

# POKAGON JUSTICE CENTER

Dowagiac, Michigan



**Cost:** \$3.5 Million

**Expected Completion:** Fall 2017

**Client Information:** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
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**Services Provided:** Architecture  
Interiors  
Civil  
Structural  
Mechanical  
Electrical  
Plumbing

Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering was commissioned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to design a cutting edge native justice center to serve the Pokagon Band tribal members. Native Justice is focused on the healing of the individual and the healing of the community as a whole. Pokagon Band is developing an initiative to restore the spirit and ideals of native justice within the Pokagon Community. Native Justice or more commonly referred to as Peacemaking is

an alternative route to justice and an entirely different way to define justice. The new justice center will allow native justice center staff to provide the proper spaces for individuals to participate in peacemaking efforts through the use of a circular court and informal peacemaking round room. The Peacemaking room will have a fire pit as the main focal point. Both of the large spaces will focus on cultural aspects of justice compared to traditionally western judiciary practices.

<http://www.pokagon.com/government/tribal->

