
CONSTITUTION
OF
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SOCIETY – NORTH OKANAGAN

1. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (a) To organize, administer and co-ordinate programs, committees, and resources to address criminal and unlawful activities including without limitation the following purposes:
 - (i) To bring together restorative justice practitioners with a variety of backgrounds and life experiences to organize, supervise, and uphold restorative justice principles and practices with persons affected by or in conflict with the law, their guardians/supporters and those within the community.
 - (ii) To support and advocate on behalf of the person harmed (victim) and the person who caused harm (offender) while ensuring their needs are addressed and their rights for confidentiality, safety, respect and care are safeguarded and to promote closure through connections with their guardians/supporters and those within the community.
 - (b) To promote and foster in persons affected and/or in conflict with the law a respect for, and understanding and awareness of, the needs and rights for the safety of all, and the ways that criminal and unlawful activities directly affect the person harmed, guardians/supporters, and the community;
 - (c) To promote and foster the public's understanding and awareness of, and involvement, in restorative principles, practices and programs;
 - (d) To recognize and enlist the services of community members and agencies/organizations in making the community a safer place;
 - (e) To co-operate with governments at all levels and the legal system in implementing restorative principles, practices and programs, policies or procedures as they relate to addressing criminal and unlawful activities;
 - (f) To solicit, accept and acquire by gift, donation, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise funds or property of any kind to be used to further the purposes of the Society and enter into and carry out agreements, undertakings and conditions in connection therewith; and
 - (g) To co-operate with community members, agencies/organizations, associations and societies that have purposes similar in whole or in part to the purposes of the Society.