



JUSTICE FOR GRASSY NARROWS

Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation (Grassy Narrows) in northern Ontario was a vibrant and largely self-sufficient community with 95% employment in occupations directly tied to the river and land in which they're situated.

That was, however, until a paper company heartlessly dumped 9,000 kg of untreated mercury into their river system between 1962 and 1970—resulting in one of Canada's worst environmental disasters.

**OVER 50 YEARS LATER,
JUSTICE HAS YET
TO BE SERVED.**





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**THE EFFECTS OF MERCURY,
IT'S A SILENT KILLER.
TAKES ITS TIME AND SLOWLY
WORKS ON YOU. YOUR NERVES,
YOUR STRENGTH, YOUR VISION.
EVERYTHING STARTS TO GO
AWAY A BIT OVER TIME.**

**- ROBERT WILLIAMSON,
TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE KEEPER**

For more than five decades, the people of Grassy Narrows have been fighting for their rights, urging the government to address the mercury crisis. The mercury poisoning has now affected this community for three generations with deadly consequences—especially for youth.



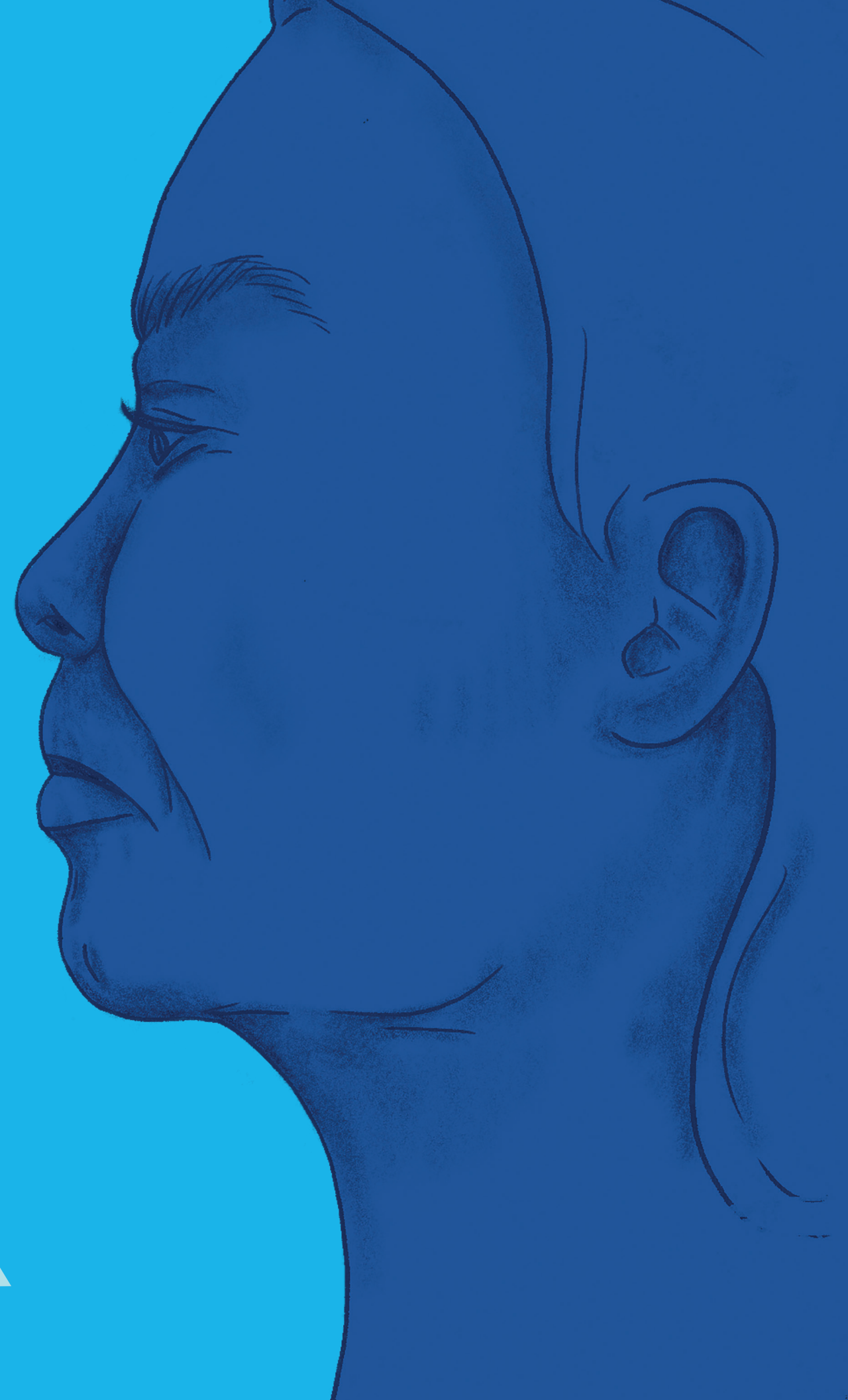
On June 20, 2019, members of Grassy Narrows First Nation and their supporters took to the streets of Toronto for their bi-annual River Run event—a march and protest organized to call for mercury justice.

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**OUR PEOPLE HAVE ACTIVELY
BEEN TRYING TO PROTECT
THIS LAND FOR SO LONG
... WE'RE FIGHTING THIS BIG FIGHT ...
WE NEED SOLIDARITY ... OUR VOICES
ARE SMALL BUT WHEN
PEOPLE STAND WITH US,
IT BECOMES POWERFUL.**

**- JUDY DA SILVA,
GRASSY NARROWS MOTHER,
GRANDMOTHER AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS AND
ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE**



Today, Grassy Narrows is pursuing fair compensation for the whole community in order to restore the wellbeing and culture that mercury stole from them.

They continue to work to protect their homeland from industrial mining and logging, fighting to enjoy their Indigenous way of life and ensuring that they are never poisoned again.



Grassy Narrows 2019 Powwow

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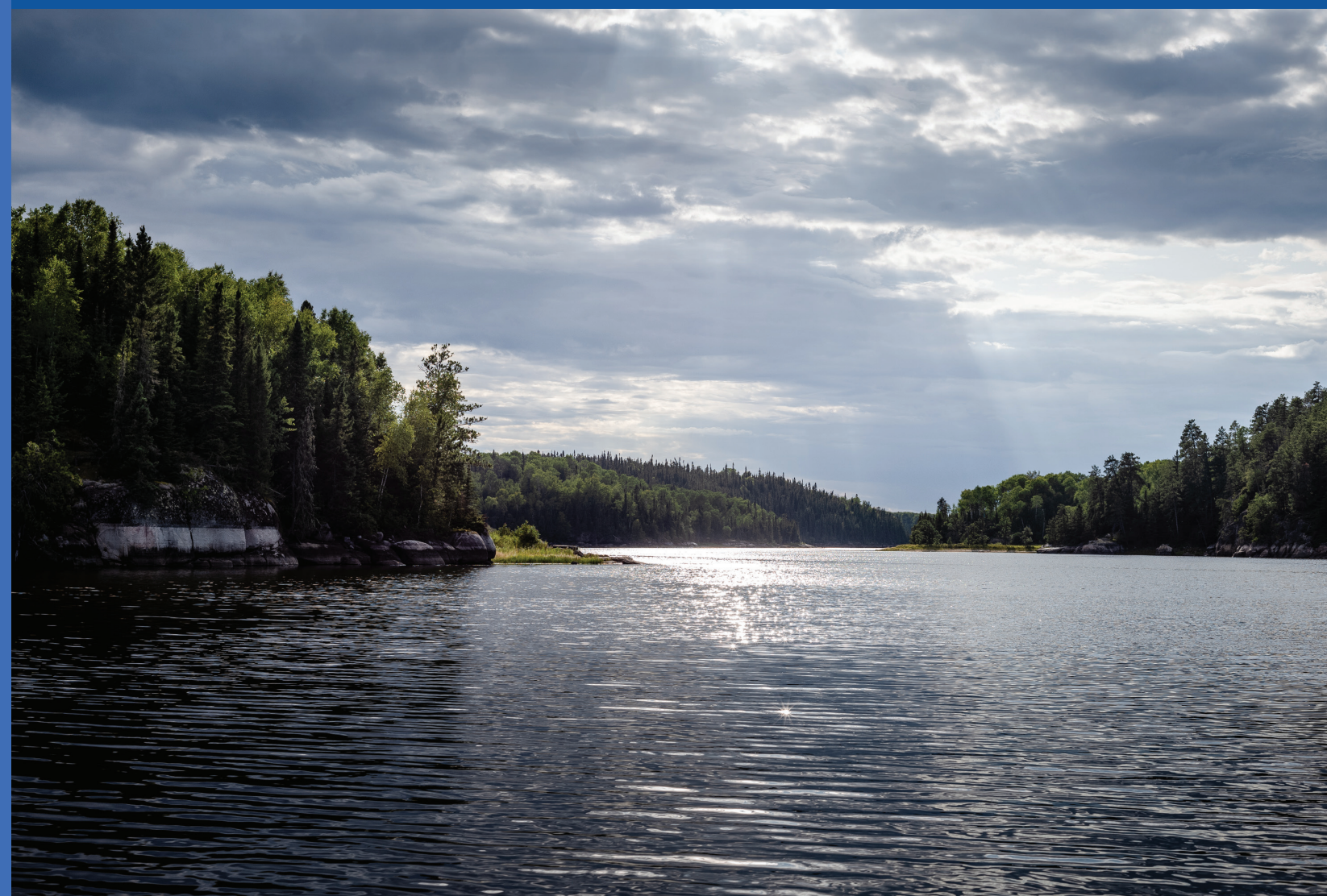
**THE ROAD TO HEALING
FOR GRASSY NARROWS INVOLVES
ADDRESSING THE LEGACY OF
MERCURY POISONING THROUGH
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE,
ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION
AND SUPPORT FOR
CULTURE REVITALIZATION.**

**- MAKA FOBISTER,
INDIGENOUS YOUTH**

**Reparations are the antidote
to inequality.**

**We all want a future where everyone
is free. For that to happen we must
reckon with the whole truth of our
history to heal past harms.**

**Restoration of rights, compensation,
rehabilitation, recognition of
wrongdoing, and guarantees that
these harms will never be repeated
are required for justice to be served
and people and communities
to be made whole.**



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**Stand with the
Grassy Narrows First Nation.**

SCAN TO LEARN HOW

