

***Expression of Condolence to  
Pimicikamak Cree Nation by Toronto City Council***

**Moved by: Mayor Olivia Chow**

**Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik**

The Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn that 59 unmarked graves are believed to have been identified by the Pimicikamak Cree Nation at a cemetery near the former St. Joseph's Residential School in northern Manitoba.

We pause to stand with the Pimicikamak Cree Nation in the wake of this research. We mourn with them as they remember the children whose lives were tragically lost while attending the school, including the 85 children whose names were previously identified.

This recent announcement is another stark reminder of the lasting trauma being experienced by First Nations, Inuit and Métis people across the country that resulted from Canada's residential and day school system. We 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 requested to convey, on behalf of the Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the Pimicikamak Cree Nation as well as all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities across the country.

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