

## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is “qathet Community Justice Society”
2. The purposes of the Society are as follows:
  - a) To organize, administer and coordinate programs, committees and resources to respond to and prevent incidents of crime, conflict and wrongdoing, including but not limited to the following:
    - i) To bring together volunteers, community leaders and representatives in order to develop, implement, operate and monitor community justice programs;
    - ii) To assist offenders in taking responsibility for their actions and repairing the harm done to victims and community, encouraging them to understand, accept, and carry out their obligations;
    - iii) To support those harmed by crime, conflict or wrongdoing, enabling them to describe the impact of the crime or incident and to express what is needed to make things right;
    - iv) To reconnect victims and offenders with the community through engagement;
    - v) To organize other committees, relationships and partnerships for the purpose of implementing the objectives of the Society;
  - b) To promote and foster the public’s participation and understanding of community justice
  - c) To enlist and recognize the services of people and other organizations in making the community a safer place;
  - d) To communicate and liaise with all levels of government and, without limitation, police departments, schools, school boards, educational organizations, probation services and the court system, in implementing programs, policies or activities related to the purposes of the Society
  - e) 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
  - f) To cooperate with other organizations (whether incorporated or not) which have purposes similar in whole or in part to the purposes of the Society

### NOTES TO qCJ STEERING COMMITTEE

- This Constitution drafted June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Based upon the constitutions of the following BC Restorative Justice Charities:
  - North Shore Restorative Justice  
<https://dq5pwpg1q8ru0.cloudfront.net/2022/04/29/14/08/29/7fdb7230-84a0-429b-87ac-a3890cce9915/Bylaws%20%20%20Constitution.pdf>
  - Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association  
<http://www.arjaa.org/constitution-and-bylaws>