

To the Mayor and Members of Council,

We the members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for the City of Hamilton acknowledge with sadness the recent discovery made at Kamloops BC. We the undersigned stand united with our Indigenous brothers and sisters in shared sorrow and frustration. We expect more souls and spirits to be found at other sites. Recrimination does not absolve responsibility. There has to be accountability, accepted responsibility, closure and a pathway to healing inspired and guided by the 215 children's souls. Wherever this pathway leads it should reflect positively on the memories of the victims of these atrocities. Be it the establishment of Native Learning Centers for clean water, natural resource management, health center facilities, cultural centers and greenhouse development for food adequacy. These are long neglected areas and this time of healing should free us all from victimization and state supported cruelty. This will not erase the memories of the devastation, hurt and harm realized by the self-proclaimed sanctity of these religious orders upon our youngest and most vulnerable human beings. "You can't assimilate and kill the red that runs in our blood"

Respectfully submitted,

Aboriginal Advisory Committee