

Truth and Reconciliation Committee

Mover: Susan Myers

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WHEREAS the summary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Final Report on residential schools was released on June 2, 2015; and Whereas the full final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission was subsequently released on December 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS the calls to action for reconciliation in both reports contain a number of recommendations targeted at municipal governments; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie was formerly the location of the Shingwauk Residential School; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie has a significant urban indigenous population and is abutted by several neighbouring First Nations communities; and

WHEREAS for the aforementioned reasons, the City of Sault Ste. Marie has a vested interest in achieving reconciliation and moving past the harmful legacy of residential schools,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council establish an advisory committee comprised of the City Clerk, the City Solicitor, representatives from the First Nations community and City Council to provide guidance to City Council on how best to achieve the objectives for municipal governments as recommended in the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk canvass the First Nations community for committee membership and report back to City Council with a proposed committee for its approval.