



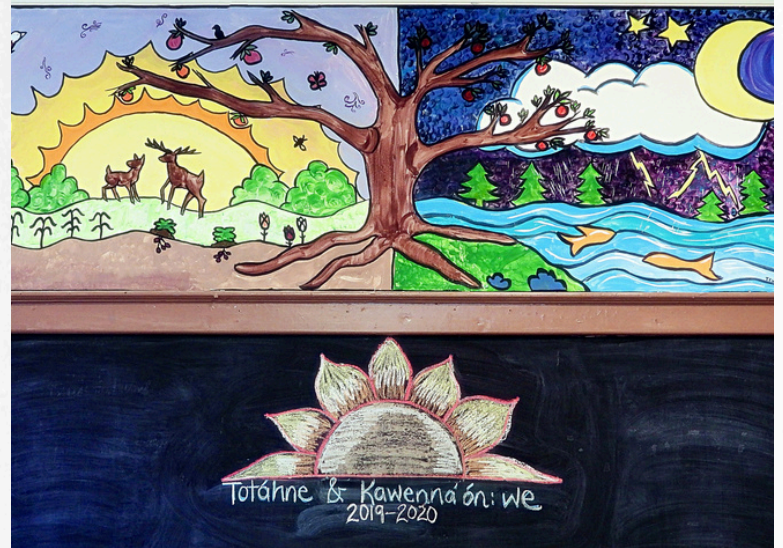
PARTNER WITH US

Building up the Mohawk language
through the Kenhtè:ke Mohawk
Language and Culture Centre

ABOUT US

Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na believes the world is made better by Kanyen'kehà:ka culture, knowledge, and ways of knowing. Each day, we work to share and preserve our culture for generations to come, creating a better future for all.

We welcome everyone to learn about our past, experience our present, and join in our bright future.



We were established in 2000 by a group of community members concerned with the critical state of the Mohawk language in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. Our name means *keeping the words alive* and our mandate is to revitalize Onkwewonwenaha, or our way of being in the world.

Our Mohawk language programs include a nursery, a primary school (K-4), accredited/non accredited adult programs, and collaborating with various other stakeholders. We are an incorporated not-for-profit serving the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and all of those seeking to learn about the Rotinonhsyón:ni worldview.

OUR BUILDING TEAM



Callie Hill
CEO



Dr. Daniel Brant
Project Manager

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Committee
of local
community
members



THE BUILDING

9,900
square
feet

Situated
on nine
acres of
land

Employing
Indigenous
Peoples



Classroom
space for
100



Gathering
space for up to
150



Local workers
and vendors
on the job site



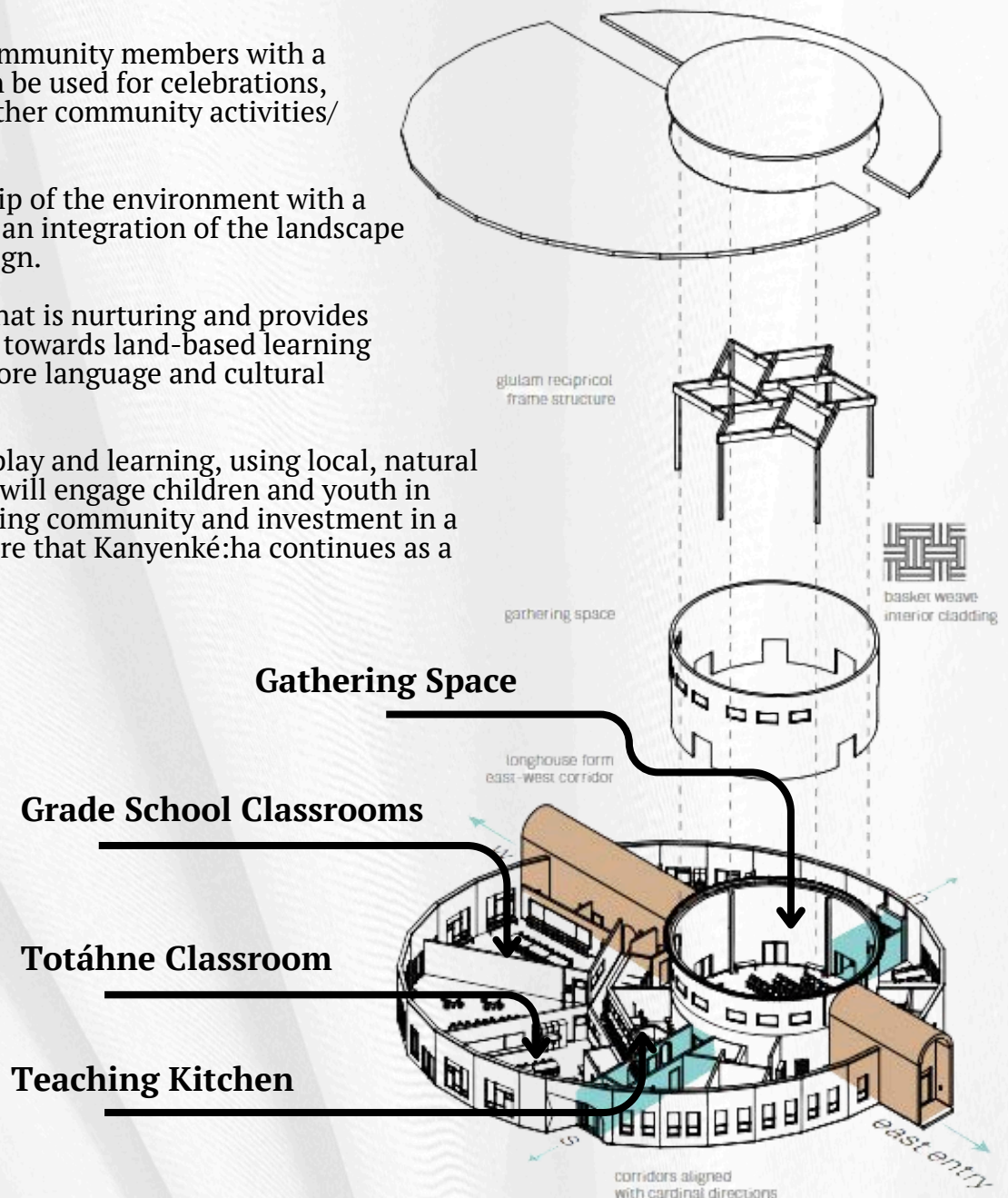
Built to a
Zero
Carbon
Standard
(Canada
Green
Building
Council)



THE BUILDING

The Kenhté:ke Language and Cultural Centre will be a space that:

- Preserves and revitalizes Onkwehonwe'néha (our ways of knowing and being) – language, culture, arts, spirituality, and traditions on Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. These programs will be supported by flexible learning/classroom spaces with connections to nature.
- Enhances the learning experience of all Kenhtekeró:non and ensures their children are raised as Kanyen'kehà:ka.
- Ensures that Kenhté:ke community members have a facility that can be used for healthy living strategies and activities.
- Provides Kenhté:ke community members with a gathering space that can be used for celebrations, gatherings, feasts and other community activities/programs.
- Exemplifies stewardship of the environment with a Zero Carbon design and an integration of the landscape as a core part of the design.
- Includes a landscape that is nurturing and provides programming dedicated towards land-based learning and opportunities for more language and cultural revitalization efforts.
- Incorporates outdoor play and learning, using local, natural materials. These spaces will engage children and youth in physical play. This growing community and investment in a cultural centre will ensure that Kanyenké:ha continues as a living language.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are grateful to have received a \$9.6 million contribution to this project from the Government of Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings program (GICB). Additionally, the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council (MBQ) has committed \$1 million to the capital project.

Today, the core building is funded and we are now fundraising an additional \$3 million to invest in landscaping - including an interpretive centre - as well as furnishings, equipment, and staff to expand our cultural programming and workshops to build up the Mohawk language and culture for generations to come.

All contributions are welcomed and valued towards this important resource for our community. TTO is a registered charity and donations may be eligible for tax receipts.



RECOGNITION AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Those wishing to support the Kenhtè:ke Mohawk Language and Culture Centre can be identified as project partners and work with our team to enhance cultural awareness and understanding among your networks.

Kará:ken Ohwihstanó:ron - \$500K (2 available)

In addition to the Ohwihstanó:ron recognition opportunities, Platinum (Kará:ken Ohwihstanó:ron) sponsors will receive permanent signage on the “Wall of Sponsors” at the Centre, a speaking engagement from our CEO, and one full-day Corporate Cultural Training Session at the Centre per year for 10 years (value \$50K).

Ohwihstanó:ron - \$250K (4 available)

In addition to the Kahwihstará:ken recognition opportunities, Ohwihstanó:ron (Gold) sponsors will receive signage at the building site during construction, a speaking engagement from our CEO, and one full-day Corporate Cultural Training Session at the Centre per year for five years. Ohwihstanó:ron sponsors will also be mentioned in all project press releases.

Kahwihstará:ken - \$100K (5 available)

In addition to the Athéhsha Nikaristó:ten recognition opportunities, Kahwihstará:ken (Silver) sponsors will be invited to all project events and provided with a full-day Corporate Cultural Training Session at the Centre at a time of their choosing.

Athéhsha Nikaristó:ten - \$50K (8 available)

In addition to the Ó:yente recognition opportunities, Athéhsha Nikaristó:ten (Bronze) sponsors will be recognized on our project website, our social media channels, on project materials, and in our Annual Report.

Ó:yente - \$10K (10 available)

Ó:yente (Wood) sponsors will be recognized as sponsors of a tree or bench on the Kenhtè:ke Mohawk Language and Culture Centre property through signage.

CORPORATE CULTURAL TRAINING SESSIONS

Learning Opportunities

Our cultural and training sessions provide an in-depth understanding of the history and present of Kanyen'kehá:ka (Mohawk). These day-long sessions look at all aspects of our community life including our people, our history, our spirituality, our politics and sociology, and our economic realities.

With Kanyen'keha (the Mohawk Language) as the thread that holds our worldview together, participants will understand how our people relate to the world, our many contributions to science and agriculture, and how relations between non-Indigenous peoples and Kanyen'kehá:ka are still being shaped and negotiated today.

Your Instructors

Callie Hill, Turtle Clan, Mohawk Nation at Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, holds a Master's Degree in Indigenous Language Revitalization from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Toronto Metropolitan University in Indigenous Governance. Callie brings a passion for making meaningful contributions to the local community and the Mohawk Nation. She possesses over 20 years of experience in the Indigenous Language Revitalization field. A keen listener, Callie is committed to empowering others by providing support and information. She has remained an employee of Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na since 2004.

Iehnhotonkwas Bonnie Jane Maracle, Wolf Clan, Mohawk Nation at Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, holds a bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Studies from Trent University, a bachelor and master's degree in Education from Queen's University, and is a PhD Candidate in Indigenous Studies at Trent University. Bonnie has retired from position as the Indigenous Learning Strategist at University of Toronto but remains on staff at First Nations House as a Traditional Teacher in Residence. Additionally she has remained an Instructor for the Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization program for the past 20 years at the University of Victoria, and a member of the TTO Board.

Book a Session

Tsi Tyónnheht Onkwawén:na is pleased to offer this session, and additional cultural offerings in our future building, to supporters of this project. Please contact us to learn more.



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