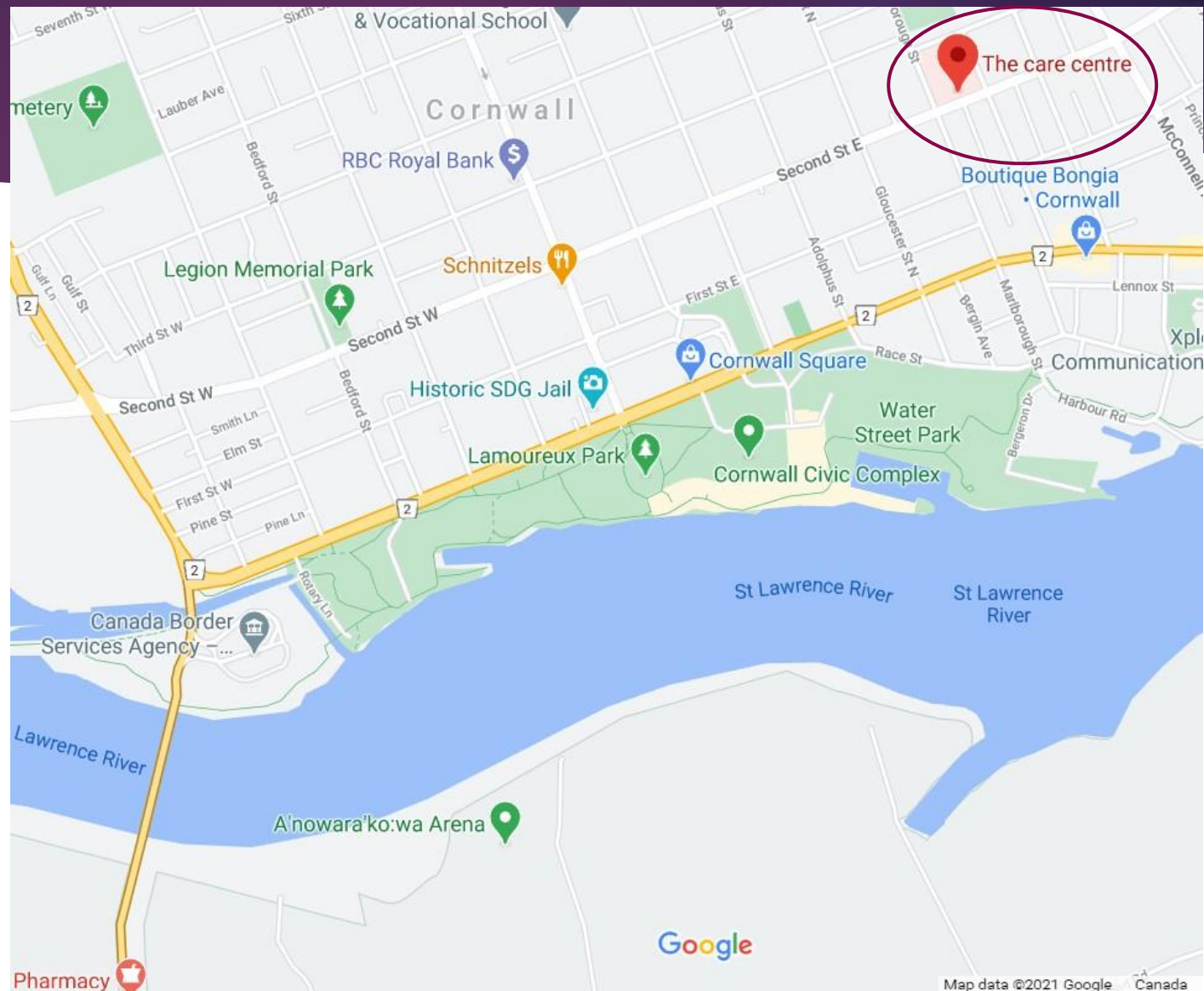


# Akwesasne Healing Centre

CORNWALL LOCATION



# Location



# Background

- ▶ For decades a program capable of housing criminal justice offenders and most recently insecurely housed due to acute addictions and mental health, has been needed
- ▶ Since COVID-19 this need has increased exponentially as offenders have been released early often with no plan or
- ▶ FALL 2020: AFWP expanded their admission criteria
  - ▶ Have been inundated with calls by people requiring residential services who were released
  - ▶ Unable to house offenders that were higher than low risk due to our programs main residents being women and children
  - ▶ Residents denied were housed in motel in Cornwall

# Issue

- ▶ No residential healing program for males/females
  - ▶ Dealing with the criminal justice system
  - ▶ Experiencing acute mental health and addiction issues within Akwesasne or Cornwall
  - ▶ Experiencing insecure housing

# Services

- ▶ Outreach

- ▶ Will provide a secure area for homeless individuals to obtain food, clothing, showers, laundry facilities, storage for valuables as well as medical attention where needed.

- ▶ Residential

- ▶ For individuals willing to commit to a sober lifestyle
- ▶ Requiring support and programming to assist them
- ▶ Will provide referrals for more intensive psychiatric or addictions intervention

# Services Con't

- ▶ Day programming
  - ▶ Group classes on how to address issues of trauma, relationships, cultural teachings and arts.
  - ▶ Priority for residents with remaining space for others
  - ▶ Drop-in center to operate from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- ▶ After Care
  - ▶ Assistance with apartment hunting, work and developing health support systems

# AHC Accommodations

- ▶ Client Rooms:
  - ▶ 8 beds for males
  - ▶ 2 beds for females in a secured section of the facility
  - ▶ 1 family unit (queen bed, twin bunk bed)
- ▶ Staff:
  - ▶ 6 full-time counselors
  - ▶ 2 outreach workers



# Who will be eligible

- ▶ 8 Males, 2 Females in a separate area, who are experiencing housing insecurity.
- ▶ First priority will be Akwesasne members, next individuals from other Mohawk territories, other Indigenous people, and non-Indigenous individuals as space allow.



# Recreation Room for clients



Questions???