MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Rapid City Common Council
FROM: Rapid City Youth City Council
DATE: 10 November 2020
RE: Resolution No. 2020-084

A Resolution to Resolve Three Outstanding Deeds Related to the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands.

1. Purpose of Memorandum
   1.1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Rapid City Common Council perspective from the Rapid City Youth City Council.
   1.2. This memorandum directly relates to the proposed Resolution No. 2020-084 A Resolution to Resolve Three Outstanding Deeds Related to the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands.

2. Executive Summary
   2.1. The Community Relations and Cultural Competencies Committee of the Rapid City Youth City Council was made aware for the pending Resolution No. 2020-084, A Resolution to Resolve Three Outstanding Deeds Related to the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands. Prior to the initial hearing presentation of this resolution at the 2nd of November 2020 Common Council Meeting, the Community Relations and Cultural Competencies Committee met to study the resolution. Out of that meeting the committee members prepared and delivered remarks during the Common Council hearing on this resolution (2 November 2020). Following what the committee has deemed as a disappointing outcome for the community, referring to the Common Council’s decision to move this resolution to a working session, the committee met again. During their regularly scheduled committee meeting on the 3rd of November 2020 the committee drafted and moved this memorandum for full approval of the Rapid City Youth City Council.

3. Proposed Action
   3.1. Members of the Rapid City Youth City Council encourage the Rapid City Common Council to support, with no further delay, the approval of Resolution No. 2020-084 A Resolution to Resolve Three Outstanding Deeds Related to the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands.
4. Discussion
4.1. The Rapid City Youth City Council is disappointed in the Common Council’s failure to act decisively on this matter.
4.2. While a general sense of support was voiced by the Common Council, its actions failed to reflect trust in its own staff and most importantly to build trust in the community.
4.3. This resolution opens the opportunity for the community to work together in creating a plan.
4.4. Youth fully feel, see, and experience the disparity of opportunities in our community affected by the history addressed in this resolution.
4.5. We, as youth, are the ones that will live into the proposed plan, we will be the ones to take it up and implement it.
4.6. As a community we must start the change now.
4.7. In the face of our collective history, giving back to all cultures is important.
4.8. Diversity and having the ability to express culture is important to the future of our community.
4.9. Inclusiveness and opportunity for all people makes this a place we want to live.
4.10. Actions like this resolution, is what the next generation is looking for in a community to call home.

5. Implications
5.1. The Rapid City Youth City Council gives its support to the proposed Resolution No. 2020-084 A Resolution to Resolve Three Outstanding Deeds Related to the Rapid City Indian Boarding School Lands.
5.2. The Rapid City Youth City Council appreciates and publicly thanks those who have shared verbal and written testimony on this matter.
5.3. The Rapid City Youth City Council remains available to the Rapid City Common Council for further review and clarification on the matter.

Respectfully Submitted this 10th day of November 2020.

RAPID CITY YOUTH CITY COUNCIL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CULTURAL COMPETENCIES COMMITTEE

Peyton Swallow, Chair

RAPID CITY YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Hannah Churchill, Chair  Jordyn Kokesh, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Jocelyn Konechne, Secretary