

Council Resolution

Moved By B. Ostrander

Agenda
Item 10.

Resolution Number
2022-08-18- 567

Seconded By R. Sanderson

Council Date: August 18, 2022

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held August 2, 3 & 4, 2022), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

~~And Further That~~ the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried 
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: August 2, 2022

Agenda Item: 7c

Resolution Number: 2022-08-02 -525

Moved by: R. G. G. G. G.

Seconded by: J. Henderson.

Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2022

The Recommended (staff) resolution was amended by Committee:

MM "That the Corporate Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Former Mohawk Institute Residential School Document Release' for information, recommend that County Council direct staff to take the necessary actions to advise that Northumberland County support the resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah; and

Further That the Corporate Services Committee recommend that Council direct staff to advise all necessary Federal representatives and MP Philip Lawrence, as well as advise MPP David Piccini, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried 
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

June 30th, 2022

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Via Email

To Whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support – The Corporation of the City of Brantford - 5.1 Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

Please be advised that, at its meeting on June 28th, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah resolved to support the resolution adopted May 17, 2022 by The Corporation of the City of Brantford.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

We kindly request your support and endorsement for the release of all Federal and Provincial document related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School.

Yours truly,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
KB/jk

Cc:

Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Marc Miller, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and MP
Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada
Hon. Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Hon. Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
The Survivors Secretariat
All municipalities in Ontario



Municipality of
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 231-22

Date: Jun 28, 2022

Moved By: _____

Donna Blunt

Seconded By: _____

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THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from the City of Brandtford regarding the Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School; and

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services and MP Patty Hajdu; Minister of Indigenous Affairs Greg Rickford; Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada Linda Nicholls; MPP Kevin Holland, MPP Lise Vaugeois; the Survivors' Secretariat; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to all municipalities in Ontario with an invitation to adopt a similar resolution.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



May 18, 2022

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Sent via email: resolutions@fcm.ca ; policy@amo.on.ca

To Whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its Special City Council meeting held May 17, 2022 adopted the following:

5.1 Release of all Federal and Provincial Documents Related to the Former Mohawk Institute Residential School

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 confirmed that Residential Schools were part of a coherent policy implemented by the Federal Government to eliminate Indigenous people as distinct Peoples and to assimilate them into Christian society against their will; and

WHEREAS the Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs Duncan Campbell Scott outlined the goals of that policy in 1920, when he told a parliamentary committee that “our object is to continue until there is not a single Indian in Canada that has not been absorbed into the body politic...”; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, 2015 also confirmed that despite the coercive measures that the government adopted, it failed to achieve its policy goals. Although Indigenous Peoples and cultures have been badly damaged, they continue to exist; and

WHEREAS the former Mohawk Institute Residential School operated from 1831 to 1970 within the boundaries of what is now the City of Brantford; and

WHEREAS Survivors have released statements of missing, murdered, and buried students; and

WHEREAS, to date, the unmarked burials of over 7000 missing Indigenous children have been discovered nation-wide; and

WHEREAS, following the May 2021 announcement by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation of locating 215 potential burials of children in unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, 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 missing children who may have been buried on the Mohawk Institute's grounds and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, as of November, 2021, a search, led by the Survivors' Secretariat, of the Mohawk Institute Residential School grounds and over 200 hectares of land associated with the school began; 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 staff of the City of Brantford are currently undertaking a search of City records and archives for any documents, maps, or other relevant information related to the operation of the Mohawk Institute Residential School in order to release this information to the Survivors' Secretariat to aid in the search for truth, justice and healing; and

WHEREAS this Council is committed to working to advance reconciliation and renewed relationships with First Nations; and

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada issued 94 Calls to Action, thirteen of which are directed at municipal governments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brantford respectfully REQUESTS THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE, to the Survivors' Secretariat, of all documents in the possession of the Government of Canada or the Government of Ontario and the Anglican Church related to the former Mohawk Institute Residential School now located on Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, within the geographic boundaries of the City of Brantford; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations Marc Miller; Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu; Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford; Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; MPP Will Bouma; MP Larry Brock, Mayor David Bailey; Chief Mark Hill; Chief Stacey Laforme; and the Survivors' Secretariat; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to send a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for circulation to all municipalities in Ontario with an invitation to adopt a similar resolution, and, specifically, to those located within the Haldimand Tract,

including: Haldimand County; the County of Brant; the City of Cambridge; the City of Kitchener; the City of Waterloo; and the Region of Waterloo.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Daniels', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tanya Daniels
City Clerk, tdaniels@brantford.ca

Cc All Ontario Municipalities
Survivors' Secretariat