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Impact of residential schools: A flurry of potential burial sites discovered

Kahnawake, March 2, 2022 — Quebec Native Women (QNW) is saddened by the discovery of 169 potential graves on the site of a former residential school in Alberta. QNW supports the Kapawe'no First Nation as well as all those who are also continuing their research on their territory, such as the Williams Lakes Nation in British Columbia and the Keeseekoose Nation in Saskatchewan.

All of the recent discoveries that followed those in Kamloops show us that the search is still going on in the communities. The increasing number of Indigenous children being found also indicates that the search for the truth by families and loved ones is far from over, but is necessary in the healing process.

"We are uniting our voices with those of Indigenous families and communities across Canada in order to ask the government to take the necessary steps so that we can finally shed light on the identity of the children, the causes and the reasons for their deaths," says Marjolaine Étienne, President of QNW.

About QNW

Founded in 1974, Quebec Native Women is a non-profit organization that represents First Nations women in Quebec as well as urban Indigenous women. Femmes autochtones du Québec | Femmes autochtones du Québec (faq-qnw.org)

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