



## February 2022 Newsletter

The content in this newsletter may be upsetting for some. If you require immediate support, please contact the **Hope for Wellness Help Line** at 1-855-242-3310 to access toll-free, 24/7 counselling and crisis intervention.



## We Are The Witnesses

The Survivors' Secretariat came to be in 2021 through the determined efforts of a small group of Mohawk Institute Survivors. After the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation reported that 215 children were buried on the grounds of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C., they came together to create an organization to coordinate a similar search on the grounds associated with the Mohawk Institute. Learn how this first step has evolved into a Survivor-led process to uncover and share the truth about what happened at the Mohawk Institute.

**[READ THE BLOG POST »](https://www.survivorssecretariat.ca/we-are-the-witnesses/)**

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## 600 Acres to Search

The Mohawk Institute grounds cover more than 600 acres of land near Brantford, Ontario. This vast area means that the search for unmarked burials will take over two years as Survivors and community members carefully search the area using ground-penetrating radar and LiDAR technology. Click to learn more about the geographic areas connected to the Mohawk Institute and which areas are currently the focus of our search.



**READ MORE »**

<https://www.survivorssecretariat.ca/searching-the-grounds-of-the-mohawk-institute/>



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*Survivor Group from left to right: Dawn Hill, Marilyn Morley, Sherlene Bomberly, Diane Hill, Roland Martin, Roberta Hill, and John Elliot. Absent: Geronimo Henry, Blanche Hill-Easton, Alfred (Lonnie) Johnson, Darlene Laforme, Tony Bomberly*

## Founding Survivor Group

We celebrate the courage and dedication of the Mohawk Institute Survivors who founded the Survivors' Secretariat and continue to direct and oversee its work today.



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## Do You Recognize Anyone?

Every month we will share a new photo from Know History, a historical services company that helps organizations like ours research and document the past. We invite you to help us identify the children. If you recognize someone, please contact us at [info@survivorssecretariat.ca](mailto:info@survivorssecretariat.ca).



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# News Stories About The Survivors' Secretariat

Looking for news about the Survivors' Secretariat? We have added a page on our website with links to news stories, radio shows and TV reports. Click the button below to visit the page and read the latest about the Survivors' Secretariat in the news.

**READ THE NEWS »**

<https://www.survivorssecretariat.ca/in-the-news/>

## Services Available to Survivors, and Intergenerational Survivors

If you require immediate support, please contact the **Hope for Wellness Help Line** at **1-855-242-3310** to access toll-free, 24/7 counselling and crisis intervention. The Hope for Wellness Help Line offers immediate mental health counselling and crisis intervention to all Indigenous peoples across Canada. Experienced Helpline counsellors, many are Indigenous, can help if asked to find wellness supports that are available in your area.

**The Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line (1-866-925-4419)** is available 24 hours a day for anyone experiencing pain or distress as a result of their residential school experience.

**The Indigenous Victim Services at Six Nations Line (1-866-964-5920).**

After hours & weekends: 1-866-445-2204. Available to people living in Brantford, Hamilton or the Six Nations community.



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