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Sioux Lookout Recognizes the Passing of Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair

Sioux Lookout, ON – The Municipality of Sioux Lookout, including its Mayor and Council, staff, the Municipal Truth and Reconciliation Committee, and its citizens, expresses deep sorrow at the passing of Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair.

Today, there are many members of the community mourning this loss of a remarkable man. Mr. Sinclair was a statesman, instrumental in bringing together the indigenous and non-indigenous people across Canada. In his various roles as Manitoba's first Indigenous judge, co-commissioner of Manitoba's 1988 Aboriginal Justice Inquiry, a Senator, and leader of the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Mr. Sinclair lead the path of reconciliation of the legacy of the Indian Residential School system and colonialism in general.

Justice Sinclair's work has inspired the Municipality to embark on its own path to reconciliation. Mayor Doug Lawrance noted, "The empathy of Justice Sinclair to all people was always evident when he spoke. His patience to non-Indigenous Canadians and his understanding that the truth was hard to process, that reconciliation would be a generations long process, was remarkable."

On behalf of the citizens of Sioux Lookout, we send our condolences to the family and friends of the late Murray Sinclair.

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