

***Expression of Condolence by Toronto City Council
for the discovery of burial sites at a former residential school
near Kapawe'no 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 169 unmarked graves at a former residential school site located near Kapawe'no First Nation reserve in Northern Alberta.

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

We pause to remember, reflect and honour the deceased whose graves have been confirmed, the graves of those still to be found, the Indigenous children who didn't come home, 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 as well as 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 Kapawe'no First Nation, and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

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