

## ***Expression of Condolence to the shíshálh Nation by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

**Seconded by: Councillor Chris Moise**

The Members of Toronto City Council would like to express condolences to the shíshálh Nation following the announcement that 40 unmarked graves have been identified at the former site and surrounding areas of the St. Augustine's Residential School in Sechelt, British Columbia.

With this announcement, we are reminded of the horrific legacy of trauma that Canada's residential and day schools have had on First Nations, Inuit and Métis people across the country. Sadly, this tragic reality of Canada's residential and day school system, has been known to elders, knowledge keepers, survivors and Indigenous communities for generations.

We pause to mourn the lives lost and recognize the ongoing trauma being experienced by the shíshálh Nation, including survivors of the residential school system, along with the enduring pain and anguish for families who have lost their children. We must continue to remember all those whose graves have been confirmed, the graves that are still to be uncovered, the Indigenous children who didn't come home, the survivors and their families.

During this difficult time, 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 the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the shíshálh Nation, and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

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