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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

To Prime Minister Trudeau:

In wake of the tragic discovery of the remains of children found on the former Indian Residential School sites, the Municipality of Kincardine has committed to urgently advancing the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

The Municipality of Kincardine extends deepest condolences to families and survivors of residential schools and recognizes the duty of municipal leaders to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and to acknowledge the profound ways in which the legacy of residential schools continues to affect the lives of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

The Municipality of Kincardine Council, at their meeting of July 12, 2021, passed the following resolution:

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine support the Government of Canada to initiate an independent criminal investigation related to the cultural genocide, abuse and all suspicious deaths that have occurred through the Residential School system and prosecute and sanction the perpetrators and concealers who may still be alive.

We call on you, the leader of the Canadian Federal Government, to publicly commit to the following:

- The Municipality of Kincardine urges the Government of Canada to initiate an independent criminal investigation related to the cultural genocide, abuse and all suspicious deaths that have occurred through the Residential School system. Remains should be identified and forensic studies carried out to ensure proper identification of remains. Without this, healing is not possible.

- The Municipality of Kincardine also encourages the Federal Government to prosecute and sanction the perpetrators and concealers who may still be alive.
- Canada must also improve its residential school-related record keeping to give First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities better access to documents related to missing and deceased family members.
- The deaths, graves and treatment of Indigenous children who were under government and church care is evidence of crimes against humanity and we urge the Canadian Government to do whatever it takes to unearth the facts so that the healing can begin in culturally appropriate protocols to honour the lost children.

As Municipal Government and as the Government of Canada, we all must do better; we must honour and respect the lives of these children and the families who never received answers by giving them a proper resting place. This is the time for meaningful action.

Respectfully submitted;

Gerry Glover  
Mayor, Municipality of Kincardine

**CC:**

- Mary Simon, The Governor General of Canada
- Doug Ford, The Premier of Ontario
- Lester Anoquot, Chief, Saugeen First Nation
- Greg Nadjiwon, Chief, Nawash First Nation
- RoseAnne Archibald, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations