

THE GLADUE PROGRAM

There are 12 Gladue workers (six writers and six caseworkers) at Nishnawbe Aski Legal Services who prepare Gladue reports and provide aftercare support for qualifying First Nation members from Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN). Our team members are presently based in Thunder Bay, Timmins, Kenora and Red Lake.

The Gladue program is one of numerous programs available at NAN Legal. Other programs include: Indigenous Bail Verification and Supervision, Community Legal Workers, Community Learning HUB (online programming), Victim Witness Liaison, Talking Together (child welfare matters), Restorative Justice options for adults and youth (pre-charge and post-charge), and Public Legal Education.

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Indigenous people are entitled to Gladue rights before sentencing

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WHAT IS GLADUE?

Gladue comes from a Supreme Court of Canada 1999 decision that said judges must take into account the unique circumstances of an Indigenous person when sentencing, especially if they are facing prison time. This is mainly done through Gladue reports which tell an Indigenous person's story and provide recommendations for healing to help determine an appropriate sentence.

WHAT IS A GLADUE REPORT?

Gladue reports are written reports that detail:

- The person's life story from childhood to present and their family history.
- Relevant information about their community and broader issues facing Indigenous people, such as intergenerational trauma from residential schools or the Sixties Scoop.
- Recommendations for alternatives to incarceration that are restorative and based on healing, culture and language.

Gladue reports are prepared by Gladue Writers and submitted to the person's lawyer, the Crown attorney and the judge.

GLADUE RECOMMENDATIONS

Gladue recommendations are submitted alongside the Gladue report for the court to consider as part of the sentencing. They are prepared by Gladue Caseworkers in consultation with the person based on their needs and goals that are real, achievable and personalized. The Gladue Caseworkers provide aftercare support and help the community member achieve those goals and guide them through their healing journey if needed.



HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE A GLADUE REPORT?

It takes about 6 to 8 weeks for our Gladue team at NAN Legal to complete a Gladue report. This allows time to interview the person and other people in their lives, gather records where applicable, and write the report.

HOW TO REQUEST A GLADUE REPORT

If you are facing a possible prison sentence and are a member of a NAN community, you can have a Gladue report completed through our program by advising your lawyer to request that one be ordered by the court. They can then complete our Gladue request form available on our website (nanlegal.on.ca) or complete a downloaded fillable form and include the requested court documents. Once received and accepted, the Gladue manager will assign your matter to a Gladue Writer and Caseworker. Please note that there must be guilt found either by plea or trial for a Gladue report to be ordered by the court.