

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Implementation of Recommendations of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Mayor, the City Manager and the Manager, Indigenous Affairs Office, in partnership with relevant staff and the Indigenous community, including the Aboriginal Affairs Committee and the broader Indigenous community, to consult on the role and responsibilities of the municipal government in the action in hand implementation of recommendations of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and that the City Manager report back to the Aboriginal Affairs Committee in the first quarter of 2020.

Summary

On June 3, 2019, Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls was released: <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>. The National Inquiry's Final Report reveals that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people.

2,286 survivors, family members, experts, and knowledge-keepers participated in the Truth Gathering Process that formed the basis of the findings of the report. They spoke of multigenerational and intergenerational trauma and marginalization in the form of poverty, insecure housing, and barriers to education, employment, health care, and other social supports and services. The report outlines 231 individual Calls for Justice directed at governments, institutions, social service providers, industries, and all Canadians.

The City of Toronto has a responsibility to act and to take a collaborative role in implementing recommendations within the purview of the City and in partnership with Indigenous communities, all levels of government, and other relevant stakeholders.

This is one aspect of a larger role and responsibility for the City, Council, Mayor and Staff to consider with respect to improving the quality of life for Indigenous people living in Toronto and in the spirit of the City of Toronto's Statement of Commitments to Aboriginal People (<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/accessibility-human-rights/indigenous-affairs-office/commitments-to-indigenous-peoples/>) and more broadly the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and 94 Calls to Action (<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/97ba-Truth-and-Reconciliation-Commission-Calls-to-Action.pdf>).

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-134531.pdf>)