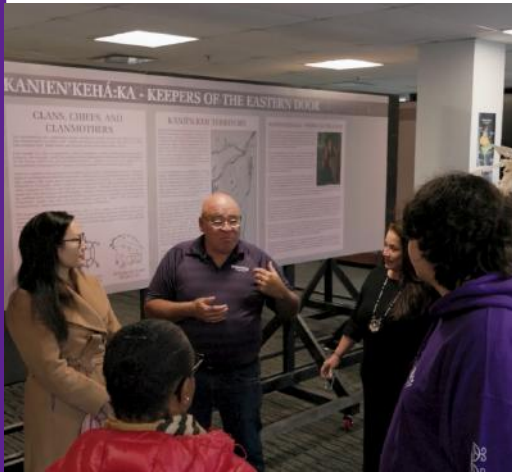




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# KAHNAWÀ:KE TOURISM

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## CULTURAL AWARENESS MONTH

In Kahnawà:ke, April means only one thing... Cultural Awareness Month! Throughout the month of April, Kahnawà:ke Tourism is bringing back the weekly noon hour free Cultural Tours at the Kahnawà:ke Language and Cultural Center. Hayden (Stage Student) will be conducting these tours! Every Wednesday we will be offering free guided tours.

Whether you're a local resident or a visitor to the area, Cultural Awareness Month offers a meaningful way to connect with the community and gain a deeper understanding of its history and way of life. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us!



SCAN TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!





## MAPLE FEST SUGAR SHACK BRUNCH RECAP

On Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, we hosted a celebration of local heritage as the 9th Annual Maple Fest transformed the grounds into a vibrant showcase of maple culture at the Knights of Columbus. With an impressive turnout of over 500 attendees, the event buzzed with excitement, community spirit, and the irresistible aroma of sweet maple treats.

The day started with a delightful Sugar Shack brunch by The Rail, praised by attendees. In partnership with Caisse Populaire, the event celebrated traditional maple offerings and featured over 20 vendors showcasing handmade goods, intricate beadwork, baked treats, and flavorful popcorn, each item reflecting the region's creativity and commitment to quality.

Adding to the festivities were special attractions that delighted all ages. Local favorite Hannah Deer charmed visitors with enchanting horse and buggy rides, while the dynamic duo, Mitchell and Jada Horne, captivated the crowd by serving up delectable maple taffy on a stick. History came alive as Arihhón:ni David led a fascinating storytelling session, recounting the rich legacy of maple syrup production that has been a cornerstone of our community for generations.

The vibrant competitive spirit of Maple Fest shone brightly during the "Best Maple Syrup in Town" contest. The judges were thoroughly impressed by the flavors, ultimately awarding Kyle Zacharie the top prize. Sweet Beavers and Kaienthokwen followed closely as the runner-up contenders in this close competition. A survey was conducted, and Samantha Lahache emerged as the fortunate winner of a \$50 Maple Goods gift bag graciously sponsored by Kaienthokwen!

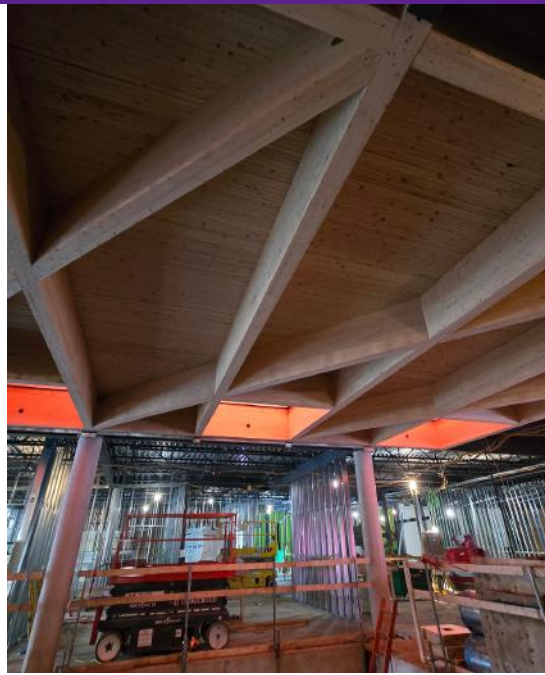
This year's Maple Fest was not only a celebration of a beloved tradition but also a vibrant gathering that brought the community together to appreciate local flavors, artistic expressions, and enduring cultural heritage. As we look forward to next year's festivities, the spirit of maple continues to sweeten the lives of everyone in our community.

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*We enjoyed the brunch very much. It was well organized and everyone was friendly. We had plenty to eat and the price was right.”*

-Trip Advisor Review





## CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Over the past few years, the Building Committee team has been busy, planning and promoting the new Cultural Arts Center. On March 18th, the Kanien'kehá:ka Onkwawén:na Raotitióhkwa Language and Cultural Center (KORLCC) welcomed the partner organizations employees board of directors to attend a presentation from Aviseo on the Business Plan for the Center. The room was filled with excited faces to see all the plans and visuals of the project and see how things will operate once the doors open next year. It was a very informative session that gave many details on the way that the center's day to day will run, as well as the financial expectations to run this size operation.

KORLCC, Turtle Island Theater, and Tourism are going to be collaborating and planning to make sure that every opportunity to use the facility will be maximized, benefitting the community and visitors. The excitement was heightened as everyone walked away with a more detailed idea of what is to come next Spring!

## LET'S TALK TOURISM

Let's Talk Tourism is a great opportunity to learn more about what we do at Kahnawà:ke Tourism. Learn about the following topics:

- Strategic Initiatives
- Tours / Tour Guides
- Youth Leadership Program
- Cultural Arts Center
- Upcoming Events
- More!

On March 18, 2025, we held our first "Let's Talk Tourism" session at Desjardins bank, providing information to over 15 attendees. The second session on March 27 attracted around 10 individuals who inquired about the Welcome Center. We look forward to more participation at future events and encourage everyone to come ask questions!



## TUNE IN TO OUR LATEST PODCAST EPISODE



### KWAKARATÓN:NI - EPISODE 13

The latest episode of the Kwakarátón:ni Podcast series was recorded at the end of March with special guests David McComber, Katsitsí:io Brooke Splicer, and Kanorahrítha Albany, who came to talk about the sweet treat that everyone is harvesting and processing, Wáhta (Maple)! It was a very interesting and inspiring discussion about how each person has worked with the land to collect and process the sap into the delicious syrup we use. We are very proud to highlight that so many in Kahnawà:ke are tapping trees in their yards or in the forests with their families and the

positive connections and teachings that it brings. Putting in the work to make syrup makes one appreciate the amount of sugar water that makes syrup. Not only is syrup a sweet treat for us, maple syrup contains many minerals that are not found in white sugar, the maple water also serves as a detoxifier for the liver! Proving how much positivity comes from the gift of maple trees. Keep an eye out for the episode to be posted on Kahnawà:ke Tourism’s website in the coming weeks!



#### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

What it means to us

EPISODE 10 >



#### INDIGENOUS FASHION COLLECTIVE

EPISODE 11 >



#### FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

EPISODE 12 >

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# TOURS



We kicked off the start of the tour season by welcoming a group of students from Buxton School who visited the Kahnawà:ke Language and Cultural Center. This educational visit covered various topics such as:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Language Revitalization
- Food Sovereignty
- Lands
- Residential Schools

## TRIP ADVISOR REVIEWS

### “lovely khanawake history introduction!

Stopped by the visitor’s center to get directions to the cultural center. warm, friendly staff gave us perfect directions, and we were absolutely delighted by the exhibits at the cultural center. first nation’s history should always be told by first nations museums, and this museum is such a good example of community-authored history! engaging stories, interesting objects and artworks, and they have a research library, too.”

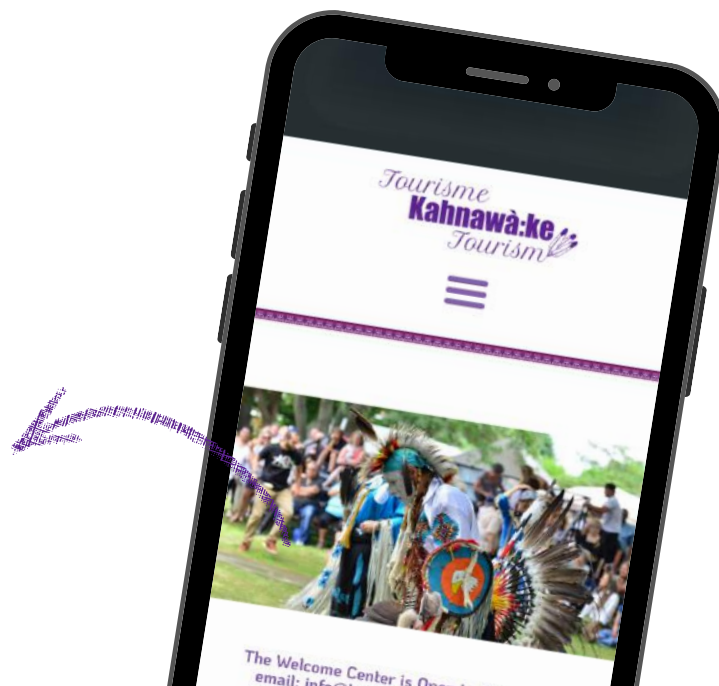
### “Awesome start to learn more about the Nation!

Lianne was super informative and helpful in ensuring my journey and future trips are set up for success and happiness. I would highly recommend a trip to the tourism office.”

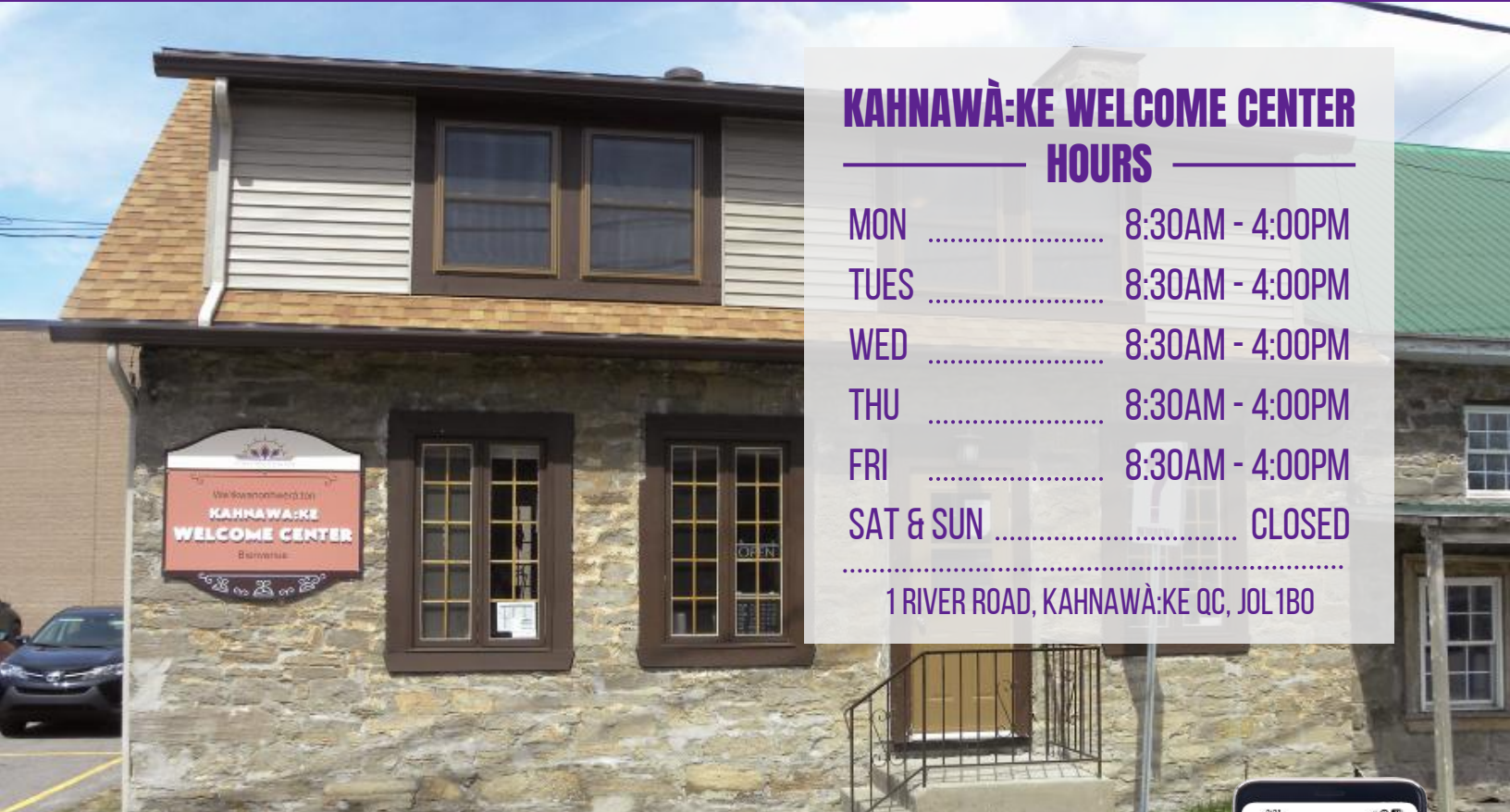
### “Great experience

We all had a great time on Sunday March 23, 25 at the sugaring off event. Despite the cold weather outside, the atmosphere inside was warm. The food was fabulous. The horse and buggy ride was awesome. Great vendors as well. It was very well organized. Looking forward to this event next year.”

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## KAHNAWÀ:KE WELCOME CENTER HOURS

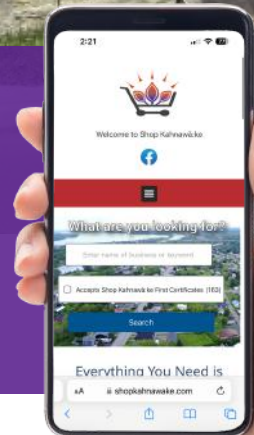
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## SHOP KAHNAWÀ:KE

[Shopkahnawake.com](http://Shopkahnawake.com)

Shop Kahnowà:ke Gift Certificates are now available for purchase at the Welcome Center! Gift certificates can be given as a gift for that special occasion and can be redeemed in over 100 business locations in Kahnowà:ke. Visit the Shop Kahnowà:ke Facebook page and website for more information.



## BOOK A TOUR WITH US

To experience all that Kahnowà:ke has to offer, we invite you to book one of our many fun and informative tours or join us at one of our many cultural events.

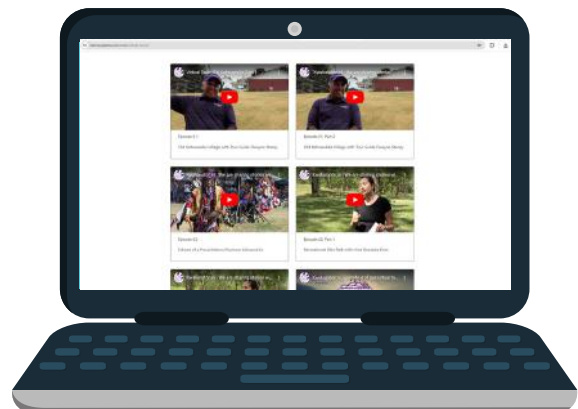


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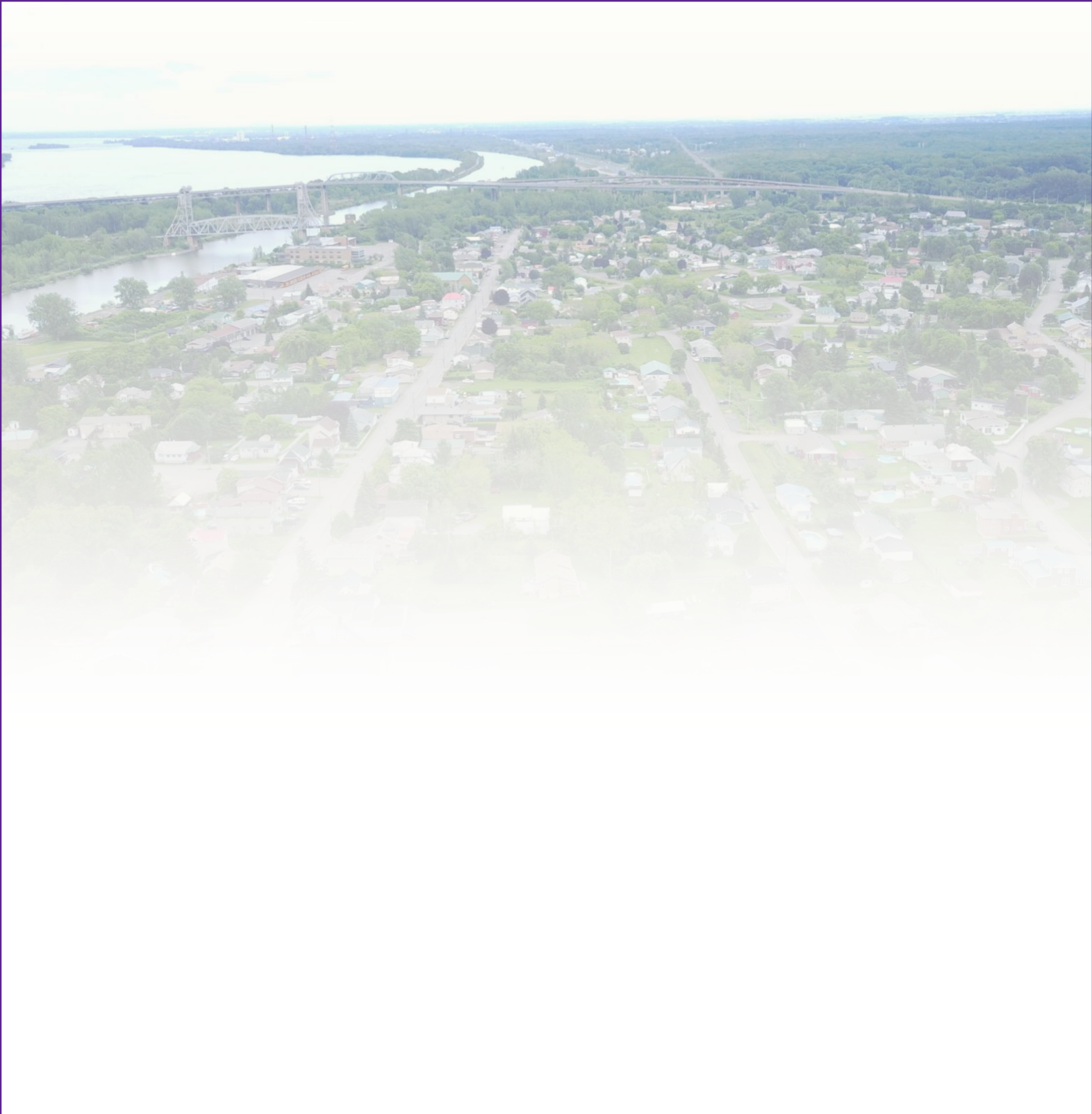
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