



Anishinaabek
Alternative Addiction
Eradication

Territory Community Members Gathering

Saturday July 27, 2024

"Grassroots Community Comprehensive Action Plan"

Within the heart of sovereign lands, a seismic rumble has begun, where an Anishinaabek-led grassroots coalition of concerned First Nation member's and non-native friends and supporters of Turtle Island's original peoples' have come together to create a great change. United in shared efforts to confront the daily, and ugly living battles within the shadowed realm of illicit drugs, that also includes the human, and sex trafficking of our children, including both boys and girls, and young adults.

Amidst the sacred soil of our sovereign lands and throughout the tapestry of surrounding municipal communities, a grassroots symphony has begun within the Territory — a harmonious call for transformation in a good way. Here, we collectively convene, our minds intertwining like roots, in sharing dreams and weaving non-judgemental, untold truths for a great change, in a good way. Our purpose is to illuminate the dark shadows of illicit drugs, to breathe life into awareness and hope, and cradle renewed inspiration for those community members most in need today. Within the illicit drugs crisis, where many loved ones appear ensnared, our grassroots movement becomes a beacon - a lifeline for those community member's most vulnerable.

We must be responsible human beings and attentive parents as we restart to better prepare our children, our families, and every community for the challenging path ahead, bracing ourselves for the relentless grip of illicit drugs, a crises that permeates every corner of Turtle Island.

We extend an open invitation to all, urging whoever wish to contribute information and share diverse ideas to help tackle this ongoing epidemic that affects every community across our sovereign lands. Within this space, every non-judgemental voice will be heard as we create solutions together, to offer a helping hand up to member's and citizens in need, in every community, all the while safeguarding our family and all children, that most importantly today, includes securing the well-being of future generations, - and for all those who have yet to walk upon Mother Earth.

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10:30 am – 10:45 am - **Smudging/Opening Prayer/Welcome**

10:45 am – 11:00 am - **Introductions- House Keeping/Updates**

11:00 am -12:20 am - **Cranium Break-out Session #1**

Group #1 - **Harm Reduction** - 20 Minutes

Group #2 - **Message to Leadership** - 20 Minutes

Group #3 - **Support Workers Support** - 20 Minutes

Group #4 - **Community Policing** - 20 Minutes

12:20 pm- 1:00 pm - **Lunch Break**

1:00 pm – 2:20 pm - **Cranium Break out Session # 2**

Group #1 - **What are the “Priorities” moving forward” ?**

Group #2 - **Community Awareness Prevention Plan**

Group #3 - **Cultural and Spiritual Land Based Reconnection Workshops**

Group #4 - **Future Generations – A Shared Vision**

2:20 pm – 2:40 pm - **Break**

2:40 pm – 3:10 pm - **Easily Accessible Health Canada Medical Marijuana & Addictions**

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm - **Round-Up, Take-Aways, Homework**

3:00 pm - **Gathering - Closing**

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Territorial Community Grassroots Group Suggestions

Territory Citizens Gathering

Sunday, June 27, 2024

- 1st Meeting Suggestions -

- 1) speak the truth in a good way
- 2) help community member's most in need, in a non-judgmental way
- 3) encourage Chief and Community Councillor's to be leaders first, and not politicians
- 4) let police do policing
- 5) make consistent and better use of our own Indigenous Restorative Justice Programs
- 6) have the courts adhere to Anishinaabe Law - rather than continually impose colonial law
- 7) develop a Non-Political Anishinaabe based Indigenous Territory Justice System
- 8) form a diverse group of Territory Elder Reps to act as the gate keepers of FN community (s)
- 9) provide better support to community "front-line" crisis workers
- 10) add additional key, and important, and crucial support staff
- 11) secure Health Canada Medical Marijuana products to fill the need or want for illicit drugs
- 12) develop land-based addictions eradication programming in each individual FN community
- 13) provide safe houses for the most in need, and not just shelters
- 14) provide affordable housing to the Territory most vulnerable
- 15) impose hefty fines for drug dealers caught selling illicit drugs
- 16) all fines imposed are to be paid immediately, no exceptions
- 17) revoke Band Membership to member's known to be illicit drug dealer's
- 18) assign Community Trespass Notices, and issue immediately to unwanted residents
- 19) secure professionally trained police dogs to sniff out illicit drugs, in vehicles, homes and workplace
- 20) impose community employee drug testing
- 21) start raising revenues for an Anishinaabek Territory Healing Centre
- 22) tighten up citizenship code, add much stricter citizenship clauses
- 23) provide Active, Listening Awareness Protocols that focus on both awareness & prevention
- 24) ensure community member's feel welcomed to attend meetings, and share awareness protocols
- 25) make First Nations inaccessible to unwanted, and unknown individuals
- 26) create and develop secure First Nations "gated" communities
- 27) develop a transparent Territory Nation to Nation Communications Channel
- 28) develop an alternative addiction eradication strategy that works, aimed to help the most in need
- 29) generate Corporate Canada donation revenues streams in support of addiction eradication programs and products, create land-based Healing Programs, stock community food banks, and lend support to Elder's Groups, kids sports, and creative arts
- 30) develop a Territory Grassroots Comprehensive Community Action Plan



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ADDED DISCUSSION POINTS

- a. Sovereign communities across Canada do not have easy access to Health Canada Medical Marijuana. We need to ensure Sovereign Nations leadership across Canada have routine access to family affordable Health Canada approved Medical Marijuana products, made available in bulk, in as many sovereign communities as possible, to better serve member's dealing with addiction and that will need to replace the need and/or want for fentanyl, cocaine, and a wide array of other illicit drugs the black market dealers are selling the most vulnerable community member.
- b. We also need in every home on sovereign lands, four Naloxone Kits on hand, in each home. Naloxone Kits, 300 Households per sovereign community X 4 naloxone kits per home. The reason for as many as four is the poison the illicit drug dealers are pouring into all communities, not just First Nations, but to all communities, and distributed to the most vulnerable community members, is because the illicit drugs are so strong now, it's not just fentanyl, its stronger, where many gangsters are now distributing "elephant tranquilizer", typically known as "carr-fentanyl", where it takes 3 and sometimes 4 naloxone kits alone to revive one person, an addict and others from an overdose.
- c. How is possible that Health Canada does not allow Health Canada approved Licensed Producers to distribute and sell approved Medical Marijuana, directly to Sovereign First Nations leadership, and or as directed by First Nations leadership, for example, sold directly to their respective First Nations Community Health Departments ? How is that now allowed on sovereign lands, governed by the Federal Government ?
- d. Why does Health Canada push the added expenses of First Nations paying "retail" prices for Health Canada approved Medical Marijuana products, when First Nations could purchase Health Canada Medical Marijuana products directly from the Health Canada approved Licensed Producer, at a fraction of the cost the Ontario Cannabis Store and Health Canada Cannabis approved Dispensaries sell their retail products for ? It's a shame and not family affordable.
- e. How is it possible that the Veterans of Canada have their Medical Marijuana Benefits paid for from a Federally funded organization (Veterans Affairs), and rightfully so by the way. However, how is it possible the original peoples' of Turtle Island, that have been here since the beginning of time and have had a Treaty signed some 174 years ago with the "Crown", long before Canada was a country and or the province a Province, how is it possible the Anishinaabek peoples' of Canada do not have their Health Canada Medical Marijuana benefits paid for ?