



2021-2022

SURVIVORS' SECRETARIAT

ANNUAL REPORT

The Survivors' Secretariat was established in 2021 to organize and support efforts to uncover, document and share the truth about what happened at the Mohawk Institute during its 140+ years of operation.



Survivor-Led



Community-Involved



Trauma-Informed

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Laura Arndt
Secretariat Lead

"I want to begin by acknowledging the Survivors of the Mohawk Institute and all Survivors across Turtle Island. It is because of your survival that we, your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and relatives are here today. Your courage and commitment to uncovering the truth, documenting the evidence, and sharing what happened is why the Survivors' Secretariat exists."

On behalf of the Survivors' Secretariat, I want to thank Chief Mark Hill and the Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council for "Standing with Survivors" by urging the federal and provincial governments to provide the resources needed to uncover, document, and share the truth about what happened at the Mohawk Institute. We thank Six Nations for allowing the Survivors' Secretariat to access \$1.4 million in immediate funding. This allowed our organization to begin immediately rather than wait for formal funding agreements with Canada and Ontario. We thank the Woodland Cultural Centre, the Mohawk Village Memorial Park, and the Mohawk Chapel for their partnership, collaboration, and support for one another.

I want to thank the Multi-Jurisdictional Police Task Force for mobilizing investigative resources, laying search grids, and Chief Darren Montour of Six Nations Police for mobilizing the resources of his police service so quickly and for his work in helping us establish. I also want to acknowledge Chief Rob Davis of the City of Brantford Police Service and Inspector Tina Chalk of the Ontario Provincial Police for their team's assistance.

A special thank you to Kimberly Murray for her support and guidance throughout the establishment of the Secretariat. We are indebted to Kimberly for her early leadership and all that she has done while she with us and in her new role as Independent Special Interlocutor for Missing Children and Unmarked Graves and Burial Sites associated with Indian Residential Schools.



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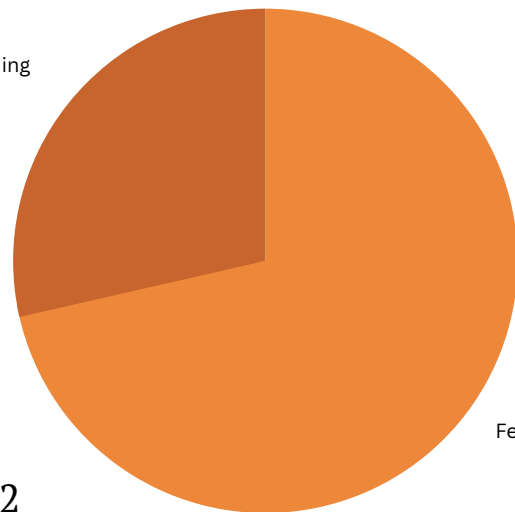
Laura Arndt, Secretariat Lead

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

APPROVED FUNDING

Six Nations of the Grand River managed all financial transactions for the 2021- 2022 fiscal year.

Provincial Funding
28.6%



Federal Funding
71.4%

Provincial funding received in March, 2022
Federal funding received in April, 2022

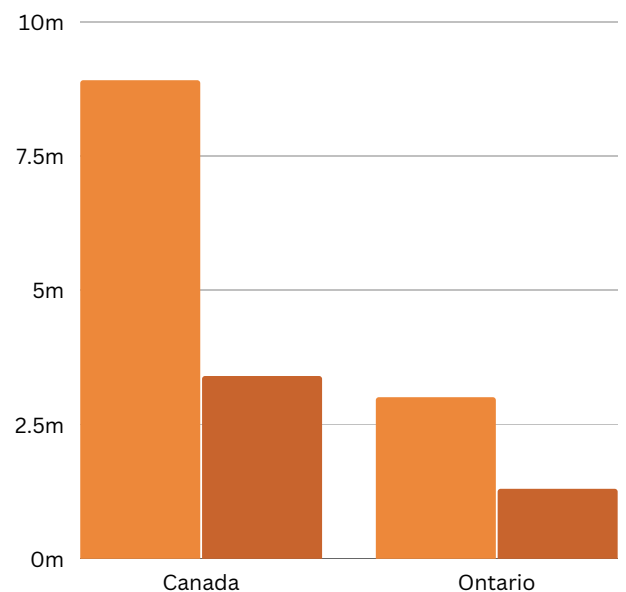
REQUESTED FUNDING

- \$26.4 M requested from Canada over 3 years
- Requested funding: \$8.9 M/year for 3 years
- Approved funding: \$2.4 M 2021-2022

\$2,400,000 = 28 %
of overall requested funds

- \$9 M requested from Ontario over 3 years
- Requested funding: \$3 M/year over 3 years
- Approved funding: \$1.2 M 2021-2022

\$1,200,000 = 40%
of overall requested funds



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

EXPENSES

Six Nations of the Grand River provided accounting assistance and interim funding throughout our 2021-2022 fiscal year. This allowed us to mobilize quickly and is why our AGM is not accompanied by audited financial statements. After receiving provincial and federal funding in the Spring of 2022, the Secretariat was able to reimburse Six Nations of the Grand River in full.

Expensed:

\$1,464,327.62

Approved:

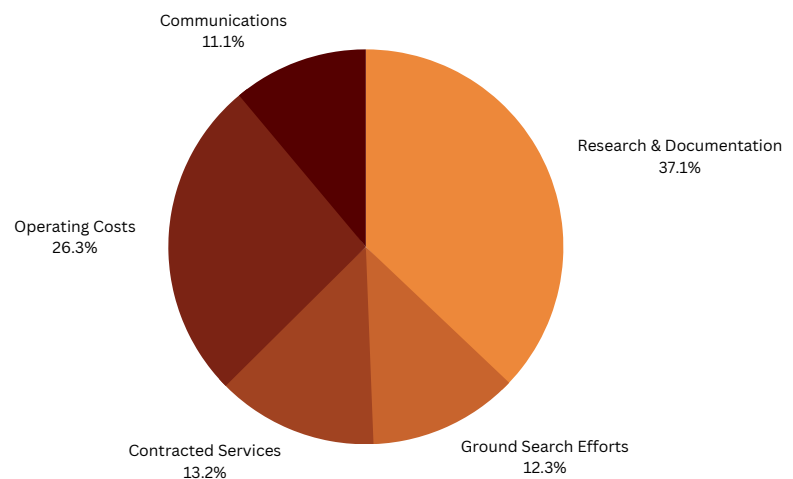
\$3,699,750.00

Carry-Over:

\$2,235,422.38

What is Interim Funding?

When an organization temporarily loans funding to another organization until they are able to secure their own funding.



Expense Category	Total	% of Expense
Research & Documentation	\$542,913.16	37%
Ground Search Efforts	\$180,184.60	12%
Contracted Services (Labour Related Costs)	\$192,972.53	13%
Operating Costs	\$385,839.27	26%
Communications & Marketing	\$162,418.06	11%
TOTAL	\$1,464,327.62	100%

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1.

Secured Interim Funding

Six Nations of the Grand River (SNGR) urged the federal government to provide resources to establish the Survivors' Secretariat. SNGR also agreed to provide accounting assistance and \$1 M interim funding.

2.

Multi-Jurisdictional Police Task Force

Led by Six Nations Police and supported by the Brantford Police, and Ontario Provincial Police the Multi-Jurisdictional Police Task Force was launched in the fall of 2021 following a strategic planning session with Mohawk Institute Survivors.

3.

Human Rights, Cultural Monitors & Lead Investigator

Dr. Beverley Jacobs joined as the Human Rights Monitor. Peter Schuler and Wendy Hill joined the Secretariat as Cultural Monitors. Mark Pritchard was brought on as a lead investigator and liaison between the Secretariat and police task force.

4.

Office Renovations

We found an office space here at Six Nations at 2676 Fourth line, the former Our Sustenance building, and began converting the building into office space.

5.

Established an Agreement with Know History

Established our initial agreement with Know History historical services and entered into initial discussions with Animikii to create a database to house records, documents, and data associated with the Mohawk Institute.

6.

Secured Provincial and Federal Funding

Government of Ontario approved \$1.2 M in 2021-2022 funding and the federal government approved \$10.3 M in funding over three years (\$2,499,750 M in 2021-2022).

7.

Began Conducting Ground Search

Purchased Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) system and refurbished an existing GPR system. Completed over 320 hours of GPR training for 16 individuals. Collected GPR data on 37 grids and LiDAR data on 10 acres around the Mohawk Institute.

8.

Recruited for the Inaugural Board of Directors

Recruitment for the inaugural Board of Directors began in March 2022. Members were installed in the first month of the new fiscal year (2022-2023)



CREATION OF THE SURVIVORS' SECRETARIAT



May

2021

Jun



After the discovery of 215 potential child burials at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, Survivors of the Mohawk Institute began to meet weekly to determine how they would search the 600 acres of land associated with the former Mohawk Institute.

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Chief Mark Hill writes an open letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on May 31, calling on the federal government to provide Six Nations with the resources needed to search the grounds of the former Mohawk Institute



July

Aug



Survivors announce that Six Nations of the Grand River will provide \$1 M in interim funding to support the creation and work of the Survivors' Secretariat.

Survivors urge police to initiate a criminal investigation into missing children and unmarked burials relating to the Mohawk Institute.

Survivors hire Kimberly Murray as the Executive Oversight Lead to assist them in establishing the Secretariat.

A Police Task Force is created to investigate deaths of children associated with the Mohawk Institute and to find out who died, how they died, and where they are buried.

The Task Force is led by Six Nations Police, with the assistance of the Brantford Police and the OPP.



Sept

Oct



GPR machines purchased.
Human Rights Monitor and two Culture Monitor positions are established.
A Chief Operating Officer is hired.

With the help of the police task force 60 grids are laid and training begins on how to use the GPR machines.



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Survivors' Secretariat is officially incorporated. A strategic planning meeting is held with Survivors to determine next steps in recovering missing children and unmarked burials.

Nov

2021



Survivors Secretariat enters in to a relationship with Know History to conduct archival research.



Dec

Survivors meet with former Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Justice Murray Sinclair. The Secretariat scans 10 acres of land with LiDAR technology.

2022
Jan



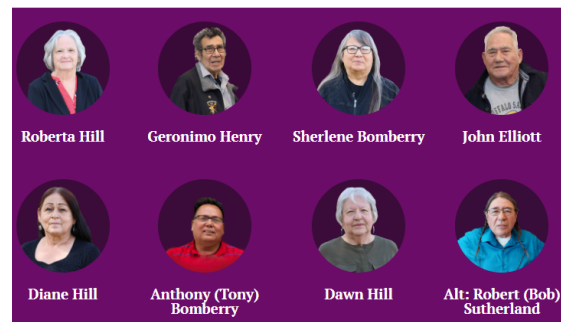
The federal government announces \$10.3 million in funding over three years to support the work of the Secretariat.



Mar

NCTR Agreement is put into place between Survivors' Secretariat and the NCTR to share records relevant to the Mohawk Institute.

Apr



The Survivors' Secretariat Board of Directors is established with seven Survivors and one alternate member.



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