



PEACEKEEPERS PROGRAM

WHAT IS THIS?

The role of the Peacekeepers

The MCFN are committed to develop our own justice system and on moving towards taking over jurisdiction around our Nation's safety and security. The Peacekeepers Program is a part of this journey. To begin, the Peacekeepers will act as an enhanced "neighbourhood watch." The Peacekeepers will build relationships with Members, to establish trust and assist where able. As a second phase approach, the Peacekeepers will have light bylaw and law enforcement powers. In both phases, there will be a requirement for the Peacekeepers to work closely with the OPP as we move towards our long term vision.

WHAT IS THE GOAL?

The vision of the Program

The goal of the Program is to facilitate community justice, family and child support, outreach, healing programs, and services to families, children, adults, and Knowledge Keepers, all while providing safety and enforcement to MCFN Members in culturally appropriate ways.

WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE?

First Nations Policing Program & The OPP

The FNPP provides for agreements to be entered into between First Nations and mainstream police services, like the OPP. Although MCFN does not have an agreement in place, our community falls within one of the areas covered by the OPP. While we appreciate the support of the OPP, we need to move towards our own program. To be honest, the OPP doesn't currently have the person power to service MCFN to the level that we need. However, we will continue to work, and collaborate with, the OPP as we grow this program.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

Impact of the Peacekeepers

The Peacekeepers will aim to be aware of issues in the community and will act as a mediator, assisting in the reduction and the resolution of problems before they escalate. As well, will become familiar with, and eventually enforce, MCFN bylaws and laws. Members will be able to call on the Peacekeepers when they are needed. Through engagement sessions, you will learn more about the program and be able to provide comments and ask questions that will assist the Governance Department in developing this Program!

MOVING FORWARD

Short Term Vision

In the short term, we will begin to develop a training curriculum based on the Anishinaabe way of being, and include aspects of the federal and provincial programs. This will allow us to work with provincial and federal systems as we continue to grow towards our own goal of taking over this jurisdiction. We will also move forward with community engagement sessions.