

***Expression of Condolence by Toronto City Council  
for the discovery of potential burial sites  
at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School***

**Moved by: Mayor John Tory**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the discovery of 93 potential burial sites at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School.

Preliminary findings of the discovery recently announced by the Williams Lake First Nation, are another tragic reminder of the horrific legacy of Canada's residential and day schools.

These discoveries acknowledge the reality of residential and day schools. We must continue to remember all those whose graves have been confirmed and those still to be found and the Indigenous children who didn't come home, the survivors and their families. We pause to mourn them and we recognize the trauma being experienced by the survivors of the residential school system and the enduring pain and anguish for families who lost children.

During an incredibly difficult time for Indigenous communities in and around Toronto and across the country, the City of Toronto recognizes the need to remain firmly committed to truth, justice and reconciliation.

The City Clerk is asked to convey, on behalf of Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Williams Lake First Nation, and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

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