

Atikamekw from Manawan hold demonstration for a new elementary school in their community

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 — A demonstration, organized by members of the Manawan community, was held at the regional office of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) in the heart of Québec City. The purpose of this demonstration was to put pressure on the government to replace their elementary school. Studies conducted by building construction engineers revealed that Simon P. Ottawa School is not safe, functional or up to standard and does not meet the community's current needs. Manawan community members believe that AANDC must accept the firm PLANIFIKA's recommendation to build a new school in order to provide Manawan's youth with a safe building comparable to others accessed by Canadian youth across the country.

Approximately 80 young people and 20 adults from Manawan participated in this demonstration. They were also joined by some First Nations Education Council (FNEC) employees.

[Read the press release \(in French only\)](#)

