or restorative actions.



Indigenous Courts provide a re-envisioned justice process that incorporates traditional peacemaking principles.

INDIGENOUS LAW

St'at'imc and Nlaka'pamux laws come from the land, our language, stories and our way of life. The guiding principles and values of the Indigenous peoples of the Lillooet and Lytton area as are lived by the inhabitants here:

- We value our Elders' input
- Things take time
- Everyone has a gift or something to offer.
- Teachings and stories such as *"How the animals and birds got their names"* discuss the place of struggles in our lives.
- There are a lot of things that drive our laws, we are a collaborative people.
- Through helping others, we realize that people are here to help us too. *"When you are feeling low, help someone."*
– Larry Narcisse
- Agency is important in our ways. People do not do or think for you. You are an important part of the process.
- Unconditional love is prevalent in our culture.
- We build and maintain relationships.
- We don't need to return to how we did things before, we are embracing the underlying principles of justice as lived by us.

HOW IT WORKS

Embark on the process offered through Indigenous Court, where individuals are given an opportunity to look closely at how their decisions have impacted others.

- Any individual who self-identifies as Indigenous is eligible.
- Participants in the court have plead guilty.
- A referral will be placed to use the Indigenous Court.
- The individual's file must be within provincial jurisdiction.
- Individuals should have a sentence no longer than 2 years.



Accepting responsibility for their actions and choosing to voluntarily receive a judgment in Indigenous Court will be the initial step to participating in the Indigenous Court process.