

TCFNCC BOARD MOTION
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ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT "CALLS TO JUSTICE (CTJ)"
OFFICE

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To accept and support the Board Designates Report surrounding the Draft MMIWG report to be presented to the Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC), and;

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Further, to support and advance:

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1. ~ A permanent Calls to Justice (CTJ) Office within City of Toronto government that houses a CTJ Commissioner with a full complement of staff and the creation/participation of a MMIWG advisory council to provide on-going guidance to the Commissioner and the team on the implementation of the CTJ;
2. ~ The CTJ, would be comprised of four main components, each working in tandem to create a safer, more inclusive City of Toronto Community for Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirited Persons;
3. ~ The four components of the CTJ office could include: 1) Safe and Inclusive Actions; 2) Anti-Racism Education and Training from the experience/perspective of Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited Persons; 3) Reconciliation Space - making space that fosters reclamation of Identity, culture and language; and 4) Inclusivity - creating real space at decision making tables for Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited persons to have real participatory power in permanent/temporary forums.

1) Safe and Inclusive Actions: Through a rights based approach and a race based and gender based lens, CTJ policy and legal staff would review and revise government policies and laws to ensure that they actively protect the rights of Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited persons - such policies and laws ought to be applied to foster and further substantive equality for Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited Persons; A part of the work would include the creation, development and implementation of a permanent, adequate fund that provides opportunity for culturally grounded, trauma informed supports for Indigenous women, girls, 2 Spirited persons, MMIWG affected families and Indigenous survivors of violence.

2) Anti-Racism Education and Training - in order to combat the racist/gender based violence that targets Indigenous women, girls, and 2 Spirited persons, comprehensive education/training created by, and delivered by Indigenous, women, girls and 2 Spirited persons must be made mandatory for all government staff and those who apply for licensing which operate industries to which the MMIWG National Inquiry directed CTJ to - ie Hotel and Hospitality Industries, resource development industries etc.

3) Reconciliation Space - the work of this component would focus on creating to access to lands and water spaces for Indigenous peoples and organizations to carry out activities that align with the reclamation of Indigenous culture and Identity. Furthermore, this component of the CTJ office

would also be responsible for creating access to public space (outdoor/indoor spaces) for Indigenous organizations to host events/teachings that foster the reclamation of Indigenous culture, language and identity free of cost (ie a “service in kind” contribution by the City).

4) Inclusivity at Decision Making Tables - this complement of staff would work to make space and opportunity for real participation of Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited persons, at permanent and temporary decision making tables/forums that are discussing/determining issues that may/will have an impact on Indigenous peoples; The staff would also work to provide support for the inclusivity and participation of Indigenous women, girls and 2 Spirited persons.