

***Expression of Condolence by Toronto City Council
For the discovery of burial sites
At Former Residential Schools, Keeseekoose First Nation***

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 54 unmarked graves at the site of two former residential schools located on the Keeseekoose First Nation in Saskatchewan.

These graves are another tragic reminder of the horrific legacy of Canada's residential and day schools.

We pause to remember the deceased whose graves have been confirmed, the graves of those still to be found, the Indigenous children who didn't come home and the survivors and their families. We mourn them while acknowledging the deep trauma being experienced by all survivors of the residential school system and the pain and anguish felt by 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 taking meaningful action on truth, justice and reconciliation.

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

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