

***Expression of Condolence by Toronto City Council
for those found in unmarked graves near the
former St. Eugene Residential School, British Columbia***

Moved by: Mayor John Tory

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Layton

The Mayor and Members of Council are deeply saddened to learn of the discovery of 182 unmarked graves in a cemetery in the ʔaᓄam community near the former site of the St. Eugene Residential School in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

We pause to mourn those whose graves were found, and we recognize the trauma being experienced by the ʔaᓄam community, by survivors and their families and by those impacted by intergenerational trauma.

During an incredibly difficult time for Indigenous communities across the country, the City of Toronto is firmly committed to truth, reconciliation and justice and to continuing to take actions to address significant challenges experienced by Indigenous residents.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Ktunaxa First Nation as well as to other communities which have suffered these losses. They represent a sad and shameful chapter in our history which must be recognized and acted upon.

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