



Growing the Peel Institute of Research and Training

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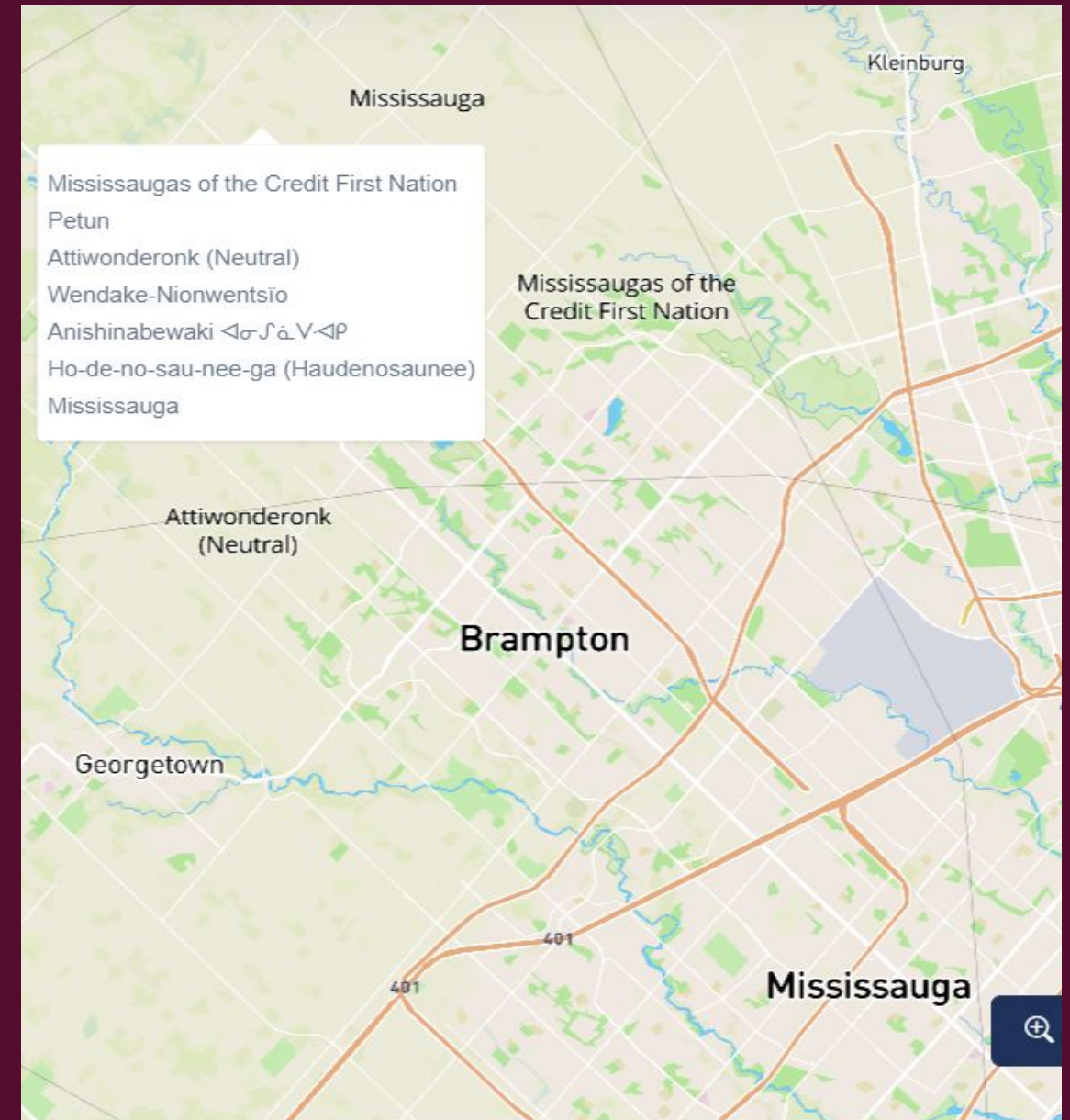
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WELCOME!

Land Acknowledgement

“We would like to begin by acknowledging the land on which we gather, and which the Region of Peel operates, is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples inhabited and cared for this land, and continue to do so today. In particular we acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Ojibway/Chippewa peoples; the land that is home to the Metis; and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are direct descendants of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land, and by appreciate their historic connection to this place.” doing so, give our respect to its first inhabitants. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place.”



The Beginnings

- March 2013 – Café Scientifique: An Open Discussion of the Experiences of Immigrant and Racialized Women Survivors of Sexual Assault in Accessing Primary Healthcare Services
- Exposed the pressing need to understand the structural forces influencing women's oppression.
- Inspired the concept of a community institute.
- A proposal was submitted and approved to create the Peel Institute on Violence Prevention.
- PIVP launched at FSP's 43rd AGM in 2014.



A Centre of Innovation

- **The innovation:**
 - A research institute within a community-based social service agency.
 - Participatory research approach



***“Bridging academia,
research, and practicing
by centering the voices,
needs, and desires of the
community”***

FSP's *Equity, Anti-Oppression, and Anti-Racism* Framework

- Underpinned by intersectionality, the social determinants of health, and the Indigenous Wheel of Health.
- Enables addressing the complexity of the lives of members of the community.
- Supporting dismantling dominant models of care and broadening the creation of framework, programs, and training to account for the diversity and complexity of people in Peel.



Riutort, M., Peel Institute on Violence Prevention (2015)

Bridging Research and Practice

- Addressing the longstanding gap between academic research and community practice.
- Supports the prevention of further marginalization, discrimination, and oppression of the community.
- Enabling community members to hold a sense of agency in creating solutions.

Research *with* and *for*
communities



Evidence-Based Research in the Community

- Evidence-based practice: “the conscientious, explicit, and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions about the care of individual [clients]”
- There remains a gap between what is theoretically and clinically known to be effective and integration into community settings with diverse populations.
- PIRT is committed to building evidence *with* community – **community-based evidence** to support program/service creation that meets the needs of diverse populations.



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Successes

- Development of the *Equity, Anti-Oppression, and Anti-Racism framework*
- Two major conferences in 2016 and 2019
- Work in trauma training and human sex trafficking
- Adapting to the changing needs of the community in relation to COVID-19



Challenges Faced

- Funding structure – project-based funding
- Consistent staff retention
- Seamless integration into the community
- Longstanding division between academia and community agencies



The Future of the Institute

- Building partnerships in the community
- Raising awareness of the Institute
- Expanding research

