



Waskaganish Presentation Cree Justice Symposium

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Issues Faced by Waskaganish

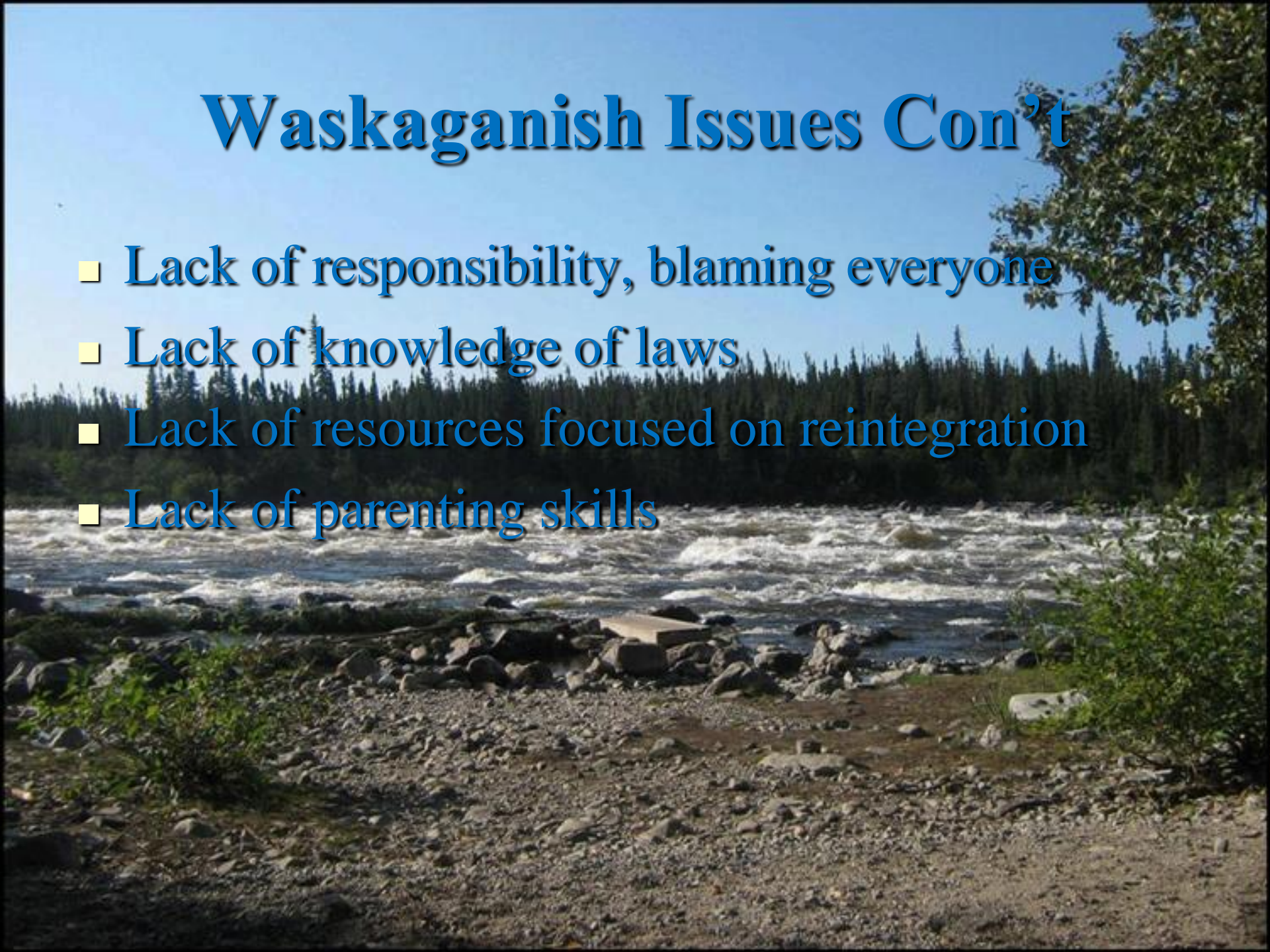
- Thefts – bicycles, Ski-doo's, many other items
- Break-ins – To steal food to eat or wild meat to sell for cash
- Poverty – Root of many issues we face, resentment and anger in relation to different levels of wealth
- Too much exposure to violence
- Bullying, harassment among younger kids
- Repeat offenders, relates to backlog of cases, feeling of rejection among offenders

Waskaganish Issues con't

- Drug use
- Alcohol Use
- Solvent abuse
- Witnessing people using drugs and alcohol – imitation
- Loss of values
- Lack of reporting crimes, don't want to be involved, it's not my problem, fear of reprisal
- Lack of enforcement of certain laws and by-laws, also lack of consistency

Waskaganish Issues Con't

- Lack of responsibility, blaming everyone
- Lack of knowledge of laws
- Lack of resources focused on reintegration
- Lack of parenting skills



Suggestions

- Early intervention – teach values to kids
- Training for parents on parenting
- Support programs for young and single parents
- Prevention and information campaign directed toward kids
- Provide assistance and support to police
- More activities and more variety of activities for kids

Suggestions con't

- More traditional activities/more time on the land
- More sustained and consistent application of laws and by-laws
- Need of Family Oriented Healing programs
- Let the Youth Centres be Youth Centres
- Speed up the process so that cases can be hear sooner

What would your community like to see from the CRA?

- Research into various programs and funding we have not utilized
- Mobilizing communities to take action
- Development of a program to be taught in schools relating to crimes and policing.
- Regional awareness strategy

What will we contribute?

