



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY FOR FIRST NATIONS IMPACTED BY WILDFIRES

July 22, 2026 – The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte stand in solidarity with the First Nations across Turtle Island who have been impacted by the ongoing wildfires.

As communities face evacuation, displacement and uncertainty, our thoughts are with everyone affected. We recognize the strength and resilience being shown in the face of these challenges. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the firefighters, first responders, emergency personnel, and community members working tirelessly to protect their families, homes and territories.

We have seen stories of heartbreaking and devastating losses suffered by Namaygoosisagagun First Nation (Collins Bay First Nation) and Whitewater Lake First Nation. We are also aware that Eabametoong First Nation, Whitesand First Nation, Kiashe Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation), Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Lac des Milles Lacs First Nation, Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation (Lac La Croix First Nation), McDowell Lake First Nation and Deer Lake First Nation have declared states of emergency, are under evacuation orders, are sheltering away from home, or continue to face uncertainty about when they can safely return home.

The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte call on the Province of Ontario to ensure that affected First Nations receive timely, coordinated, and adequately resourced emergency response. As recovery begins, continued partnership and sustained support will be essential to helping communities rebuild safely and with dignity.

As First Nations, we understand the importance of standing together and supporting one another through difficult times. Our greatest strength is our unity. This was underscored by yesterday's [Nishnawbe Aski Nation \(NAN\) press conference](#), where NAN Leadership – including from Namaygoosisagagun First Nation and Whitewater Lake First Nation – called on the federal and provincial governments to ensure appropriate resources and supports are put in place and to remove jurisdictional barriers to immediately respond to calls for help. Gull Bay First Nation has also called for public inquiry into these wildfires and the lack of evacuation co-ordination and support for First Nations.

To all the impacted First Nations, please know that you are not alone. The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte stand with you and remain committed to seeking opportunities to provide meaningful support as your communities begin to recover and rebuild.

We also encourage our Community Members to support relief efforts assisting all those displaced by the fires. Anyone who wishes to help can make a donation through the Anishinabek Nation via e-transfer to an7gc@anishinabek.ca or online at <https://an7gc.ca/donate/>.

Locally, if you are able to help, [First Nations Technical Institute \(FNTI\)](#) immediately launched a donation drive and received incredible support. While FNTI are no longer accepting donations, they are still seeking volunteers to organize and pack items to send to those who need them. For details on how you can volunteer, please follow [FNTI on Facebook](#).

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