



## Motion Memorandum

**SUBJECT:** Release of Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

**Date to Committee:** N/A

**Date to Council:** January 24, 2023

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### **Motion for Council to Consider:**

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action #71 through to #76 on Missing Children and Burial Information calls on all levels of government to release records relating to former residential schools in order to locate, identify, document, maintain, commemorate and protect sites where residential school children were buried at all former residential schools;

And whereas Survivors of the Mohawk Institute Residential School are demanding the release of all Federal and Provincial documents related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School;

And whereas the City of Burlington is committed to actively advancing truth and reconciliation through policies, strategies and initiatives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the City of Burlington support the attached resolution from the City of Brantford, dated May 17, 2022, regarding the Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School, and attached to this motion;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu; Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould; Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford; Minister of Red Tape Reduction, Parm Gill; Pam Damoff, MP Oakville North-Burlington; Adam van Koeverden, MP Milton; Natalie Pierre, MPP Burlington; Effie Triantafilopoulos, MPP Oakville North-Burlington; Region of Halton; County of Brant, Town of Halton Hills; Town of Milton; Town of Oakville; City of Brantford; Chief Mark Hill; Chief Stacey Laforme; the Survivors' Secretariat; and Grandmother's Voice; Federation of Canadian

Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus.

**Reason:**

In May 2021, Canadians were shaken by the news that a land survey of the grounds at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School uncovered the remains of 215 children buried at the site. Following this announcement, the Survivors of the Mohawk Institute, along with their families and community members called on the Federal and Provincial governments to support a search for the remains of the missing children who may have been buried on the Mohawk Institute's grounds and the surrounding area. The Survivors of the Mohawk Institute Residential School are also demanding the release of all Federal and Provincial documents related to the former Residential School. The release of this information to the Survivors' Secretariat will aid in the search for truth, justice and healing. As a country and community, we must work together to find ways to acknowledge these atrocities and commemorate and honour the lives that have been lost.

**Outcome Sought:**

The release, by the Governments of Canada and Ontario, and the Anglican Church of all documents in their possession related to the former Mohawk Residential School located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, within the geographical boundaries of the City of Brantford.

**Vision to Focus Alignment:**

(check those that apply)

- Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- Improve integrated city mobility
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Motion Seconded by: Councillor Rory Nisan, Ward 3  
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

**Comments:**

City Clerk: none

City Manager: none

**Attachment:**

City of Brantford May 17, 2022 Council Resolution