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Shingwauk survivors seek yearbooks; Need to document their claims for compensation

Posted By Corina Milic

Posted 8 hours ago

Local residential school survivors need old yearbooks to help settle residential school claims fairly, according to the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association.

Many former students lived at residential schools but attended high schools in Sault Ste. Marie in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. To prove their cases, the association recommends showing as much documentation as possible, including yearbook photos.

"It's like they re-victimized the elders. These people are now 60 to 70," said Claudette Chevrier, a residential health support worker.

She said some seniors are disgruntled at the settlements they have already received because the government is paying them for three to four years, when many were in the residential school system for 12. The problem is government records pertaining to these individuals were lost or destroyed between 1954 and 1959, said Chevrier.

Borrowed yearbook photos should help build their cases, she said.

The association is asking Saultites to lend it any yearbooks, between 1950 and 1970, from three local high schools: Sir James Dunn Collegiate and Vocational School, Sault Technical and Commercial High School and Sault Collegiate.

For more information or to lend a yearbook, call the National Residential School Survivor Society at 942-9422 or drop by the office on 450 Frontenac St.

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