



# MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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## Government of Canada Funding Opens the Door to Canadian Heritage Site

**June 29, 2026** – A \$30,500 Government of Canada investment through the [Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario](#) (FedDev Ontario) was received to welcome people to and help share the history of Christ Church, His Majesty's Chapel Royal of the Mohawk in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

This funding helped the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte organize and host a fiddle extravaganza, a major organ recital, two stringed instrument and organ concerts, five choral recitals with renowned choirs from Kingston and Toronto, as well as hosting His Royal Highness Prince Edward and Ontario's Lieutenant Governor. In total, these events brought roughly 1,000 visitors through the doors of Christ Church.

"We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of FedDev Ontario," says Chief R. Donald Maracle. "This funding allowed us to host a total of 10 events, which brought in visitors from Barry's Bay, Montreal, Toronto and beyond, as well as community members and 'local' tourists from Prince Edward County throughout the summer months. These events also allowed us to distribute brochures on Christ Church HM Chapel Royal and Dr. Oronhyatekha to visitors."

The remainder of funding was used to purchase an air conditioning system for Christ Church. This has significantly reduced humidity, which not only helps preserve the historic pipe organ but also keeps visitors more comfortable during their time inside.

Funds raised through ticket sales and free-will offerings all went directly to the Christ Church Restoration Fund, which greatly assisted with various repairs such as the annual refinishing of the exterior oak doors and the required tuning and maintenance of the church's historic pipe organ.

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