

## ***Expression of Condolence to the Sucker Creek First Nation and Driftpile Cree Nation by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened following the announcement that evidence of 88 potential unmarked graves have been identified at the former site of the St. Bruno's Indian Residential School in Jossard, Alberta.

This announcement is a stark reminder of the trauma that Canada's residential and day school system has had on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people across the country. Tragically, this horrific legacy 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, enduring pain and anguish being experienced by members of both the Sucker Creek First Nation and Driftpile Cree Nation, who have been impacted by this solemn news. 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 Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Sucker Creek First Nation, the Driftpile Cree Nation, and all First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

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