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Thanks,
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Subject: Dufferin County Council Motion - Residential Schools

Good afternoon,

At the regular meeting of the County of Dufferin Council held on June 10, 2021 Council unanimously adopted the following motion:

WHEREAS a responsible Canada includes indigenous peoples from all across the nation, and whereas Canada's indigenous peoples are entitled to the same rights and freedoms as guaranteed all under the charter of rights and freedoms;

AND WHEREAS "genocide" is defined as "the deliberate harm or killing of a large number of people from a particular nation or ethnic group with the aim of destroying that nation or group";

AND WHEREAS residential schools existed for more than a century in Canada, the aim of which was to assimilate indigenous peoples into society and to destroy their indigenous identity;

AND WHEREAS the residential school system perpetrated a genocide on indigenous children the fullness of which is only now becoming evident;

AND WHEREAS the government of Canada and many of its churches were complicit in this national tragedy both by their actions and by their silence;

AND WHEREAS many churches excepting the Roman Catholic Church have already apologized for their role in the residential schools system;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the County of Dufferin demand that the Government of Canada in conjunction with Canada's indigenous people determine a plan to investigate all residential school sites as needed to find any of the lost or missing children;

AND THAT in the spirit of reconciliation the Roman Catholic Church be petitioned and/or legally compelled to provide the truth about actions taken as part of the residential school system;

AND THAT the Government of Canada demand in the strongest possible terms the release of all church documents in Canada and at the Vatican that pertain to actions taken at residential schools in Canada, and that Pope Francis, leader of the Roman Catholic Church offer an apology to the indigenous peoples of Canada for their actions;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada take all necessary steps to provide for equitable access for Canada's indigenous peoples to clean water, safe housing, health care, education and safety and security;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the following:

- Office of the Prime Minister of Canada, Rt Hon. Justin Trudeau
- Office of Cardinal Thomas Christopher Collins, Archdiocese of Toronto
- Dufferin Caledon MP Kyle Seeback
- Dufferin Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones
- All Dufferin County municipalities

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