



# MAMISARVIK HEALING CENTRE IN OTTAWA REOPENS WITH RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

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Tungasuvvingat Inuit (TI) is pleased to announce that on September 14th, 2020 the Mamisarvik Healing Centre reopened following the temporary closure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In mid-March of 2020, the Mamisarvik program made the difficult decision to shut its doors due to COVID-19. The delivery of a residential program was in mid-stream and the Mamisarvik staff took great care and consideration to ensure every individual of the treatment program was safely placed before the program was paused. This show of resiliency to ensure a respectful process and consideration of the well-being of the individuals was appreciated by the clients and families. On Friday, March 20, 2020, the last client was successfully placed and the group said goodbye to each other.

TI Executive Director, Amanda Kilabuk said, "Despite this being a sensitive and challenging process we are incredibly proud of the achievements during this difficult time. Within the week, Mamisarvik successfully transitioned to a remote delivery model utilizing the existing online case management software and teleconferencing technology. As a result, our staff was able to conduct both group and individual counselling sessions which safely tracked the client's progress. It was remarkable to witness."

The aftercare programming has also continued seamlessly following the shutdown and allowed former clients to continue to be supported by the Mamisarvik team.

Kristel Ghobril, Treatment Manager, added, "The re-opening of our facility will allow our clients to continue their healing journey in a safe and nurturing environment. We are again accepting applications and encourage Inuit in Ontario that is investigating a healing program to apply to Mamisarvik today."

Mamisarvik Healing Centre provides professional, confidential, non-judgmental recovery for Inuit men and women that are 18 years of age or older. All programming has been modified to COVID-19 safe practice standards following Ontario Public Health guidelines. Mamisarvik is currently recruiting new team members to join this exciting program. Please refer to [TIONTARIO.CA/CAREERS](https://www.tiontario.ca/careers) for more information.

For more information on attending the Mamisarvik program, contact 613-792-8132 x226 or email [MHCintakes@tiontario.ca](mailto:MHCintakes@tiontario.ca)

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