

MISSISSAUGA NAAKINAGEWIN PROJECT

Revitalization of the Mississauga Legal System

March 21 @ 5:30pm-9:00pm
CLFN Community Centre

**KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS, YOUTH,
COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ALL INVITED!**
\$50 Honoraria for Participants & Dinner Provided
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Attendees will be invited to attend a Regional Session in Curve Lake FN on March 23 & 24. Travel and honoraria will be provided.

The Mississauga Naakinagewin Project will gather knowledge holders together in each community to have a focused session on the traditional legal structures of governance and methods of dispute resolution. After the community sessions are completed there will be a regional session where knowledge holders from the 6 communities will be invited to gather, discuss their findings and consider implementation opportunities.



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BACKGROUND

The Mississauga Nations have already begun building a relationship that increases our organizational capacities. Sharing information between the six communities will help give a broader understanding of Anishinaabe law, considering both our shared and divergent histories.

All 6 Mississauga Nations have been working together to revitalize our political and legal association. The purpose of this project is in revitalizing traditional governance structures and dispute resolution mechanisms.

Each Mississauga Nation will hold a focused Community Session on two general topics: Governance and Dispute Resolution. The Regional Session will present the findings from the Community Sessions, and then recommend methods of implementation. The six participating communities will be: Mississauga First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Alderville First Nation.

The funding for this project came from the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General - Aboriginal Justice Division. There will be a final report drafted, and these are the sections:

- Results of Discussions/Outcomes
- Progress towards Realizing Goals of Project
- Anticipated Results/Unanticipated Outcomes
- Lessons Learned/Strengths & Weaknesses
- Organizational Effects
- Community Feedback
- Recommendations to Leadership
- Future Plans

The funders have acknowledged that the information collected from this session will be first and foremost developed for the communities.

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ACTIVITY GUIDING QUESTIONS

Governance

- What are the qualities of a good leader?
- How were leaders chosen?
- What clans do you recognize in our territory?
- What type of structure?
- Who were the advisors?
- What are the limits?

Dispute Resolution

- What principles of Anishinabek Law do decision-makers follow during adjudication?
- Who did decision-makers make decisions about?
- Who makes the decisions?
- What kinds of conflicts may need resolution?
- What are some of the methods of conflict resolution?
- What are some of the parameters of resolutions?