

Justice for Mercury Survivors in Grassy Narrows

RECOGNITION:

Acknowledge Minamata Disease in Grassy Narrows, apologize, and accept responsibility to resolve the damage done and fix the damages.

COMPENSATION:

Compensate all people diagnosed by the Japanese doctors, and retroactively index the compensation to inflation. Bring diagnostic procedures and compensation rates in line with Japanese standards.

SAFETY:

Fund a permanent Grassy Narrows run environmental health monitoring center in Grassy Narrows. Use precautionary principle to ensure that logging/clear-cuts does not add to the mercury burden on Grassy Narrows territory.

HEALTH:

Establish a mercury treatment center in Kenora. Pay all expenses for Grassy Narrows people traveling to medical appointments. Strengthen Health Canada mercury safety guideline to protect all people.

RIGHTS:

Ensure that Grassy Narrows people are able to meaningfully exercise our right to fish on our territory – a treaty protected practice that is central to our culture, spirituality, and sustenance. Fund the Grassy Narrows Traditional Skills Training Program to enable our people to rebuild the cultural skills eroded by the mercury, and to access lakes and rivers that are less impacted by the mercury.

RESTORATION:

Clean and restore the English-Wabigoon river system. Stop the mills from polluting the water and air.

JUSTICE:

Restore Grassy Narrows control over Grassy Narrows Territory. End destructive industrial logging/clear-cuts on Grassy Narrows land.