

## OCDC Hunger Strike - Indigenous Peoples Demands

### Cultural and Spiritual Needs:

1. The ministries of the Solicitor General and the Attorney General must release all incarcerated Indigenous peoples immediately, especially women and youth.
2. OCDC must hire an Indigenous support person immediately: in addition to violating our rights, the OCDC fired the Native Inmate Liaison Officer (NILO) last week. She was our only support. We need her back.
3. OCDC must stop denying us our right to practice our traditional ceremonies: some of us have been here for months without receiving any spiritual support. OCDC even cancelled the last summer solstice ceremony, which makes it the fourth change of season ceremony in a row OCDC cancels.
4. OCDC must provide us with all our traditional medicines, including tobacco, in medicine bags to be handed to us in a respectful manner.
5. OCDC guards must stop handling our medicines with their bare hands: we warned the guards numerous times that this practice violates our rights, but to no avail.
6. When the weather forbids, OCDC must allow us to smudge indoors: this is in accordance with the Ministry of the Solicitor General's own [Correctional Services' Indigenous Rights policy](#), which the OCDC does not respect.
7. OCDC must allow Indigenous prisoners from all genders to use the sweat lodge and the longhouse that were built on the jail's premises.
8. OCDC must provide interpreters for Inuit prisoners: some Inuit prisoners don't speak English fluently. This makes it almost impossible for them to navigate the jail and court systems.
9. OCDC must provide Indigenous prisoners with an alternative diet: the diet of Indigenous prisoners who are living on the land is rich in game meat. The diet OCDC provides us while incarcerated is inadequate and makes us sick.