



Delaware Nation aims to foster safer communities with new justice project

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MORAVIANTOWN, ON (November 11, 2011) – The Delaware Nation at Moraviantown will officially launch its new Lenape Justice Project on Monday, November 14, 2011, a move which the Nation hopes will ultimately result in safer communities for people on the First Nation as well as in surrounding regions. “We’re providing alternative remedies which focus on restoring people to wellness, not punishing them,” says Delaware Nation Chief, Greg Peters.

The Lenape Justice Project addresses non-violent crimes in a way that is more culturally appropriate. It searches for solutions that encourage offenders to take responsibility for their actions, and make amends with their victims and communities. The project also arranges support for offenders to help them in their healing and rehabilitation.

The Lenape Justice Project is a result of a partnership between the Delaware Nation, the Chatham-Kent Crown Attorney’s Office, as well as the Chatham-Kent OPP, Chatham-Kent Police Service and the Moravian Police Service. That partnership is a symbol of how the Lenape Justice Project is trying to bring communities together. “The Delaware Nation is hoping this project demonstrates to the surrounding communities that we want to work with them to create mutual trust and understanding, for the benefit of us all,” say Chief Peters.

Monday’s media event will include the signing of a *Protocol Agreement* by the Lenape Justice Project’s partners, followed by a community feast. The event begins at 5PM at the Delaware Nation Community Centre, located at 14811 School House Line, Bothwell, Ontario.

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