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District of Sechelt Council

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RE: District of Sechelt Council's support for the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' Resolution 2024-33 "Rejection of Residential School Denialism"

We are writing to express our gratitude for the District of Sechelt Council's standing with us and for support of UBCIC Resolution 2024-33 "Rejection of Residential School Denialism."

Residential Schools caused immeasurable and ongoing harm to Indigenous Peoples and individuals across what is now known as Canada. The truth of what happened in Residential Schools in this country, including at St. Augustine's in Sechelt, is well documented. Our courageous survivors have told us the truth and the truth must be heard, understood, and accepted before reconciliation can occur in this country.

Residential School denialism and misinformation has no place in our society. It retraumatizes survivors and their families causing further challenges on the path to healing and reconciliation. We must be honest about our past and see it clearly before we can move forward together.

We thank Sechelt Council for standing with us and our survivors.

Sincerely,

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