



Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

Annual Report
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About NALSC

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC) is a legal services office serving the Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities in northwestern and northeastern Ontario. NALSC was established in 1990 as a non-profit organization to address the shortcomings in the administration of justice within Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN).

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services has grown steadily since 1990, working hard to develop a professional image and hiring qualified staff to carry out its mandate. Innovative and creative programs have made NALSC a leader and, at times, an example in alternatives to justice programs. NALSC has met with success in these areas.

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC) is governed by a Board of Directors. They provide overall direction to ensure NALSC serves the needs of NAN community members, and NALSC programs and services are delivered as mandated and in accordance with its mission.

MISSION:

To deliver the programs and services in a culturally appropriate manner sensitive to the unique values, customs and traditions of NAN communities.

MANDATE:

To promote creative community-based justice systems and to deliver on a wide range of law-related services including legal, paralegal, public legal education, and law reform services to the members of NAN.

Board of Directors

Chair:.....	Jim Beardy
Vice-Chair:.....	Shawn Batise, Wabun Tribal Council
Secretary/Treasurer:.....	Celia Echum, Matawa First Nations Management
Directors:.....	..Frank McKay, Windigo Tribal Council Simon Winnepetonga, Shibogama Tribal Council Ross Mamakeesic, Keewaytinook Okimakanak Theresa Hall, Mushkegowuk Tribal Council Tom Wassaykeesic, Independent Bands
Elders:.....	Greg Koostachin—East Sarah Waboose—Central Abe Kakepetum—West
NAN Ex-Officio:.....	Alvin Fiddler, Deputy Grand Chief

Management

Executive Director:.....	Celina Reitberger
LAO Area Director:.....	Mary Bird
Restorative Justice Managers:.....	Vernon Morris and Joyce Crawford
Talking Together Manager:.....	Carol Buswa
Financial Manager:.....	Marlene Sabourin

Chair of the Board

Jim Beardy

Message from the Chair

Greetings, to the people of Nishnawbe-Aski Nation!

Much in the justice system and in society has changed since the inception of NAN Legal Services Corporation in 1990, but one factor remains the same – we continue to strive to deal with the realities of the day.

On March 1, 1990, Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (NALSC) was created to address the shortcomings in the administration of justice within Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN). Since then, NALSC has grown steadily with great determination to develop a professional image, and to recruit qualified staff to carry out the Corporation's mandate. Innovative and creative programs have made NALSC a leader, and at times, an example in alternatives to justice options.

NALSC mandate is to promote a creative community-based justice system and to deliver a wide range of law-related services such as: legal, paralegal, public legal education, and law reform services to members of NAN. NALSC mission is to deliver programs and services in a culturally appropriate manner sensitive to the unique values, customs and traditions of NAN communities.

Over the years, this has meant ongoing innovation and modernization of our administrative and service provision models. The list of innovative accomplishments to improve legal aid services and operate in a more cost-effective manner is long and growing as noted in the past annual reports. We continue to develop alternative ways in which to best help our clients. It has meant increasing the range and volume of our services while maintaining a high level of quality.

Therefore, the NALSC budget is geared primarily towards the provision of legal services to NAN people. Although NALSC appreciates the opportunity to participate in NAN Keewaywin conferences to deliver its annual report and audit, NALSC is compelled to explore other options to present its annual report and audit to NAN leadership and membership that would be most beneficial relative to cost and time, due to financial constraints and funding shortages.

Our audit continues to be in good standing as in the past years. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to acknowledge the finance staff for their dedicated work.

In closing, I like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Directors for their commitment to support this Corporation and the staff for their dedication to provide the essential legal services to the people in the NAN territory.

Regards In Unity, Strength and Success

Jim Beardy
NALSC Board Chair

Executive Director

Celina Reitberger

Booshoo;

It is my pleasure to report to the Chiefs in Assembly the activities for the last 12 months at Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services (NALSC) and highlight some of our achievements. This is a special anniversary for NALSC; we are celebrating 25 years of service to NAN. We will be holding a celebration on August 26, 2015 at the Valhalla Inn with staff, Board and friends from our formative years.

Legal Aid Ontario has finally come through with funding to hire three Gladue workers. This proposal has been in the works for a decade, so this is an important breakthrough. It is one way to address the over representation of NAN people in the jails by addressing the need to heal and restore relationships. It is not a get out of jail free card but a tool to help tailor sentences that will achieve these two stated goals. Mary Bird is doing an excellent job shepherding the program.

In addition we have been involved in...

LEGAL AID ONTARIO

(Mary Bird is pleased to provide her Annual Report to the Chiefs in Assembly.) The big news for the year is the funding of the Gladue Program. We have hired three Gladue Workers covering each of our areas: George Edwards, Northeast; Bryan Phelan, Northwest; and Jennifer McKenzie, North Central. As of mid-July, seven reports have been completed with 8 more due at the moment. We have had very positive responses to the reports from Defence Counsel, Crown Counsel and Judges. Gladue conferences were held in Thunder Bay and Timmins that included judges, justices of the peace, crowns and defence counsel. Preliminary discussions have occurred with Legal Aid Ontario for further funding for possibly 3 more workers and aftercare workers.

We attended at the NAN East Justice Summit, March 11 and 12, where Roberta Wesley, Community Legal Worker, George Edwards, Gladue Worker and I gave presentations. Legal education visits were made to Ginoogaming and Long Lake #58 for Wills & Estates and MNR, and to Chapleau Cree to discuss harvesting issues and dealing with MNR.

A Know Your Rights Card has been designed for Child Welfare Issues and has been distributed to the communities and to the Child Welfare Agencies. A Know Your Rights Card has been drafted for harvesting issues and MNR, and will be distributed shortly. Discussions are continuing with MNR and the office of the Minister of Natural Resources, Bill Mauro, in regards to cultural sensitivity training for Ministry enforcement staff and restorative justice for harvesting related charges.

The other big news is the expansion of Legal Aid coverage. There have been two increases in the financial eligibility with two more to follow. The legal eligibility expansion includes criminal certificates for Aboriginal people with no prior criminal record and victims of domestic violence charged with an offence related to the victim's partner. There will also be coverage where there are secondary consequences such as possible loss of livelihood or education, child custody, loss of public housing, social assistance or risk of being added to sexual offenders registry. New for child welfare third parties, such as grandparents or other relatives, can obtain coverage. This will include opposing adoption applications by the child welfare agency. Coverage is now available before children are apprehended to assist with negotiation of agreements or to ensure participation in Talking Together. We are presently negotiating with the Aboriginal Justice Strategy at Legal Aid Ontario for more expansion with our focus being on the inclusion of harvesting rights certificates.

Table 1: Number of Certificates Issued to NAN Members for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

	Target	Issued	Variance to Target # (over)/under
CRIMINAL			
Homicide	10	25	(15)
Sexual Assault	168	140	28
Narcotics-Cocaine & Heroin	131	132	(1)
Robbery	59	63	(4)
Break & Enter	203	212	(9)
Weapons Offences	71	55	16
Assault	1,220	1,105	115
Theft	165	169	(4)
Threatening Death /Bodily Harm	42	33	9
Fraud	10	21	(11)
Impaired Driving	58	53	5
Other Vehicle Offences	18	13	5
Mischief	86	62	24
Other Drug Offences	2	5	(3)
Fail to Comply	441	382	59
Other	92	59	33
Criminal Total	2,776	2,529	247
FAMILY			
Family Law/Children's Law Reform	252	236	16
Child and Family Services Act	89	141	(52)
Divorce	-	-	0
Other Domestic	-	2	(2)
Family Total	341	379	(38)
CIVIL			
Mental Health	10	9	1
Prison	-	-	0
Civil Tribunal	-	-	0
Civil Litigation	-	-	0
Other Civil	-	-	0
Civil Total	10	9	1
TOTAL	3,128	2,918	210

Table 2: Duty Counsel and the Guaranteed Daily Rate Paid to Lawyers Attending at Fly-In Community Courts for 2014-2015

LEGAL AID ONTARIO NISHNAWBE-ASKI LEGAL SERVICES DUTY COUNSEL EXPENSES PERIOD APRIL 2014 TO MARCH 2015								
	YEAR TO DATE				# PERSONS ASSISTED		\$/PERSON ASSISTED	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE	MONTH	YTD	MONTH	YTD
DUTY COUNSEL - CRIMINAL								
CRIMINAL DC	1,513,706	1,435,000	-78,706	-5.5%	0	0		
CRIMINAL DC ADULT	8,959	8,731	-228	-2.6%	4	104	\$81	\$86
CRIMINAL DC YOUTH	2,118	4,117	1,998	48.5%	0	19		\$111
DC GUARANTEED DAILY RATE	1,576,029	1,736,511	160,482	9.2%	213	2883	\$573	\$547
	3,100,812	3,184,359	83,547	2.6%	217	3006	\$654	\$744
DUTY COUNSEL - CIVIL								
DC FAMILY COURT	0	1,811	1,811	100.0%	0	0		
ADVICE LAWYER- GENERAL	77,993	73,753	-4,240	-5.7%	35	571	\$185	\$137
ADVICE LAWYER - SPECIAL	612	3,770	3,158	83.8%	0	1		\$612
	78,605	79,334	730	0.9%	0	0		
	78,605	79,334	730	0.9%	35	572	\$185	\$137
TOTAL	3,179,417	3,263,694	84,277	2.6%	252	3578	\$2,606	\$889

Note:

DC = Duty Counsel

YTD = Year to date

OPERATION SPRINGBOARD

Another new area of endeavour is the addition of the Community Learning HUB. We hired Lloyd Redsky to deliver this innovative computer play based program for youth. Funded by Operation Springboard, it is utilized by our Youth Intervention and Restorative Justice Workers, as well as in the high schools to address substance abuse prevention and anger management. This tool is culturally appropriate.

Since November 2014, there have been 30 graduates at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School and Matawa Tribal Council's Learning Centre here in Thunder Bay. Youth Intervention workers in Sandy Lake, Attawapiskat and Fort Albany/Kashechewan can also deliver this programming.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & COMMUNITY YOUTH INTERVENTION INITIATIVE

One of the key projects and accomplishments this past year has been the NAN-East Justice Summit held in Moose Cree First Nation. The two day conference attracted many from both Moosonee and the Moose Factory First Nation area. In attendance were service providers such as Elders from both communities, Lawyers from James Bay area, Crown Attorney from the East, Payukotayno Child and Family Services, Keewaytinook Legal Services, Victim Witness Services for Mushkegowuk, Mental Health Services, youth from the Dolores Echum high school, Northern College, Moosonee Friendship Centre, Moosonee OPP, NAPS, Probation, Moose Cree Band councillors, Lawrence Martin Grand Chief from Mushkegowuk, and our Board Member Teresa Hall.

Staff from each program did well with their presentations. The Restorative Justice, Youth Intervention, Victim Witness and Talking Together programs did presentations and conducted mock circles. The participants found the mock circles gave them a deeper understanding of the circle process.

The feedback received from all participants was very positive. One result of the Summit was the concept of a Justice Coordinator for Mushkegowuk Council. I prepared and presented a proposal to Kim Murray, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Aboriginal Justice Division for this position.

The Community Youth Intervention Initiative (CYII) works with Aboriginal youth in conflict with the law as a linkage between youth and probation officers. The Community Youth Intervention Worker also plays an important role in the development of local programs and provides support and assistance to reintegrate youth back into the community – in a positive and meaningful way.

Probation referrals have fallen. We have become proactive in addressing this issue by initiating a prevention work component within the CYII program to prevent young people from getting into trouble with the law.

We look forward to another busy year of work with the youth of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation and certainly appreciate the support of all community leaders and their dedicated social and education workers.

Restorative Justice - Summary Statistics - Combined RJ YJ YI Programs
April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Referrals by Referral Source:

Crown	181
Lawyer	83
Legal Aid	25
Police	5
Probation	31
Schools	7
NAPS	3
CLW	12
Community	35
RJ	1
Self	8
Other	<u>26</u>
Total Referrals:	417

Files Opened by Primary Offence:

Theft	37
Assault	116
Mischief	58
Break & Enter	48
Take Motor/Vessel w/o Consent	5
Bullying	1
Breaches	14
Drinking Under Age	1
Domestic	12
Possession	11
Probation	73
Other	<u>41</u>
Total Opened	417

Files Opened by Charge (Pre/Post):

Pre-charge	30
Post-charge	335
Prevention	<u>52</u>
Total Opened	417

Files Closed by Outcome:

Charges Stayed	13
Charges Withdrawn	252
Community Conflict Resolved	4
Community Diversion Incomplete	2
Probation Complete	12
Probation Incomplete	1
Conditional Discharge	14
Referred Back to Court	<u>47</u>
Total Closed	345

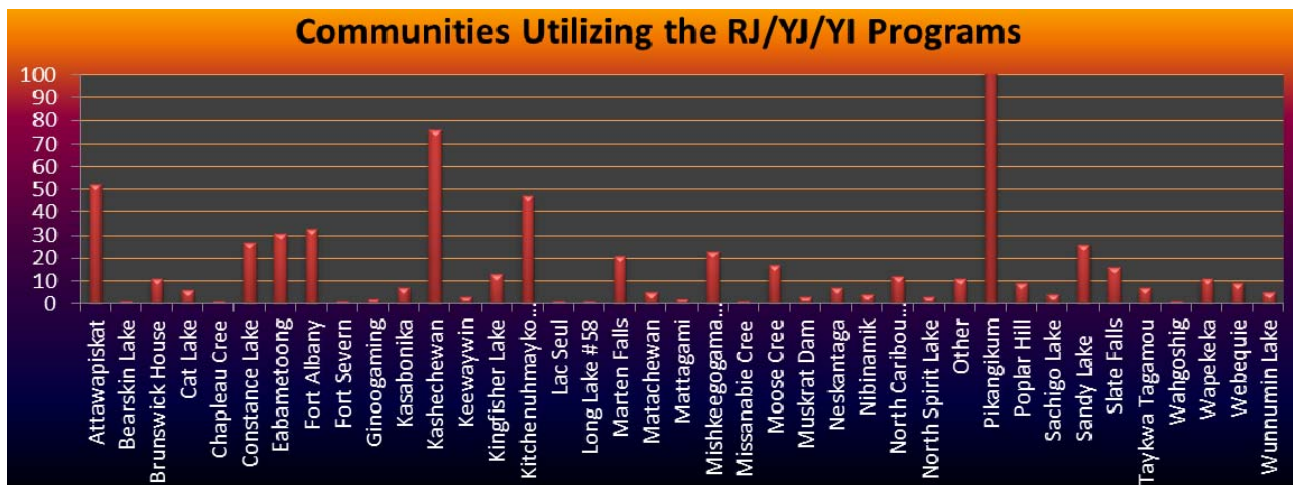
Offenders (Primary) by Youth/Adult:

Adult	216
Youth	<u>201</u>
Total Offenders:	417

Circle Types:

Initial	303
Follow-up	19
Healing	<u>3</u>
Total Circles:	325

Referrals by Each Community



VICTIM WITNESS LIAISON

The NALSC Victim Witness Liaison program strives to improve the quality of services to victims and witnesses of crime by using the holistic approach, and supporting and empowering clients in a non-intrusive manner. Currently, we provide the following services: information, support, referrals, and liaison. We ensure the needs of the victims are met by conducting an initial assessment and liaising with relevant agencies to determine safety/security. We protect individuals from further victimization by assisting them in and outside the court room. We provide assistance with completing Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) applications.

The CICB awareness in the NAN territory continues to increase, which is resulting in a steady flow of the applications being completed by NAN applicants; an increase over last year.

On April 10, 2015, Marie Roundhead was hired as the new Victim Witness Liaison Worker for the Sioux Lookout region. Marie is a member of Mishkeegogamang First Nation and resides in Sioux Lookout. Marie has an understanding of the legal system through her previous work experience as a Law Clerk in Sioux Lookout.

Since Marie Roundhead has started with NAN Legal, we have been quite busy delivering services such as community visits, attending court, outreach, one on one client service, publicizing our program and PR work within the communities we serve (e.g. Pikangikum and Mishkeegogamang). The number of referrals in the western district has increased compared to last year. Referrals from the Matawa region have also been coming in consistently and the number continues to be high.

We continue to work diligently at delivering meaningful services to our members of the NAN territory and continue to incorporate a strong aboriginal focus. We pride ourselves in delivering a culturally sensitive service to our clients. This is what differentiates us from other programs that work with victims.

TALKING TOGETHER PROGRAM

The Talking Together Program, which is an Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution (AADR) process specifically dealing with Child Welfare matters within the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Territory.

Additional funding was received from the Ministry of Community and Social Services to do extra Circles. As well, there was money for a "Community Capacity Building Initiative". The Community Capacity Building Initiative was instrumental in providing awareness, promoting service delivery and engaging service providers through presentations in northern Ontario where NAN members reside. Four individuals were hired to educate stakeholders and frontline workers and to increase referrals overall. The number of circles done increased from last year.

These are but a few testimonials from clients that have participated in the Talking Together Program. "Circle was helpful in returning the client's children to her care and planning for success", "the Circle was great", "atmosphere was non-judgemental", "everyone was able to share openly and suggest solutions", "this was a good Circle", and "I feel lots of support came out to help this family and young child".

Through Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation, a Talking Together Facilitator is funded who provides services to Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing. There presently are 17 referrals. Our reputation is growing outside of Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

We have received more inquiries from other First Nations that are very interested in our program and wish to do future capacity building. The Ontario Child Welfare and Alternative Dispute Resolution Service Delivery System working group reviewed the Alternative Dispute Resolution evaluation final report and made recommendations to the Ministry on September 30, 2014, regarding the next steps, and preferred options for ADR service delivery in the Province. It was good to hear NALSC (Talking Together Program) is recognized as one of the leads in the area. As we move forward with the Talking Together Program it is our goal to strive and do our best to provide quality service to our clients.

Table 1: TALKING TOGETHER PROGRAM 2014-2015 (MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS & TRAINING, RADIO SHOWS)

<p>PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS & TRAINING IN FIRST NATIONS Mishkeegogamang Beaverhouse Matachewan Wahgoshig Brunswick House * Poplar Hill Hornepayne * Kasabonika * Kingfisher Lake * Wunnumin Lake * Wapekeka Fort Albany Moose Cree Fort Albany Attawapiskat * Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug Long Lake #58 Ginoogaming * Webeque * Nibinamik Fort William * Eabametoong * Neskantaga Whitesand * Local Radio Shows</p>	<p>PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS & TRAINING IN FRIENDSHIP CENTRES Kapuskasing Geraldton Sioux Lookout Dryden North Bay Red Lake Thunder Bay Cochrane Timmins Timmins-Justice Symposium</p> <p>PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS & TRAINING Equaywuk, Sioux Lookout Women in Crisis, Timmins Legal Aid Ontario, Kenora ONWA, Geraldton Seven Generations Education, Thunder Bay Ka Na Chi Hih Treatment Centre, Thunder Bay Blue Sky Healing Centre, Thunder Bay Life Skills Program, Fort Albany Anishnawbe-Mushkiki, Thunder Bay Education Counsellors, Thunder Bay & TTP Advisory Committee Social Work, Northern College, Timmins Social Work, College Boreal, Timmins Social Work, Algoma University Lakehead University, Thunder Bay</p>	<p>PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS Community Counselling Centre, North Bay Wasauksing First Nation (CCCN) Temagami First Nation (CCCN) NEOFACS: Timmins, Kirkland Lake, New Liskeard, Englehart Children's Aid Society, Geraldton Dilico Treatment Centre Dilico Anishinabek Family Care: Thunder Bay, Longlac, and Armstrong Kunuwanimano Child & Family Services Tikinagan Child & Family Services: Dryden, Mishkeegogamang, Aroland, Red Lake, Thunder Bay, and Sioux Lookout Kenora Rainy River Children's Aid Society, Atikokan Children's Aid Society, Sudbury-Manitoulin Weechitwin Child & Family Services, Fort Frances</p> <p>MEETINGS AADR Symposium, Six Nations Family Violence Symposium, Toronto Aboriginal Youth Strategy, Timmins Members of Legal Community, Thunder Bay Child Protection Workshop, Toronto NALSC Staff Training, Thunder Bay ADRSDS, Toronto</p>
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Table 2: STATISTICS FOR TALKING TOGETHER PROGRAM 2014-2015

ACTIVITY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL PER YEAR
Client-Carried Forward	61	65	78	73	72	73	83	97	101	106	102	97	
Client-New Referral	11	14	11	7	12	17	21	11	10	16	7	15	
Client-Closed	7	1	16	8	11	7	7	7	5	20	12	17	
TOTAL PER MONTH	65	78	73	72	73	83	97	101	106	102	97	95	
Families Involved	72	79	89	80	84	90	104	108	111	122	109	112	
Children Involved	182	195	222	186	198	206	229	236	247	273	251	263	
Circles	8	9	8	8	17	11	12	12	9	17	10	18	129
Circle Participants	56	65	69	67	106	82	78	109	67	108	59	122	988

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

Throughout the year legal clinics were held with help from lawyers experienced in wills & estates, power of attorney, family law, elder abuse, and the court process (see Table 1). (See Table 4 for statistics.) NALSC programs were promoted at community visits or events (see Table 2). Radio shows continued on a bi-weekly basis on the Wawatay Radio (see Table 3). Hearing about the issues affecting people from NAN is helpful in delivering PLE.

Organizations were interested in partnering with NALSC, e.g. Legal Aid Ontario, and Ontario Human Rights Commission. We welcome these opportunities; they help meet the need for legal rights education and access to legal services for people in NAN and remote communities.

Keeping up-to-date with the legal landscape is a PLE requirement. Staff training, workshops, presentations and meetings were attended, e.g. Gladue reports, cyberstalking & harassment, domestic violence, police record checks, the wrongly convicted, etc. The sessions were good for professional development and networking. Finally, people were helped with various matters (see Table 4). It was a good year for PLE.

Table 1: Legal Education

CONSTANCE LAKE: Wills & Estates, Record Suspensions, Bullying & Cyberbullying

NORTH SPIRIT LAKE: Bullying

MISHKEGOGAMANG: Elder Abuse; Family Law

KASABONIKA: Bullying

WEAGAMOW LAKE: Bullying; NALSC programs

KITCHENUMAYKOOSIB INNINUWUG: Bullying & Cyberbullying; Wills & Estates

WEBEQUIE: Cyberbullying (Matawa "Back to our Roots Gathering")

THUNDER BAY: Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School "Street Safety & Laws Off-Reserve"

SIOUX LOOKOUT: Mock Courts for Adults & Students

Table 2: Presentations & Promotions

PROGRAMS PRESENTATION: Kasabonika, Kitchenumaykoosib Inninuwig, North Spirit Lake, Weagamow

PROMOTIONS: Keewaywin Conference, City of Thunder Bay Festival of Services, Feathers of Hope "Justice and Juries Forum", NAN Working Together for Student Success, Maadaadizi 2014, Ka-Na-Chi-Hih SAAFE Walk, Confederation College Winter Community Resource Event, Lakehead University Aboriginal Awareness Week

NALSC OFFICE VISITS/TOURS: Ontario Human Rights Commission, Confederation College Aboriginal Justice & Alternatives Class

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKSHOPS: Cat Lake, NAN-East Justice Summit, Fort Albany, Kashechewan, Moose Cree

SCHOOL CAREER FAIR: Webequie, Pelican Falls First Nations High School

Table 3: Radio Shows

Circles in the School System

Gladue, Gladue Writers & Gladue Report

Hunting: Treaty Areas

Indian Residential School Settlement: Personal Credits

Cyberbullying, Criminal Harassment, Uttering Threats and the Internet

NALSC Programs & Services

Matrimonial Real Property

Lateral Violence

Bail & Being a Surety

Sixties Scoop Class Action

The Police & Know Your Rights

Record Suspensions

Birth Registrations & Indian Status

TABLE 4: Statistics for PLE Program April 2014 – March 2015

ACTIVITY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
Indian Residential School Matters		2	1	4		1	3	1	0	1	1	3	17
Referrals - Other Lawyer		1							1				2
Day School Inquiry								1					1
Sixties Scoop Inquiry							2					1	3
Birth Registration / Certificate				1			2	1	1		1		6
Resource requests	1	1		1	2		1		2	2		1	11
Promotions *		89	18		65	355	5	22	22		36	72	684
Presentations / Workshops *	113		59	30		86	222		89	29	148	43	819
Other	1			2		3		3		2	2		13
TOTAL PER MONTH	115	93	78	38	67	445	235	28	115	34	188	120	1556

* number of participants

COMMUNITY VISITS

Table 1 outlines my community visits.

Bearskin Lake First Nation is on the verge of enforcing its 'alcohol' By-Law (2 visits). The trip to Fort Severn was a joy for me to discover the community by the 'Bay' waiting for the geese. As a result, a further visit happened June 17 to address bullying, cyber bullying, Restorative Justice, Talking Together, Public Legal Education, Legal Aid and our History and mandate. Martha Loon has made great strides in attending to communities who have not had our services in the recent past. Her radio shows continue to be popular and informative. I did an episode on May 28, 2015 introducing our new card entitled, "Know your Rights If Your Child is Apprehended". We are distributing it widely and it is available at the meeting today. It will be translated and rebroadcast.

OUT REACH

Much of my time is spent doing presentations about NALSC. E.g. Ontario Bar Association – Aboriginal Section on Justice Initiatives in NAN; media activities (e.g. for the launch of Gladue in March); Aljazeera regarding Police Abuse of Aboriginal Women. As well, I try to meet with each of the seven Tribal Councils yearly. (See Table 2)

TABLE 1: COMMUNITY VISITS

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
APRIL 25, 2014	THUNDER BAY	MATAWA CHIEFS MEETING
JUNE 18, 2014	LAC SEUL	WINDIGO TRIBAL COUNCIL CHIEFS MEETING
JUNE 26, 2014	SIOUX LOOKOUT	SHIBOGAMA TRIBAL COUNCIL CHIEFS MEETING
JULY 15, 2014	CAT LAKE	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRESENTATION
JULY 30 & 31, 2014	MARTEN FALLS	MATAWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 5 – 7, 2014	FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION	KEEWAYWIN CONFERENCE
AUGUST 19, 2014	EABAMETOONG	COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014	WINNIPEG, MAN.	KEEWAYTINOOK OKIMAKANAK TRIBAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2014	SANDY LAKE	NAPS – ANTI BULLYING
OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2014	SANDY LAKE	JURY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE & SANDY LAKE JUSTICE PROJECT
NOVEMBER 5 - 7, 2014	THUNDER BAY	NAN CHIEFS SUMMIT ON EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2015	WEBEQUIE	MATAWA 'BACK TO OUR ROOTS'
FEBRUARY 16-20, 2015	NORTH SPIRIT LAKE & DEER LAKE	COMMUNITY VISITS
MARCH 11 & 12, 2015	MOOSE FACTORY	NAN EAST JUSTICE SUMMIT
APRIL 15, 2015	BEARSKIN LAKE	BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT
APRIL 29 & 30, 2015	FORT SEVERN	COMMUNITY VISIT
JUNE 3, 2015	BEARSKIN LAKE	BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

TABLE 2: OUTREACH—PRESENTATIONS

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
MAY 22 2014	TIMMINS	MEETING WITH CHIEF OF POLICE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2014	THUNDER BAY	NAN STUDENT ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014	THUNDER BAY	MATAWA LEARNING CENTRE- ORIENTATION
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2014	KENORA	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCE—INTRODUCTION TO 'TALKING TOGETHER' TO TREATY #3, GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3 & LEGAL AID ONTARIO
NOVEMBER 18-20, 2014	THUNDER BAY	FEATHERS OF HOPE – JUSTICE & JURIES
NOVEMBER 27, 2014	THUNDER BAY	CBO RADIO/CKPR/ TbayNews re: NEW GLADUE WORKERS
NOVEMBER 28, 2014	THUNDER BAY	COURT HOUSE – TALKING TOGETHER ROLE PLAY (23 PARTICIPANTS)
JANUARY 21, 2015	THUNDER BAY	NAPS CRIME UNIT - MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2015	THUNDER BAY	ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY GROUP – PRESENTATION
FEBRUARY 4, 2015	TORONTO	GLADUE COURT AT OLD CITY HALL – MEETING WITH REGIONAL SENIOR JUDGE (WITH M. BIRD AND NEW GLADUE WORKERS)
FEBRUARY 5, 2015	TORONTO	ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION – PRESENTATION on ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES CREATING THEIR OWN LEGAL SPACE 'The Magic of the Circle'
MARCH 7, 2015	THUNDER BAY LAW SCHOOL	GLADUE CONFERENCE
MARCH 31, 2015	TORONTO	V.HAWKES, OPP COMMISSIONER & STAN BEARDY ONT. REGIONAL CHIEF REGARDING POLICE CONDUCT
APRIL 7, 2015	THUNDER BAY	INTERVIEW – ALJAZEERA MEDIA TOPIC: POLICE ABUSE OF ABORIGINAL WOMEN
MAY 22, 2015	THUNDER BAY	FEATHERS OF HOPE – CHILD WELFARE YOUTH FORUM
MAY 28, 2015	THUNDER BAY	RADIO SHOW REGARDING NEW 'KNOW YOUR RIGHTS' CARDS
APRIL 25, 2015	ORILLIA	OPP

COMMITTEES

I sit on the following committees:

- Executive Committee of Aboriginal Liaison, City of Thunder Bay;
- Aboriginal Issues Advisory Committee, LAO;
- NAN Celebrations and Contributions Committee (DGC G. Kakegamic);
- Aboriginal Settlement Conference Suite implementation;
- Negahneewin Council.

I attended a meeting of the Debwewin Committee, (Iacobucci Implementation) in October as a resource. I was honoured to attend the Feathers of Hope conference on Justice and Juries that same month as a champion. I attended the listening table for their Child Welfare conference on May 22, 2015. I continue presentations to students new to Thunder Bay in September re: Know Your Rights cards.

FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

Plans are in the works for the NAN-Wide Talking Together & Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution Summit (tentatively Spring 2016). We are doing proposals for a full time Restorative Justice and Talking Together Trainer; to hire a Justice Coordinator for the Mushkegowuk Council and to increase the capacity of Gladue. Finally we are planning our 25th Anniversary Celebrations.

POLICE MISCONDUCT

We continue to track cases of police misconduct. We provide representation to people charged with assault police if they have in fact been the injured party. Two Aboriginal women who suffered a broken arm at the hands of the OPP have been acquitted of charges of assault police and will be pursuing a civil remedy. On March 31, 2015 I traveled to Toronto with Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy and met with the Commissioner of OPP Vince Hawkes. They have been informed of our concerns. One suggestion is to form an Aboriginal Liaison Committee (50% Aboriginal and 50% police membership) in each of Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake, Geraldton and Moosonee to deal with policing issues proactively. An update of the map is included.



SIoux LOOKOUT	THUNDER BAY	PICKLE LAKE	GERALDTON	MOOSONEE
<p>J.I.— OPP assaulted in police garage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● charged—goes to diversion ● OIPRD—insufficient evidence ● Drinking—got the time wrong <p>A.K.—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● broken finger ● Charged—resist arrest ● Diverted ● Option still open <p>Lac Seul—Lac Seul Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● E.W. inappropriate touching ● Refer to OPP—decided not to proceed ● Repercussions from local police <p>SIoux LOOKOUT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Four people pepper sprayed. 3 arrested and released. ● No charges —told to say nothing 	<p>L.M.—TBPD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a witness to a domestic ● Roughed up by police ● OIPRD goes nowhere because she and witness drinking <p>M.W.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● While being arrested, handcuffed and kicked by policeman in the side ● Several broken ribs/ lung collapsed—needs surgery ● Still facing charges SIU found no fault ● Officer who may have been at fault died <p>TBPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sonny Slipperjack—Police failed to respond to ambulance service. Subsequently died. 	<p>L.S.—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Was drinking ● Assaulted by police ● Went to nursing station ● Vision problems— one eye <p>Bonnie M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Represented by a lawyer ● Arm broken by OPP in course of arresting her <p>UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trial March 20th ● Written Argument—April 20th for decision ● June 2015—acquitted of charges. <p>A.Mishenene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charged with Assault Police, uttering death threats and intoxication ● When at police station, police used excessive force—slammed her head to floor 3x. Bruises on cheek 	<p>S.T.—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● from Ginoogaming ● Mother protecting son ● No charge ● Ends up in ICU one week when she sees her son tazered <p>Aroland case—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● another take down in jail on video ● Accused officer acquittal ● Now on appeal ● Leave to appeal was granted <p>EABAMETOONG NAPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extensive use of force on unidentified handcuffed prisoner. Incident recorded ● Officer was transferred 	<p>E.L—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8.5 months pregnant ● Hospitalized—charged <p>UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Set for trial—found guilty ● OIPRD initially said no to the complaint but upon review found deficiencies in the investigation and will do another one. <p>M.R.K—OPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● spiral fracture of arm ● Charged ● On YouTube ● At Pretrial Crown refuses to W/D ● Mother protecting her son <p>UPDATE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charges withdrawn ● Civil suit pending <p>P.W.— OPP search (suspecting drugs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● dynamic entry ● Hold gun to face ● Cut up ID urinate on laundry

CONCLUSION

As evidenced by the Auditors report the Corporation is financially sound. We continue to improve the quality of services delivered and expand the scope of those services. Thank you for your continued support of the important work. Meegwetch, Celina M. Reitberger

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ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ DC	1,513,706	1,435,000	-78,706	-5.5%	0	0		
ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ DC ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ	8,959	8,731	-228	-2.6%	4	104	\$81	\$86
ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ DC ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ	2,118	4,117	1,998	48.5%	0	19		\$111
DC ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ	1,576,029	1,736,511	160,482	9.2%	213	2883	\$573	\$547
	3,100,812	3,184,359	83,547	2.6%	217	3006	\$654	\$744
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	78,605	79,334	730	0.9%	0	0		
	78,605	79,334	730	0.9%	35	572	\$185	\$137
ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ	3,179,417	3,263,694	84,277	2.6%	252	3578	\$2,606	\$889

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YTD = ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ ᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ ᑲᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦᐱᑦ

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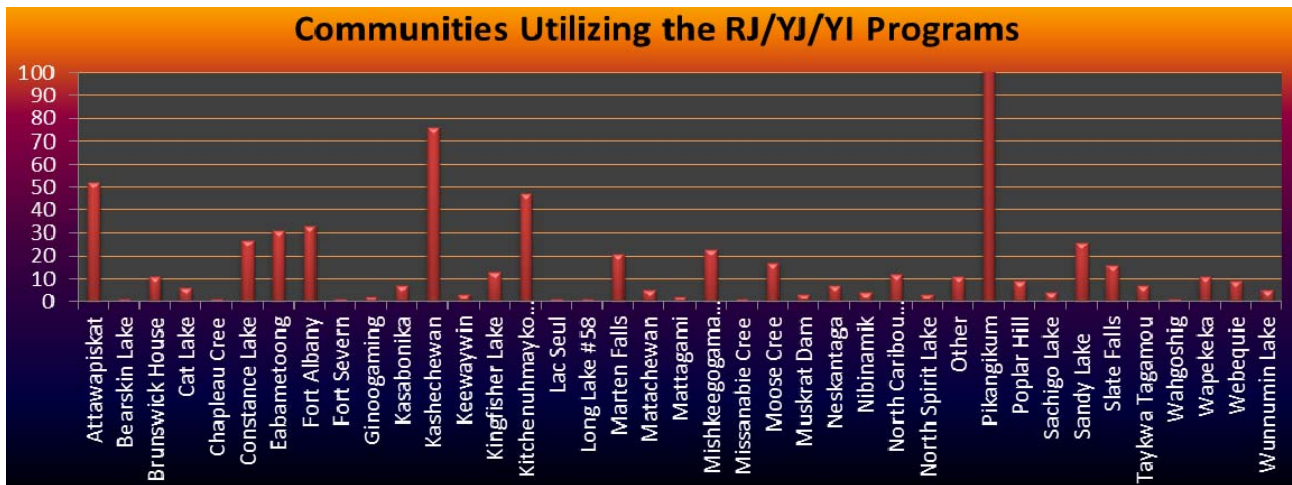
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Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2015

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Management's Responsibility

To the Board of Directors of Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation:

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the accompanying financial statements, including responsibility for significant accounting judgments and estimates in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. This responsibility includes selecting appropriate accounting principles and methods, and making decisions affecting measurement of transactions in which objective judgment is required.

In discharging its responsibilities for the integrity and fairness of the financial statements, management designs and maintains the necessary accounting systems and related internal controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are authorized, assets are safeguarded and financial records are properly maintained to provide reliable information for the preparation of financial statements.

The Board of Directors is composed entirely of Directors who are neither management nor employees of the Organization. The Board is responsible for overseeing management in the performance of its financial reporting responsibilities, and for approving the financial information included in the annual report. The Board fulfils these responsibilities by reviewing the financial information prepared by management and discussing relevant matters with management and external auditors. The Board is also responsible for recommending the appointment of the Organization's external auditors.

MNP LLP is appointed by the Board of Directors to audit the financial statements and report directly to them; their report follows. The external auditors have full and free access to, and meet periodically and separately with, both the Board and management to discuss their audit findings, as required.

July 30, 2015



Celina Reitberger

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement,

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations, and changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Other Matters

The supplementary information contained in the schedules is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not part of the basic audited financial statements. The information in the schedules was derived from the accounting records tested in forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole.

The financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2014 were audited by another firm of Chartered Professional Accountants.

Thunder Bay, Ontario

July 30, 2015

MNP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

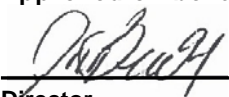
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Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2015

	2015	2014 <i>(Restated)</i>
Assets		
Current		
Cash	414,504	197,266
Accounts receivable <i>(Note 3)</i>	121,199	330,366
Prepaid expenses	4,123	27,732
HST receivable	200,219	105,243
	740,045	660,607
Capital assets <i>(Note 6)</i>	15,451	23,322
	755,496	683,929
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accruals <i>(Note 4)</i>	289,347	304,170
Deferred revenue <i>(Note 5)</i>	99,910	52,367
Government remittances payable	14,856	9,110
	404,113	365,647
Contingencies <i>(Note 7)</i>		
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	15,451	23,322
Unrestricted	555,941	550,549
Restricted	(220,009)	(255,589)
	351,383	318,282
	755,496	683,929

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors



 Director

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Invested in capital assets</i>	2015	<i>2014 (Restated)</i>
Revenue					
Legal Aid Ontario	1,992,394		-	1,992,394	1,808,422
Department of Justice	498,910	-	-	498,910	521,505
Ministry of Attorney General	192,000	-	-	192,000	191,955
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	1,548,115	-	-	1,548,115	1,492,133
Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing	52,834	-	-	52,834	67,373
Springboard	23,875	-	-	23,875	-
Other revenue	16,680	856	-	17,536	19,884
Interest income	-	4,228	-	4,228	-
Management fees	-	161,552	-	161,552	205,663
Donations	-	-	-	-	15,200
Internal transfers	-	-	-	-	32,500
Conference fees	-	-	-	-	46,400
Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership	-	-	-	-	40,000
Thunder Bay Credit Counselling	-	-	-	-	11,500
Settlement recovery	-	-	-	-	(19,756)
Add: prior year deferred revenue	52,367	-	-	52,367	1,000
Less: current year deferred revenue	(99,910)	-	-	(99,910)	(52,367)
Less: repayable to funder	-	-	-	-	(26,414)
Total revenue	4,277,265	166,636	-	4,443,901	4,354,998

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Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	<i>Restricted</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Invested in capital assets</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Expenses					
Administrative	49,945	-	-	49,945	76,361
Advertising	20,796	-	-	20,796	26,832
Amortization	19,927	-	-	19,927	25,435
Annual meetings of members	20,000	-	-	20,000	15,000
Bank charges	3,198	-	-	3,198	5,572
Board of directors - meetings	50,426	-	-	50,426	63,000
Community partnership	11,000	-	-	11,000	11,000
Computer	26,884	-	-	26,884	48,714
Consulting fees	2,300	-	-	2,300	52,560
Elder honourarium	20,281	-	-	20,281	9,705
Executive committees - meetings	2,052	-	-	2,052	7,514
Insurance and security	18,806	-	-	18,806	18,150
Janitorial	15,725	-	-	15,725	16,009
Law society fees	4,199	-	-	4,199	4,745
Lease rentals	12,473	-	-	12,473	5,447
Library	6,217	-	-	6,217	5,954
Management fees	161,552	-	-	161,552	162,793
Miscellaneous	3,703	-	-	3,703	6,581
Office supplies	89,971	-	-	89,971	110,540
Professional fees	38,700	1,613	-	40,313	52,677
Program evaluation	42,999	1,649	-	44,648	29,075
Rent and utilities	279,411	-	-	279,411	262,111
Salaries and benefits	2,698,759	116,565	-	2,815,324	2,572,338
Strategic planning	-	-	-	-	4,242
Telephone	70,309	-	-	70,309	70,269
Training	67,925	-	-	67,925	53,473
Travel	520,209	5,837	-	526,046	591,683
Workshops/circle expenses	33,436	-	-	33,436	10,341
Youth Justice summit	5,989	-	-	5,989	-
	4,297,192	125,664		4,422,856	4,318,121
	(19,927)	40,972	-	21,045	36,877
Other items					
Capital assets acquisitions included in expenses	12,056	-	-	12,056	18,193
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(7,871)	40,972	-	33,101	55,070
Net assets, beginning of year (restated) <i>(Note 13)</i>	(255,589)	550,549	23,322	318,282	263,212
Change in invested in capital assets <i>(Note 9)</i>	7,871	-	(7,871)	-	-
Interfund Transfer <i>(Note 10)</i>	35,580	(35,580)	-	-	-
Net assets, end of year	(220,009)	555,941	15,451	351,383	318,282

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Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	33,101	55,070
Amortization	19,927	25,435
	53,028	80,505
Changes in working capital accounts		
Accounts receivable	209,167	(208,500)
HST Receivable	(94,976)	(22,651)
Prepaid expenses	23,609	(14,409)
Accounts payable and accruals	(14,823)	4,811
Government remittances payable	5,746	(2,812)
Deferred revenue	47,543	(152,727)
	229,294	(315,783)
Investing		
Purchase of capital assets	(12,056)	(18,193)
Increase (decrease) in cash resources	217,238	(333,976)
Cash resources, beginning of year	197,266	531,242
Cash resources, end of year	414,504	197,266

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1. Incorporation and nature of the organization

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation (the "Organization") was incorporated by Letters Patent dated March 31, 1990 without share capital under the Canada Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization and thus is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act ("the Act").

The Organization was formed to plan, develop, deliver, co-ordinate and administer the provision of legal education and restorative justice, for the people of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation in a manner sensitive to and respectful of their unique cultural heritage.

2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations as issued by the Accounting Standards Board in Canada using the following significant accounting policies:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash held in chartered banks and petty cash.

Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably determined.

Amortization is provided using the straight-line method at rates intended to amortize the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives.

	Years
Computer equipment	3 years
Computer software	1 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years
System database software	5 years

Long-lived assets

Long-lived assets consist of capital assets. Long-lived assets held for use are measured and amortized as described in the applicable accounting policies.

The Organization performs impairment testing on long-lived assets held for use whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset, or group of assets, may not be recoverable. The carrying amount of a group of long-lived assets is not recoverable if the carrying amount exceeds the sum of the undiscounted future cash flows from their use and disposal. If the carrying amount is not recoverable, impairment is then measured as the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Fair value is measured using prices for similar items. Any impairment is included in excess of revenues over expenses for the year.

Leases

A lease that transfers substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership is classified as a capital lease. At the inception of a capital lease, an asset and a payment obligation are recorded at an amount equal to the lesser of the present value of the minimum lease payments and the property's fair market value. Assets under capital leases are amortized on a straight-line basis, over their estimated useful lives. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and rental payments are expensed as incurred.

An arrangement contains a lease where the arrangement conveys a right to use the underlying tangible asset, and whereby its fulfillment is dependent on the use of the specific tangible asset. After the inception of the arrangement, a reassessment of whether the arrangement contains a lease is made only in the event that:

- there is a change in contractual terms;
- a renewal option is exercised or an extension is agreed upon by the parties to the arrangement;
- there is a change in the determination of whether the fulfillment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of the specific tangible asset; or
- there is a substantial physical change to the specified tangible asset.

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Revenue recognition

The Organization uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions and reports on a fund accounting basis. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the Restricted Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the Unrestricted Fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized in the Restricted Fund depending on the nature of the restrictions. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the Unrestricted Fund when earned.

Contributed materials

Contributions of materials are recognized both as contributions and expenses in the statement of operations and changes in net assets when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials are used in the normal course of the Organization's operations and would otherwise have been purchased.

Measurement uncertainty (use of estimates)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary.

Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of capital assets.

Accounts payable and accruals are estimated based on historical charges for unbilled goods and services at year-end.

Deferred revenue is estimated based on managements assessment of the unspent amount of funding received as at year-end.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues and expenses in the periods in which they become known.

Financial instruments

The Organization recognizes its financial instruments when the Organization becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value, including financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in a related party transaction with management. Financial assets and liabilities originated and issued in all other related party transactions are initially measured at their carrying or exchange amount in accordance with CICA 3840 Related Party Transactions.

At initial recognition, the Organization may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. The Organization has not made such an election during the year.

The Organization subsequently measures investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations. Investments in equity instruments not quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at cost less impairment. All other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in the excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the current period. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost or cost.

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Fund accounting

The Organization report using fund accounting, and maintains three funds.

The Unrestricted Fund reports the Organization's revenue and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities.

The Restricted Fund reports assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses related to programs that are funded with restricted contributions.

Invested in capital assets reports the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses related to capital assets.

3. Accounts receivable

	2015	2014
Staff receivable	5,836	24,152
Receivable from funders	115,363	306,214
	121,199	330,366

4. Accounts payable and accruals

	2015	2014
Trade payables	133,552	85,212
Amounts repayable to funders	66,749	97,752
Salaries and benefits payable	89,046	121,206
	289,347	304,170

5. Deferred revenue

Deferred contributions consist of unspent contributions externally restricted for delivery of various programs. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specified expenditures are made. Changes in the deferred contribution are as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance, beginning of year	52,367	147,494
Amount received during the year	99,910	52,367
Less: Amount recognized as revenue during the year	(52,367)	(147,494)
Balance, end of year	99,910	52,367

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

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For the year ended March 31, 2015

6. Capital assets

			2015	<i>2014</i>
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	<i>Net book value</i>
Computer equipment	355,134	341,479	13,655	17,669
Computer software	62,995	62,995	-	-
Furniture and fixtures	146,855	145,059	1,796	5,653
Leasehold improvements	32,319	32,319	-	-
System database software	20,000	20,000	-	-
	617,303	601,852	15,451	23,322

7. Contingencies

The Organization is contingently liable to its funding agencies for any expenditures that it may have made in contravention of the contracts/agreements with these agencies. The actual amount of the contingent liability, if any, is currently not determinable.

8. Commitments

The Organization has entered into a lease commitment with Apitawin Limited Partnership that expires on November 30, 2015 with payments of \$500 per month.

The Organization has entered into a lease commitments with Moose Cree Properties that expires on March 31, 2018 with annual cost of \$7,066 plus HST, payable on a monthly basis.

The Organization has entered into a lease commitments with 757592 Ontario Inc. that expires on April 30, 2016 with annual cost of \$7,479 plus HST, payable on a monthly basis.

The Organization has entered into a lease for its voicemail system with TBayTel that expires on December 31, 2015 with monthly cost of \$239.

The Organization has entered into a lease for a number of photocopy machines with Compugen Inc. that expires on November 30, 2019 with payments of \$1,082 per month plus HST.

The Organization has entered into a lease for postage machine with Pitney Bowes that expires on June 30, 2019 with quarterly cost of \$1,343.

The amounts payable over the next five fiscal years related to the above leases are as follows:

2016	115,952
2017	27,880
2018	20,772
2019	12,982
2020	6,491
	184,077

9. Change in invested in capital assets

The change in invested in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>
Purchase of capital assets	12,056	18,193
Amortization expense	(19,927)	25,435)
	(7,871)	(7,242)

10. Interfund transfer

During the year, the Organization transferred \$35,580 from the Unrestricted Fund to the Organization's Restricted Fund to fund the deficit in the TALK program from prior years.

11. Economic dependence

The Organization's primary source of revenue is grants from various government agencies. The grant funding can be cancelled if the Organization does not observe certain established guidelines. The Organization's ability to continue viable operations is dependent upon maintaining its right to follow the criteria within funding guidelines. As at the date of these financial statements, the Organization believes that it is in compliance with these guidelines.

12. Financial instruments

The Organization, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

13. Correction of an error

During the year the Organization determined that the prior year HST receivable was overstated by \$129,058. For 2014 the impact of this correction has resulted in a decrease in HST receivable of \$129,058 and a decrease in restricted net assets of \$129,058.

14. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation.

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 1 - Schedule of Legal Aid Ontario Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 (Unaudited)	2014 (Unaudited)
Revenue		
Legal Aid Ontario	1,832,184	1,788,422
Other revenue	7,873	7,862
	1,840,057	1,796,284
Expenses		
Advertising	3,215	5,722
Annual meetings of members	20,000	15,000
Bank charges	2,232	3,842
Board of directors - meetings	24,584	42,790
Computer	14,508	41,569
Consulting fees	-	4,125
Executive committees - meetings	2,052	7,514
Insurance and security	18,806	18,150
Janitorial	14,225	14,509
Law society fees	4,199	4,745
Lease rentals	12,473	5,447
Library	6,217	5,954
Miscellaneous	2,616	1,188
Office supplies	30,840	42,408
Professional fees	37,525	44,318
Program evaluation (recovery)	-	(3,425)
Rent and utilities	157,137	154,695
Salaries and benefits	1,316,904	1,206,198
Strategic planning	-	4,242
Telephone	50,377	53,243
Training	12,195	7,173
Travel	109,241	116,320
Workshops/circle expenses	711	557
	1,840,057	1,796,284
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 2 - Schedule of Department of Justice - Aboriginal Justice Directorate Revenues
and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 (Unaudited)	2014 (Unaudited)
Revenue		
Department of Justice	498,910	521,505
Less: repayable to funder	-	(20,823)
	498,910	500,682
Expenses		
Advertising	5,012	2,983
Bank charges	966	1,730
Board of directors - meetings	18,050	15,000
Computer	2,713	3,419
Consulting fees	2,300	-
Janitorial	1,500	1,500
Management fees	37,000	37,000
Miscellaneous	-	100
Office supplies	10,288	6,428
Professional fees	-	6,159
Rent and utilities	26,245	20,141
Salaries and benefits	274,821	280,829
Telephone	13,809	13,192
Training	8,598	5,119
Travel	94,590	105,711
Workshops/circle expenses	3,018	1,371
	498,910	500,682
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 3 - Schedule of Ministry of Attorney General– Victim Witness Liaison Revenues
And Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2014 <i>(Unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Ministry of Attorney General	192,000	191,955
Expenses		
Advertising	1,474	1,411
Management fees	19,200	19,200
Office supplies	6,044	8,874
Program evaluation	10,000	10,000
Rent and utilities	13,443	10,956
Salaries and benefits	102,944	108,623
Telephone	3,315	3,834
Training	1,149	444
Travel	34,396	28,613
Workshops/circle expenses	35	-
	192,000	191,955
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 4 - Schedule of Talking Together Program Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2014 <i>(Unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	529,600	500,000
Other revenue	8,807	12,022
Add: prior year deferred revenue	1,000	1,000
Less: current year deferred revenue	-	(1,000)
	539,407	512,022
Expenses		
Advertising	8,149	4,821
Board of directors - meetings	7,792	5,210
Computer	9,663	3,726
Elder honourarium	12,646	9,705
Management fees	19,800	19,800
Miscellaneous	1,087	1,578
Office supplies	16,816	21,538
Program evaluation	15,500	-
Rent and utilities	35,359	41,191
Salaries and benefits	317,119	302,163
Training	9,034	18,383
Travel	80,865	92,667
Workshops/circle expenses	5,577	5,807
	539,407	526,589
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	(14,567)

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 5 - Schedule of Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2014 <i>(Unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Community Counselling Centre of Nipissing	52,834	67,373
Add: prior year deferred revenue	51,367	-
Less: current year deferred revenue	-	(51,367)
	104,201	16,006
Expenses		
Administrative	825	-
Elder honourarium	1,850	-
Management fees	2,927	7,130
Office supplies	1,348	-
Salaries and benefits	56,382	5,414
Training	4,870	-
Travel	30,117	3,462
Workshops/circle expenses	5,882	-
	104,201	16,006
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 6 - Schedule of MCYS- Community Youth and Justice Initiative Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 (Unaudited)	2014 (Unaudited)
Revenue		
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	369,284	369,279
Less: repayable to funder	-	(5,591)
	369,284	363,688
Expenses		
Administrative	16,441	22,727
Management fees	34,994	34,994
Office supplies	6,357	6,854
Professional fees	-	2,200
Program evaluation	-	11,500
Rent and utilities	14,694	15,310
Salaries and benefits	206,583	201,266
Training	6,610	5,175
Travel	83,605	63,662
	369,284	363,688
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 7 - Schedule of MCYS- Community Partnership Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue		
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	11,000	11,000
Expenses		
Community partnership	11,000	11,000
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 8 - Schedule of MCYS- Integration Services Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015 <i>(Unaudited)</i>	2014 <i>(Unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	574,795	611,854
Settlement recovery	-	(19,756)
	574,795	592,098
Expenses		
Administrative	32,679	53,634
Management fees	44,669	44,669
Office supplies	8,532	21,883
Professional fees	1,175	-
Program evaluation	17,499	11,000
Rent and utilities	29,760	19,818
Salaries and benefits	348,407	334,630
Training	25,469	17,179
Travel	52,135	95,777
Workshops/circle expenses	8,481	2,606
Youth Justice summit	5,989	-
	574,795	601,196
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	(9,098)

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 9 - Schedule of NAN-Wide Justice Summit Revenues and Expenses
For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue		
Conference fees	-	46,400
Internal transfers	-	32,500
Legal Aid Ontario	-	20,000
Ontario First Nations Limited Partnership	-	40,000
Thunder Bay Credit Counselling	-	11,500
	-	150,400
Expenses		
Advertising	-	7,024
Consulting fees	-	48,435
Miscellaneous	-	3,715
Office supplies	-	2,555
Salaries and benefits	-	3,200
Travel	-	85,471
	-	150,400
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 10 - Schedule of ADR Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue		
Ministry of Children & Youth Services	63,436	-
Expenses		
Advertising	301	-
Elder honourarium	5,785	-
Office supplies	46	-
Salaries and benefits	26,148	-
Travel	22,610	-
Workshops/circle expenses	8,546	-
	63,436	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 11 - Schedule of GLADUE Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	<i>(Unaudited)</i>	<i>(Unaudited)</i>
Revenue		
Legal Aid Ontario	160,210	-
Less: current year deferred revenue	(99,910)	-
	60,300	-
Expenses		
Advertising	2,645	-
Office supplies	9,566	-
Rent and utilities	2,773	-
Salaries and benefits	33,326	-
Telephone	2,808	-
Travel	8,239	-
Workshops/circle expenses	943	-
	60,300	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-

Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation
Schedule 12 - Schedule of Community Learning HUB Revenues and Expenses

For the year ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
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Revenue		
Springboard	23,875	-
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Expenses		
Management fees	2,962	-
Office supplies	134	-
Salaries and benefits	16,125	-
Workshops/circle expenses	243	-
Travel	4,411	-
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	23,875	-
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Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	-	-
