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## ***Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation Conducting a Feasibility Study for Potential Housing Project in Brantford***

**For Immediate Release: August 23, 2023** - The Six Nations of The Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) is conducting a Feasibility Study to potentially develop high-density residential housing on 431 West Street in the City of Brantford, Ontario.

The land is currently vacant and owned by the Six Nations of the Grand River. The preliminary plans contemplate the potential to develop approximately 490 rental suites.

As part of preliminary due diligence, SNGRDC initiated a comprehensive Feasibility Study, including archeological, geotechnical, and environmental assessments. The studies were carried out between April and August 2023 and unearthed essential insights.

The environmental assessment noted that a portion of the property exceeded the acceptable standard for the presence of lead in the soil. Remediation of the lead-affected area will involve excavating up to 250 tonnes of soil and transporting the soil to an accredited, licensed disposal facility not located on the Six Nations territory. Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council (SNGREC) have approved a plan to remediate the land.

It is projected that less than 20 trees will need to be removed during the soil remediation process. To ensure environmental balance and ecological sustainability, SNGRDC is committed to replacing each tree with a 10:1 ratio at a suitable location as approved by the SNGREC.

Following a successful soil remediation, SNGRDC will progress towards the next steps in making a final recommendation to the SNGREC should the development be deemed viable. This includes soliciting input from Brantford City Council, identifying a reputable construction firm for the design and construction of the housing complex, and securing funding.

SNGRDC remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing projects that enhance the quality of life for the Six Nations community and contribute to its growth and prosperity.

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## **Quotes**

“The remediation of 431 West Street is a critical next step to utilize the untapped potential of Six Nations’ land in the City of Brantford. Once completed, Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation looks forward to presenting an innovative housing solution to achieve the highest and best use of the property.”

- **Matt Jamieson, President & CEO, Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation**

“This is a great step in the right direction to further assist our community members living in Brantford.” Chief Mark B. Hill said. “Our relationship with our neighbours in Brantford is an important one. We look forward to the city’s full support in this initiative.”

- **Elected Chief Mark B. Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River**

## **About Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation:**

Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) manages Six Nations’ economic interests in 20 renewable energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities in and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC’s current green energy portfolio is capable of producing over 1300 MW of renewable energy through its direct or indirect involvement in seven solar and 13 wind projects. SNGRDC is located on the Six Nations Reserve and employs an average of 110 employees through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects. For more information, please visit [www.sndevcorp.ca](http://www.sndevcorp.ca).

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**About Six Nations of the Grand River:**

Six Nations of the Grand River comprises nine Councillors, one Elected Chief, an executive leadership team, and several departments that provide programs, events, services, and more to the Six Nations community.

Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council is the political governing body of the Six Nations of the Grand River territory. Six Nations is the only First Nation community that includes all six Haudenosaunee nations and is the most populous First Nation community in the country. For more information, please visit [www.sixnations.ca](http://www.sixnations.ca).

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