

Is Brantford Six Nations?

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SIX NATIONS - Band council will claim over 80% of the city of Brantford for Six Nations when its lawsuit against Canada and Ontario proceeds in Provincial court.

Surrender number 30, which was signed by 28 Sachems and Chiefs of the Six Nations exactly 165 years ago today on April 19, 1830, sold 807 acres of land - land that came to be known as the Brantford townplot - to the Crown for "5 shillings of lawful money of Upper Canada."

The land was surrendered to the Crown to be sold to third parties for the benefit of Six Nations, but Land Research Director Phil Monture says that happened in only about 15% of the sales.

"There are lots that are lying there in Brantford not paid for - Brantford knows it, Canada knows, we know it," said Monture.

The research office has the data to pinpoint which lots are paid, which aren't, which were granted free and which are



Eaton Market Square in downtown Brantford - Six Nations land?

unaccounted for. Monture estimates his staff knows the history of all but about 2% of the lots.

Six Nations claims the Crown sold the 807 acres surrendered for the Brantford townplot with-

out obtaining full and fair compensation for Six Nations.

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