



MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE

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Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Support of Ongoing Police Investigation

September 24, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council (TMC) wishes to thank Tyendinaga Police Service (TPS) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau for their collaboration in an ongoing investigation.

This investigation is to address illegal cannabis grow operations in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and remove non-members of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte associated with organized crime. As mentioned in yesterday's police statement (page 2 of this statement) these grow-ops involve non-Indigenous exploitation of Indigenous rights and lands, and arrests have been made (page 3 of this statement). TMC and TPS are reminding the community that there are processes that need to be followed in order to complete a successful investigation, and this takes time. We all want to keep these operations out of our community going forward.

TMC and TPS received a Community Safety Petition, signed by hundreds of community members, asking for these illegal operations to be dealt with, and we wish to thank the community for their support in keeping our community safe. TMC and TPS also hope for the community's continued support as this investigation continues to unfold.

For any media inquiries pertaining to this investigation, please e-mail angie.sloan@opp.ca.

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STATEMENT

ONGOING INVESTIGATION

After an extensive investigation, the Tyendinaga Police Service, in partnership with the Ontario Provincial Police Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau, will be executing search warrants on the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory relating to illegal cannabis production.

During this operation, there will be a significant police presence necessary to preserve public safety and apprehend those responsible. The public may encounter restricted areas of containment. Although every effort will be made to secure the affected areas, there is potential for suspects to evade police. We request that members of the public do not approach these individuals and report to police by calling 9-1-1.

This investigation involves non-Indigenous criminal organizations exploiting Indigenous rights and lands, regrettably aided by a limited number of community members. The projected profits, estimated in the millions, serve only to benefit those community members and the associated criminal organizations – not our community. Tyendinaga is not alone in this struggle, as numerous Territories are plagued by the presence of criminal organizations. In response many Territories have put aside ideological differences taking action to remove these criminal organizations and those jeopardizing the safety and security of our communities.

Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

TYENDINAGA POLICE SERVICE



STATEMENT

INVESTIGATION UPDATE

We thank our community members for their continued patience and understanding as enforcement efforts unfold. Police action took place yesterday and will continue today as part of the ongoing investigation.

Yesterday, officers recovered stolen property, seized firearms, and halted unlawful diversion of water from the Bay. Several individuals have been taken into custody, including five who are not members of the community.

A significant police presence will remain in the area as the investigation continues.

Further updates will be provided as information becomes available.