



CITY OF LANGLEY

MOTION

REQUEST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORT TO INVESTIGATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SITES – Mayor van den Broek

MOTION:

WHEREAS the recent discovery of the remains of 215 aboriginal children at the site of a former Residential School on the Tk'emlúps te Secwé pemc First Nation territory has once again brought to light the dark past of the Residential School system;

AND WHEREAS there may be other sites in this country where similar conditions exist;

AND WHEREAS some First Nations, Métis groups, or Inuit Councils may be interested in pursuing further investigation of these sites;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government announced on June 9, 2021, a commitment to earmark \$27M specifically toward assisting Indigenous communities in locating and memorializing children who died at residential schools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor to write to the Prime Minister and other federal and provincial officials, as appropriate, to request that the Federal Government commit to providing adequate resourcing to any First Nation, Métis governed organization, or Inuit Council in Canada that requests, by way of a Band Council Resolution or other appropriate communication from a legitimately representative body of the organization, a desire to investigate, with ground penetrating radar or by other means, the possibility that remains of Residential School residents may be interred on the grounds of those former schools or elsewhere within their traditional territories; and

FURTHER THAT this resourcing also include funds to scientifically ascertain the identities of any found remains; and

FURTHER THAT this resourcing also include funds to repatriate any found remains to their families, clans, or nations of origin. 2/2 And be it further resolved that the letter include a request that the government implement the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.