

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM
WASKAGANISH, QC
FEBRUARY 15-18, 2016

**“Address the Negative Impact of
Alcohol and Drugs and
Collaboratively Find Solutions to the
Problem.”**

Impact of Alcohol and Drugs
Waskaganish, QC



Vision Statement:

“Addressing the negative impact of alcohol and drugs (substance abuse), and collaboratively find solutions to the problem.”

Goals:

- 1.) Gather Information from Community Members
- 2.) Collaboratively Lay the Groundwork for Community Programs and Services
- 3.) Help Establish a Healthy Community that is Thriving and Vibrant Through Constructive Dialogue

Objective: Day 1

“Gather and record information addressing the alcohol and drug problem in Waskaganish.”

Objective: Day 2

“Gather and record possible solutions to the alcohol and drug problem in Waskaganish.”

Objective: Day 3

“Prioritizing the *possible*
solutions.”

Objective: Day 4

“Prioritizing the *possible*
solutions by vote.”

Day 1 February 15, 2016

Purpose and Process

Impact of Alcohol and Drug Presentations

Day 2 February 16, 2016

Gather and Report *Possible* Solutions

Community Planning Circles

Day 3 February 17, 2016

Prioritize *Possible* Solutions

Community Planning Circles

Day 4 February 18, 2016

Community Vote on *Possible* Solutions

Potluck : Celebrating Our Future

Final Priorities by Community Vote

27 Votes

Report Bootleggers, Pushers,
Drug Dealers, Traffickers and
Have a Plan to Address Drug
Dealers and Bootleggers.

Final Priorities by Community Vote

25 Votes

Take People Out on the
Land, Especially High Risk
Youth, a Lot of Healing
Done on the Land

Final Priorities by Community Vote

20 Votes

More Family Treatments and Workshops. For example: Offer Anger Management Program, Sexual Abuse, Grief and Abandonment, Victims of Family Violence, Intervention and Family Support Group and AA Meetings.

Final Priorities by Community Vote

19 Votes

Make the Check Point
Permanent
Enforce By-Laws

Final Priorities by Community Vote

17 Votes

Church Support/ Home
Counseling/ Bible Camp

Create Jobs for Youth
Employment

Final Priorities by Community Vote

15 Votes

Year-Round Drug & Alcohol
Treatment Center

Final Priorities by Community Vote

14 Votes

Social Worker, Psychologist
and Counselling

Family Conferences and
Workshops

Final Priorities by Community Vote

13 Votes

Wilderness Program

Cree Cultural Programs

Educate Youth

More Activities on Weekends

Land-Based Program/ Healing

Final Priorities by Community Vote

11 Votes

Radio Programs

More Awareness of
FAS/FASD

Drug & Alcohol Task Force
Teen Support Group

Final Priorities by Community Vote

10 Votes

Stricter Rules on Public
Intoxication

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

Healers to Work with
Doctors

Role Models

Weekly Radio Program

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

People from All Different
Backgrounds and Belief
Systems Should Work Together
and Respect Each Other, No
Judging on Solution, Whatever
Works for You.

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

More Activities and Sports for
Youth
Youth Gathering Place
Youth Education on Alcohol
and Drugs and Visits from the
Police

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

CHR/ NNADAP Prevention Visit to
Schools

Create Newsletter and Face Book
on Alcohol/Drug Related Issues

Testimonies of Elders Sharing Their
Stories in Schools, Radio Shows
and Public Meetings on effects of
Alcohol & Drugs

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

Support Low Income/No Income
Families

Family Gatherings – Wolf Pack –
Togetherness – Unity

Prevention – Trips to Jail for Youth

Police Education in School

Recreational, Leisure Facilities

Final Priorities by Community Vote

Less Than 10 Votes

Special Home or Place for All
Intoxicated People Until They
Sober Up.

Prevention Programs –
Mentorship, Big Brother,
Father/Son

Participant Comments:

- ⦿ “Group was awesome! Great Discussion”
- ⦿ “Enjoyed the Community Involvement”
- ⦿ “Community Engagement was Awesome”
- ⦿ “Liked the teamwork, strategic planning and meeting new people”
- ⦿ “Lots of People Coming In and Speaking Openly”

Con't

- ⦿ “Like the discussion and socializing”
- ⦿ “Like the Solution NOW WE NEED ACTION”
- ⦿ “Taking everyone’s opinion and concerns”
- ⦿ “I liked the format, table discussion, coming together with different people and sharing ideas”

Con't

- ⦿ “Sharing and exchanging knowledge”
- ⦿ “Finding solutions to help our community become better-let’s make it work”
- ⦿ “Presentations from individuals and entities- excellent!”
- ⦿ “Working together”

Next Steps:

- ◎ **Identify and Select Community Working Group**
- ◎ **Action Plan**
 - Implement Programs to Address Alcohol and Drugs
 - Funding, community assessment etc...
- ◎ **Community Review Each Year**

NNADAP Perspective for a Healthy and Vibrant Cree Nation

- *Community* Involvement in the Cree Nation
- *Develop* Facilities for Healing and Support in the Cree Nation
- *Unify and Work Together* for the Alcohol and Drug Free Cree Nation
- *Support* Community Efforts for a Healthier Cree Nation
- *Infuse* Cree Values and Culture for the Healing of the Cree Nation

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