



May 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.



How Technology Is Helping Survivors Uncover the Truth

In addition to gathering records, maps, and documents, Survivors have obtained and are learning how to use technology, such as ground-penetrating radar (GPR). Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) is also being used to search the lands associated with the former Mohawk Institute for unmarked burials. The Survivors' Secretariat is one of the first communities to use LiDAR for this purpose.

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<https://www.survivorssecretariat.ca/technology-gpr-and-lidar/>



Thousands of Records Exist: Yet Most Are Not Accessible

Throughout Canada, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of documents and records related to residential schools exist. These records are in many different formats, including: audio files, images/photographs, official reports, digitized documents, and handwritten letters. There may also be “unofficial” records stored in private offices, homes, schools, and other locales. Unfortunately, **only a small number of those** relating to the Mohawk Institute are currently accessible. The Survivors’ Secretariat’s goal is to find and examine every document and record related to the former Mohawk Institute.

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Employment Opportunities

There is a new section on our website listing full-time, part-time, and contract employment opportunities with the Survivors' Secretariat. These opportunities will be posted throughout the year for people to get involved.

VIEW JOB LISTINGS »

<https://www.survivorssecretariat.ca/employment-opportunities/>

What Survivors' Testimonies and Records Reveal About the Mush Hole

This new section will be included in every edition of the Survivors' Secretariat newsletter. In it, we will share one or two facts identified about the former Mohawk Institute that we learned about from Survivors and the research team at Know History.

In this edition, we share with you the important fact that many communities, more than originally thought, had their children taken to the Mohawk Institute. Recent Survivor information, matched with records received from various sources, **have identified as many as 33 Impacted Communities.**

The Survivors' Secretariat continues to collect records and receive information from Survivors and their families. Currently, the total number of communities that had their children taken to the Mohawk Institute is still unknown.

As we continue to discover, uncover and confirm new information from documents and records, and hear from Survivors, we encourage you to learn more on our [website](#), through our [newsletters](#) and by following us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



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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.



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New 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 news about the Survivors' Secretariat.

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

Services Available to Survivors, and Intergenerational Survivors

If you require immediate support, please contact Hope for Wellness Help Line at **1-855-242-3310** to access toll-free, 24/7 counselling and crisis intervention. 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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