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HHRDD HISTORIC HUMAN REMAINS DETECTION DOGS

TO SEARCH FOR UNMARKED GRAVES AT SAQ QUEBEC GOVT. LIQUOR WAREHOUSE

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On May 9, 2024, the SociÃ©tÃ© des Alcools du QuÃ©bec (SAQ) issued a press release announcing that construction work for a new warehouse in Montrealâ??s east end will soon resume after the completion of an archaeological inventory performed by the firm it hired, ArkÃ©os. In January 2024, the Kanienâ??keha:ka Kahnistensera (Mohawk Mothers), in tandem with the ComitÃ© des Orphelins et Orphelines InstitutionalisÃ© des Duplessis, had reached out to the SAQ to ask for measures to protect human remains on a site where the SAQ wants to build a new automated warehouse for wine, beer and spirits.

The grounds upon which this development project is situated have a tragic history. It was used as a mass grave where the unclaimed bodies of thousands of patients of the St-Jean-de-Dieu psychiatric hospital were fed to the pigs called â??the cemetery of the illâ?• or â??the pigsty cemeteryâ?•. Indigenous patients were present in addition to Duplessis Orphans, who are largely Quebecois children born out of wedlock or from low-income families that were sent to asylums and orphanages. They were abused after being incorrectly re-categorized as intellectually disabled by Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis. They were kept in forced labour, denied education rights, sexually abused and experimented upon. The Sisters of Providence, who ran St-Jean-de-Dieu, said they exhumed the entire cemetery in 1967. But many additional bodies were found after the SAQ bought the land and started to build a warehouse, in 1975. After further construction in 1999, bones were reportedly found that were never confirmed to be non-human.

Since last January, the Kanienâ??keha:ka Kahnistensera [Mohawk Mothers] and the Duplessis Orphans have met with SAQ representatives to discuss a respectful and thorough search for human remains before any construction work begins. On April 10, 2024, all parties agreed that an archeological inventory would be gathered using the SAQâ??s contractor ArkÃ©os provided that the Canadian Archaeological Associationâ??s Working Group on Unmarked Graves (CAAWGUG) would peer-review the reports and provide additional recommendations before the construction begins. A traditional Mohawk condolence ceremony was conducted and then

The SAQ received the CAAWGUG recommendations on May 9, 2024, just after the SAQ announced they would be continuing construction beginning next week, following the completion of ArkÃ©osâ?? preliminary archaeological report. As the leading national body of experts formed to address the need for research into the mass genocide of Indigenous people at sites like residential schools, the CAAWGUG recommended the use of Historic Human Remains Detection Dogs (HHRDD), and to identify any human bones

found by ArkÃ©os on the site. So far nearly half have not yet been determined as human or animal. The CAAWGUG recommended further investigation using archaeological techniques based on their expertise in finding and identifying unmarked graves and burials to be conducted before any development commences.

In light of the CAAWGUGâ??s recommendations and according to our agreement with the SAQ, that there will be further discussions before development continues as announced in its press release. We all want to rely on expertise and best practices. We expect to continue the cooperative and respectful spirit of previous discussions. As the CAAWGUG stated, continuing the development without further investigation would risk disturbing and potentially destroying the graves of the most vulnerable of our society. They died of maltreatment while survivors were retraumatized in one of the darkest chapters of our history. Such a decision would be unprecedented in our discussions with the SAQ thus far regarding a respectful and thorough investigation. We would not meet with anyone intent on disturbing the graves of the dead for the sake of commercial development. We are committed to a respectful dialogue and to implementing the advice of the best experts to respect and honor the survivors and the memory of the victims of these atrocities.

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Judy Garland searched for answers to life and finally threw in the towel and sang that â??life is just a bowl of cherriesâ?•:

People are queer, theyâ??re always crowing, scrambling and rushing about

Why donâ??t they stop someday, address themselves this way?
Why are we here? Where are we going? Itâ??s time that we found out
Weâ??re not here to stay; weâ??re on a short holiday
Life is just a bowl of cherries
Donâ??t take it serious; itâ??s too mysterious
You work, you save, you worry so
But you canâ??t take your dough when you go, go, go
So keep repeating itâ??s the berries
The strongest oak must fall
The sweet things in life, to you were just loaned
So how can you lose what youâ??ve never owned?
Life is just a bowl of cherries
So live and laugh at it allLife is just a bowl of cherries
Donâ??t take it serious; itâ??s too mysterious
At eight each morning I have got a date
To take my plunge â??round the Empire State
Youâ??ll admit itâ??s not the berries
In a building thatâ??s so tall
Thereâ??s a guy in the show, the girls love to kiss
Get thousands a week just for crooning like this
Life is just a bowl of, aw, nuts!
So live and laugh at it all!

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