



STATEMENT FROM MAYOR MRAKAS ON 751 UNMARKED GRAVES AT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

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“I am devastated beyond words about the discovery today of 751 unmarked graves at a Saskatchewan residential school. Coming so soon on the heels of the identified of 215 unmarked graves in Kamloops, this discovery tells us that this heartbreaking, sobering and shameful past will demand to be seen, heard, and felt until and perhaps beyond when we are able to make true amends and restitution as a nation.

It is my solemn hope that all levels of government come together to seek a true reconciliation.

My heart goes out to the families and friends of the 751 who never came home; my heart goes out to the Indigenous communities so deeply affected by this newest tragedy; and my heart goes out, too, to all Indigenous peoples across Canada who grieve these losses and so many others.

Town of Aurora facility flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour and mourn the 751 children’s lives lost.”

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