

# Relationship Building & Reconciliation Action Plan

## Objective:

The objective of this report and action plan is to promote initiatives to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action and the Seven Youth Inquest to collaborate on addressing these throughout the Thunder Bay Public Library.

## Background:

In 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was created as part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, with a mandate to educate Canadians on the deplorable conditions of the residential school system; to document experiences of the survivors and their families and; to guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect. In 2015, the Commission released its final report and 94 "Calls to Action" for advancing reconciliation.

In February 2017, the Canadian Federation of Library Association (CFLA) and the inaugural Truth and Reconciliation Committee published the Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations - a comprehensive report with a mandate to promote initiatives in all types of libraries to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action and to promote collaboration in these issues across the Canadian Library communities.

In September 2017, the Thunder Bay Public Library (TBPL) Board accepted and endorsed the TBPL Relationship Building and Reconciliation action plan based on the results of the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRC) 94 Calls to Action, the Canadian Federation of Library Association (CFLA) Truth and Reconciliation Report and Recommendations and the Seven Youth Inquest. It has been through the work of the Indigenous Liaison, guided by the TBPL Indigenous Advisory Council, and supported by the TBPL Board, Management and staff that this action plan has been produced.

### TBPL Strategy (2018-2019):

Previous versions of this report suggested the following areas of focus:

- 1. Renew/build relationships with the Indigenous community
- 2. Provide valuable and educational resources that are relevant and applicable to the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community in Thunder Bay
- 3. Support Indigenous knowledge revitalization and protection/preservation via Indigenous Knowledge Centre(s)
- 4. Decolonization of Library policies, practices, spaces and collection

In preparation for the 2019 to 2023 strategic plan, a series of Community Conversations were held with various Indigenous organizations, groups, and individuals around the city. This new approach allowed TBPL to better understand the aspirations, goals and concerns people have for our community of Thunder Bay.

Prior to the community conversations, efforts were made to actively engage with local Indigenous communities to gather input, feedback and suggestions through the TBPL Indigenous Advisory Council formed in 2016.

The upcoming strategic plan will continue the work of the Indigenous Liaison, and the Indigenous Advisory Council to help guide and support the decolonization and reconciliation process.

### Structure (2019-2023):

The development of the Indigenous Knowledge Centres will protect, preserve and support Indigenous knowledge, language, and culture. The Indigenous Knowledge Centres collection will offer authentic resources that are accessible to everyone.

TBPL will continue to evaluate the collection items included in the Indigenous Knowledge Centres, seek best practices for delivering Indigenous specific Library programs as they relate to Indigenous cultural teachings, practices, customs, and protocols etc. and seek further guidance from the Indigenous Advisory Council when needed. It is important to understand that the reconciliation process is a lengthy one that takes real, meaningful, and genuine efforts. It is the responsibility of all Canadians to ensure that initiatives that work towards reconciliation continue.

#### Systems (2018-2023):

All current systems and TBPL Policies are under review to ensure inclusivity with the assistance of IAC.

### Culture (2018-2023):

Every public library is as unique as the community it serves. As a public library / community hub operating in a community with a growing Indigenous population, we will continue to strive to reflect the culturally diverse community in which we serve.

#### Medicine Wheel Framework

The Relationship Building and Reconciliation action plan is organized using the Medicine Wheel Framework adopted from the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA-FCAB) Truth & Reconciliation Committee Report & Recommendations.

Recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action and the Seven Youth Inquest are followed by specific action items that the Library is committed to implementing. We are currently reviewing the findings of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Inquiry and the Office of the Independent Police Review Director's Broken Trust Report. Relevant recommendations that come out of the inquiry will be included and incorporated into the action plan.

# EAST – YELLOW – SPRING – SPIRITUAL – FIRE – TOBACCO – CHILD

Relationships, Networking, Facilitate Relationships & Maintain Contacts Database of Indigenous Organizations and Interest Groups by Location Sector

#### Inquest Recommendation: 75.

Act as a resource to identify Community Partners including, but not limited to, Canada and Ontario who could provide support, and fund peer leaders and mentors

| ACTION<br>ITEM(S)/ACTIVITIES:   | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNERSHIP(S):   | STATUS:   |
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| 1. Participate in annual<br>student orientation<br>events and activities<br>and outreach  | <ul> <li>-City of Thunder Bay (Aboriginal<br/>Liaison Office)</li> <li>-Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School</li> <li>-Matawa Learning Centre</li> <li>-Public School Board</li> <li>-Catholic School Board</li> <li>-TBPL Community Hub<br/>Librarians/Technicians</li> </ul> | Beginning in<br>2019:<br>-Maadaadizi<br>Student<br>Orientation<br>-NAN<br>Student<br>Orientation<br>-DFC<br>Amazing<br>Race |
| 2. Create and maintain<br>Indigenous (and<br>non-Indigenous)<br>contacts database;<br>identified and organized<br>into categories. Make<br>accessible to all Library<br>Staff | -TBPL Indigenous Liaison   | June 2016 –<br>present  |

| 3. Review all current<br>partnerships to ensure<br>that each aligns with<br>TBPL's values, vision,<br>and purpose    | -TBPL Staff  |  |
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| 4. Build relationships<br>with local Indigenous<br>organizations<br>potentially to learn how<br>we can work together |  |  |
| 5. Choose title(s) for<br>One Book, One<br>Community initiative  | -TBPL Indigenous Advisory Council<br>(IAC)<br>-Community Action Panel (CAP)<br>-Youth Advisory Council (YAC) | Postponed in<br>November<br>2018 –<br>Revisit in<br>2020 |
| 6. Better promote Book<br>Clubs in a Bag;<br>encourage Indigenous<br>formation, titles, etc.                         | -TBPL CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison                                 | June 2019 –<br>Present<br>-Launched<br>NDN Book<br>Club  |

# SOUTH – RED – SUMMER – EMOTIONAL – EARTH – CEDAR – YOUTH

Future, Decolonize Libraries & Space, Access & Classification, Indigenous Knowledge Protection

#### TRC Recommendation: 10iv.

Protecting the right to Indigenous languages

#### TRC Recommendation: 13.

Acknowledge that Indigenous rights include Indigenous language rights

| ACTION<br>ITEMS/ACTIVITIES:   | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNER(S):  | STATUS:  |
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| 1. Review language and<br>terminology used for tagging<br>subject headings for<br>Indigenous material within<br>library catalogue; Ojibwe | -TBPL Indigenous Advisory<br>Council<br>-Indigenous Languages<br>Specialists<br>-TBPL Tech services | November 2017 –<br>Present<br>-Reclassified<br>materials into 21<br>new headings<br>suggested by the<br>Indigenous<br>Advisory Council<br>for<br>appropriateness<br>and easy<br>browsing |

| 2. Use appropriate and<br>respectful terminology when<br>referring to Indigenous<br>peoples when and wherever<br>possible (Note "First<br>Nations", "Inuit", and "Métis"<br>refers to Canada's<br>Indigenous peoples)    | -TBPL Staff | May 2017<br>-Changed<br>Aboriginal Liaison<br>job title to<br>Indigenous<br>Liaison<br>-Changed<br>Aboriginal<br>Advisory Group to<br>Indigenous<br>Advisory Council |
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| 3. Display Indigenous<br>language signage<br>throughout all library branch<br>locations (I.e.,<br>welcome/greetings, meeting<br>space names, areas/floors,<br>book shelves and<br>categories, washrooms<br>etc.); Ojibwe |             | August 2018<br>-Installed<br>Welcome/Greeting<br>signs at each<br>Library location   |
| 4. Utilize traditional<br>territorial land<br>acknowledgement<br>statement at the beginning<br>of gatherings and Library<br>events   | -TBPL Staff | November 2017 –<br>Present   |
| 5. Utilize traditional<br>territorial land<br>acknowledgement<br>statement at the beginning<br>of every Board meeting  | -TBPL Board | February 2019  |

| 6. Display the Traditional<br>Territory acknowledgement<br>sign at each Library<br>entrance   | -TBPL Director of Communities  | August 2018<br>-Installed<br>Welcome/Greeting<br>and Land<br>Acknowledgement<br>signs at each   |
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| <ul> <li>7. Form partnerships to develop (Ojibwe) language learning programs and service delivery</li> <li>a) Incorporate language and content into existing children's programs: Puppet shows, story time</li> <li>b) Closing announcements</li> </ul> | -TBPL Indigenous Liaison<br>-TBPL Community Hub<br>technicians<br>-TBPL Indigenous Advisory<br>Council<br>-Indigenous Languages<br>Specialists | Library location<br>Fall 2019<br>Robyn will attend<br>various children's<br>programs<br>throughout the<br>summer and fall<br>then begin to<br>incorporate<br>indigenous<br>content<br>-Hosted<br>Indigenous<br>languages<br>gathering called,<br>Maawandoo'itiwin<br>(gathering) - a<br>celebration for<br>2019 United<br>Nations<br>International Year<br>of Indigenous<br>Languages<br>planned and<br>facilitated by IAC. |

| 8. Translate documents<br>including the TBPL<br>Smudging Policy &<br>Procedures and background<br>documents, signage etc. | -Indigenous Languages<br>Specialists   | -Find funding to<br>hire language<br>specialist |
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| 9. Develop promote and<br>encourage the use of<br>Transparent Language<br>Online – a language<br>learning tool            | -TBPL Collections -TBPL Systems  |   |
| 10. Create Indigenous early<br>literacy program   |  |   |
| 11. Update TBPL staff<br>signatures to include the<br>anishinaabemowin word for<br>"Thunder Bay"                          | CHL Indigenous<br>Director of Communities<br>∧ୁର୍ଦ୍ ରି.৭ጋୁ<br>binesii wiikwedong |   |

#### TRC Recommendation: 14i.

Indigenous languages are a fundamental and valued element of Canadian culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them

#### TRC Recommendation: 14iv.

The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Indigenous languages and culture are best managed by Indigenous people and communities

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| 1. Update/improve<br>existing Indigenous<br>languages materials and<br>ensure books in collection<br>are ordered from authentic<br>sources (I.e., Good minds<br>and Library Bound)                    | -TBPL CHL Indigenous<br>Relationships Supervisor<br>-TBPL Director of Collections | Present |
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| 2. To help preserve local<br>Indigenous languages –<br>new orders of authentic<br>books used as learning<br>tools (I.e., dictionaries) one<br>copy will be for <i>in library</i><br><i>use only</i> ; | -CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor                                       |         |

| <ul> <li>3. Form an Indigenous<br/>advisory council to enable<br/>and encourage active<br/>involvement and<br/>participation in developing<br/>and determining<br/>appropriate Library<br/>services and programs as<br/>well as Library policies and<br/>procedures that may<br/>directly or indirectly affect<br/>Indigenous<br/>peoples/patrons. The<br/>advisory council will</li> <li>a) Serve as advisors to<br/>staff</li> <li>b) Provide input, guidance<br/>and feedback related to<br/>reconciliation and<br/>decolonization efforts</li> <li>c) Help TBPL identify<br/>specific needs of the<br/>Indigenous community on<br/>an ongoing basis (monthly)</li> </ul> | -CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison<br>-Focus groups                                     | June 2016 –<br>Present  |
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| <ul> <li>4. Develop relationships with Anishinabek</li> <li>Employment and Training Services' employees and Elder in Residence</li> <li>a) Plan Indigenous programming together</li> </ul>   | -TBPL Indigenous Liaison<br>-Anishinaabek Employment and<br>Training Services<br>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor | Present<br>Fall 2019:<br>-TMP: Drop-in<br>crafts &<br>teachings<br>-Storytelling<br>circles |

#### TRC Recommendation: 62i.

Offer age-appropriate material(s) on residential schools, treaties, and Indigenous peoples' historical and contemporary contributions to Canada mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade twelve students

#### TRC Recommendation: 63i.

Offer learning material and resources Kindergarten to Grade Twelve on Indigenous peoples in Canadian history, and the history and legacy of residential schools

#### Inquest Recommendation: 117.

Community Partners to arrange for speakers/instructors to attend schools to provide information on topics which are aimed to engage the students

| ACTION<br>ITEMS/ACTIVITIES:  | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNER(S):  | STATUS:  |
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| 1. Connect with local<br>elementary and<br>secondary schools to<br>promote Indigenous<br>knowledge centres and<br>explore ways we can<br>provide resources and<br>support to educators<br>and students | -TBPL Collections<br>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-Public & Catholic Schools<br>-Dennis Franklin Cromarty High<br>School<br>-Matawa Learning Centre | Available upon<br>request<br>Fall 2019:<br>Numerous class<br>visits toured the<br>Brodie IKC |

| 2. Connect with schools to offer             | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians           | CHL's deliver                        |
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| in-school presentations                      | -Lakehead Public School Board            | presentations<br>upon receiving      |
| on material from Library collection, online  | -Catholic School Board                   | invitation<br>requests               |
| databases, programs and services available,  | -Dennis Franklin Cromarty High<br>School | Fall 2020                            |
| general library services<br>etc. focusing on | -Matawa Learning Centre                  | Marja & Robyn to<br>present together |
| Indigenous resources                         | -Other education institutes              | during class visits                  |

#### TRC Recommendation: 69ii.

Ensure that record holdings related to residential schools are accessible to the public

#### TRC Recommendation: 69iii.

Commit more resources to public education materials and programming on residential schools

#### TRC Recommendation: 83.

Strategy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process

| ACTION RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNER(S): STATUS: |
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| <ol> <li>Create indigenous<br/>knowledge centres<br/>(indoor and outdoor<br/>spaces) at each Library<br/>location:         <ul> <li>Will contain authentic<br/>resources – all items by<br/>Indigenous curators to<br/>protect and preserve<br/>Indigenous knowledge<br/>and support language<br/>and culture revitalization<br/>b) Will consolidate all<br/>new and existing<br/>Indigenous resources all<br/>in one place</li> <li>Collection items will<br/>be organized into key<br/>subject areas under<br/>relevant topics easily<br/>accessible for everyone<br/>(children, young adults,<br/>and adults)</li> <li>Will offer a safe<br/>space with seating area,<br/>treaty, map(s), art,<br/>displays, signage, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> | -TBPL Collections<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison<br>-TBPL Indigenous Advisory<br>Council<br>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor | Official grand<br>opening in<br>October 2018<br>2019<br>Children's IKC<br>collection items<br>with general<br>collection |
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| 2. Create a satellite<br>Indigenous knowledge<br>centre at Fort William<br>First Nation. A satellite<br>centre will allow for us to<br>strengthen relationships<br>with FWFN community<br>members while<br>extending Library<br>services, programs and<br>resources. Explore<br>collaboration projects<br>(I.e., The Maker's Path,<br>sharing/storytelling<br>Circles, teachings on the<br>land, traditional<br>ceremonies, language<br>classes, etc.) | <ul> <li>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison</li> <li>-TBPL Indigenous Advisory<br/>Council</li> <li>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br/>Supervisor</li> <li>-Fort William First Nation</li> <li>Seek community partnerships</li> </ul>   | Explore this<br>further with<br>FWFN |
| <ul> <li>3. Create an online<br/>database of local oral<br/>history that is told from<br/>an Indigenous<br/>perspective and make<br/>accessible to the public<br/>a) Digitize local and<br/>historical documents</li> <li>b) Collect and preserve<br/>oral stories of traditional<br/>teachings, values and<br/>beliefs</li> <li>c) Propose a community<br/>story sharing project</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>-Fort William First Nation</li> <li>-Nishnawbe Aski Nation</li> <li>-Dennis Franklin Cromarty High<br/>School</li> <li>-Métis Nation of Ontario – Thunder<br/>Bay</li> <li>-Thunder Bay Indigenous<br/>Friendship Centre</li> <li>-Gateway to NWO History (Jesse<br/>R. &amp; Laura P.)</li> <li>Seek community partnerships</li> </ul> |                                      |

| 4. Research and collect<br>existing documentation<br>on St. Joseph's Boarding<br>School/Fort William<br>Residential School and<br>other Residential<br>Schools. Connect into<br>existing databases | <ul> <li>TBPL Collections (Jesse R.)</li> <li>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br/>Supervisor</li> <li>-Fort William First Nation</li> <li>-Nishnawbe Aski Nation</li> <li>-Shingwauk Residential School<br/>Centre</li> <li>National Centre for Truth and<br/>Reconciliation</li> <li>Seek community partnerships</li> </ul> | Connect with<br>National Centre<br>for Truth and<br>Reconciliation  |
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| 5. Organize and<br>establish a Residential<br>School Awareness Week<br>including displays and<br>invite Residential School<br>survivors to speak about<br>their experiences                        | -CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison  | September<br>30/19<br>-All TBPL staff<br>wore orange<br>shirts on Orange<br>Shirt Day: Every<br>Child Matters<br>-All Library<br>branches had<br>orange shirt<br>stations &<br>displays |
| 6. Explore the possibility<br>of extending services to<br>(patrons) currently<br>residing in detention<br>homes and youth<br>facilities (I.e., online  |  |   |

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| donations etc.) |  |

# WEST – BLACK – AUTUMN – MENTAL – WATER – SAGE – ADULT

Research Best Practices, Tool Kits, Literacy Strategies

#### TRC Recommendation: 57.

Provide education to public servants on the history of indigenous peoples including the history and legacy of residential schools

| ACTION<br>ITEM(S)/ACTIVITIES:   | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNERSHIP(S):   | STATUS:   |
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| 1. Introduce core<br>training for all staff to<br>ensure awareness of<br>the intergenerational<br>impacts of residential<br>schools and<br>colonialism;<br>Appropriate training<br>should include (but not<br>be limited to):<br>Inter-Cultural<br>Competency; Mental<br>Health; First Aid<br>Strategies, and<br>Customer Service | -TBPL Staff & management<br>-TBPL Board  | May 2019<br>-All Staff<br>completed<br>Diversipro<br>Training<br>2019<br>-All staff<br>undergoing<br>Mental Health<br>First Aid<br>Training |
| 2. Form a staff working<br>group that will focus on<br>action plan<br>implementation  | -TBPL CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-TBPL Staff & management<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison | Set up<br>meeting with<br>CHL's   |

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| 3. Organize series of<br>dialogues and film<br>screenings on<br>reconciliation to help<br>build bridges and<br>strengthen the<br>relationship between<br>Indigenous and<br>non-Indigenous<br>peoples  | <ul> <li>-Canadian Commission for UNESCO</li> <li>-Indigenous Matters Committee (of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations)</li> <li>-National Film Board of Canada</li> <li>-Library and Archives Canada</li> <li>-Community members</li> <li>-Indigenous knowledge keepers</li> </ul> | January<br>2018 –<br>September<br>2018<br>-Hosted a<br>series of 20<br>film<br>screenings<br>with 15<br>different titles<br>brining in 141<br>visits into the<br>Library  |
| 4. Plan themed book<br>displays and film<br>screenings during<br>National Indigenous<br>holidays and<br>celebrations to create<br>public awareness<br>around Indigenous<br>Peoples in Canada by<br>acknowledging /<br>participating in the<br>following: National<br>Indigenous Peoples'<br>Day (June 21), and<br>First Nation's Public<br>Library Week | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians<br>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br>Supervisor<br>-TBPL Collections   | June 2019<br>-National<br>Indigenous<br>History Month<br>book displays<br>at all four<br>libraries<br>-TBPL booth<br>& storytelling<br>at NIPD<br>Education<br>Day for Gr.4<br>– 8 students<br>-TBPL booth<br>& book<br>display at<br>NIPD<br>festivities |

| 5. Plan programming<br>around Annual<br>Indigenous History<br>Month (June),<br>International Day of the<br>World's Indigenous<br>Peoples (August 9),<br>Every Child Matters:<br>Orange Shirt Day<br>(September 30),<br>Annual First Nations<br>Women's Day (October<br>5), and Annual Treaties<br>Recognition Week<br>(November), etc. | <ul> <li>-TBPL Community Hub Librarians</li> <li>-CHL Indigenous Relationships<br/>Supervisor</li> <li>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison</li> <li>Seek community partnerships</li> </ul> | June 2019:<br>-National<br>Indigenous<br>History Month<br>book displays<br>& film<br>screenings<br>September<br>2019:<br>-All staff<br>participated<br>in orange<br>shirt day<br>October<br>2019:<br>-TBPL<br>sponsored &<br>attended<br>Beenidgen's<br>FN Women's<br>Day<br>celebration |
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### Inquest Recommendation: 100.

Use of social media to explore options for promoting youth opportunities & programming

| ACTION RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNER(S):<br>ITEMS/ACTIVITIES: | STATUS: |
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| 1. Post opportunities<br>for youth including<br>volunteer opportunities,<br>co-op placements,<br>Indigenous Advisory<br>Council, and Youth<br>Advisory Council and<br>jobs on TBPL website | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians<br>-TBPL Systems<br>-Readers are Leaders | -Employment<br>opportunities<br>posted on tbpl.ca<br>and Facebook<br>page   |
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| 2. Share opportunities<br>& programs on TBPL<br>Indigenous Advisory<br>Council (Facebook<br>group)   | -TBPL Indigenous Liaison  | -Share posts and<br>events from<br>TBayPL<br>Facebook page<br>to TBPL<br>Indigenous<br>Advisory Council<br>Facebook page                                  |
| 3. Connect with<br>partners via social<br>media sites to share<br>"What's up at the<br>Library" events   | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians  | -Create posts<br>and share<br>content relevant<br>(later.com) that<br>highlight<br>Indigenous<br>authors and will<br>appeal to<br>Indigenous<br>community |

### Inquest Recommendation: 107.

Coordinate participation of students in recreation programs and events

| ITEMS/ACTIVITIES: |
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| 1. Promote the safe<br>spaces available (for<br>programming) within<br>community hubs with<br>visuals and photos in<br>Connect and on website                     | ite |  |
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| 2. Promote the use of<br>Tackle Share and<br>Garden Tool Lending<br>Library and other<br>resources to groups for<br>extra-curricular and<br>recreational purposes | or  | Seasonal<br>-Discontinued<br>TackleShare |

# NORTH – WHITE – WINTER – PHYSICAL – AIR – SWEETGRASS – ELDER

Gap Analysis, Good/Sound Practices

#### TRC Recommendation: 66.

Establish multi-year funding for community based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation

| ACTION<br>ITEMS/ACTIVITIES:  | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNER(S):  | STATUS:  |
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| <ol> <li>Collect Indigenous<br/>specific programming<br/>ideas by attending open<br/>forums and other events</li> </ol>  |   |  |
| <ul> <li>2. Develop</li> <li>Indigenous-specific arts program: <ul> <li>a) Invite knowledgeable</li> <li>Indigenous artisans to teach traditional and contemporary art forms etc.,</li> <li>b) Facilitate art workshops (I.e., youth mural)</li> <li>c) Woodlands Art workshops</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | Indigenous artists<br>Art in the Library Committee work<br>– review<br>-Dennis Franklin Cromarty High<br>School<br>High potential for community<br>partnerships | January 2019<br>-Purchased<br>artwork by<br>Kevin Belmore<br>-Mural<br>commissioned<br>by Shelby<br>Gagnon |

| 3. Continue to locate<br>funding streams that will<br>help support Indigenous<br>cultural revitalization by<br>developing culturally<br>relevant programming | -TBPL Indigenous Liaison<br>-TBPL Indigenous Advisory<br>Council |                                   |
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| 4. Participate in Youth<br>Inclusion Program from<br>2019-2023   |  | September<br>2019<br>-Orientation |

#### TRC Recommendation: 7.

Develop with Indigenous groups a joint strategy to eliminate educational and employment gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians

| ACTION<br>ITEMS/ACTIVITIES:  | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTN<br>ER(S):   | STATUS: |
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| 1. Review TBPL HR and<br>Board Policies &<br>Procedures to ensure<br>inclusivity | -TBPL CHL Indigenous<br>Relationships Supervisor<br>-TBPL Management<br>-TBPL Indigenous Liaison |         |

| 2. Work effectively to<br>eliminate potential barriers:<br>a) Employment<br>Applications &<br>Qualifications should be<br>relevant to job posting and<br>reflect specific duties and<br>responsibilities listed in<br>posting; consider (lived)<br>experience (when<br>educational boundaries are<br>in place); use<br>correct/appropriate<br>language and terminology | -TBPL Board<br>-TBPL Management                     | Ongoing |
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| 3. Locate funding streams;<br>Advocate for more library<br>funding at public libraries<br>and schools that support<br>large Indigenous<br>populations (especially on<br>reserves);   | Seek community<br>partnerships                      |         |
| 4. Participate in local job<br>fairs seeking to hire<br>Indigenous employees and<br>provide information on all<br>types of library careers   | -Fort William First Nation<br>-Education institutes |         |

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| 5. Offer additional<br>education and training to<br>staff working with<br>Indigenous peoples<br>(specifically staff organizing<br>and facilitating Indigenous<br>programming such as<br>storytelling/sharing circles,<br>oral history collection etc.)<br>including, but not limited to,<br>mental health training,<br>Indigenous cultural<br>sensitivity/awareness<br>(focus and expand on<br>elders role and<br>spiritual/traditional<br>practices, protocols, etc.),<br>and customer service so<br>staff will be better equipped<br>to coordinate, respond and<br>accommodate such events | -TBPL Management & Staff<br>-TBPL Board members |  |
| 6. Allot one seat minimum<br>for Indigenous<br>representation on TBPL<br>board ( <i>should be</i><br><i>mandatory</i> );   | -TBPL Board                                     |  |
| 7. Encourage Indigenous community members to apply as board members  | -TBPL Director of<br>Communities                | September 2018<br>-Board membership<br>package sent to<br>Indigenous organizations |

| 8. Practice / offer          |  |
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| restorative justice services |  |
| for banned patrons           |  |
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### Inquest Recommendation: 49.

Consultation with Community Partners, and provide students prior to their move to Thunder Bay with firsthand information, re: community supports and opportunities in Thunder Bay

| ACTION<br>ITEM(S)/ACTIVITIES:  | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNERSHIP(S): | STATUS:   |
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| 1. Accommodate<br>students' needs by<br>providing necessary<br>resources needed to<br>call home (resources<br>may include safe<br>space/private room)                              |                                | Available<br>upon booking   |
| 2. Encourage students<br>to submit purchase<br>suggestions to ensure<br>equal opportunity to<br>participate in and be<br>involved in creating an<br>Indigenous Knowledge<br>Centre |                                | Official grand<br>opening in<br>October 2018<br>- Announced<br>"Name the<br>Spaces" |

### Inquest Recommendation: 74.

Student welcome orientation (including provision of City maps, transit maps, community centres and activities)

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| 1. Connect with<br>distance education<br>centre (DEC) for list of<br>satellite offices serving<br>the First Nations<br>Northern communities | -Northern Nishnawbe Education<br>Council<br>-Matawa<br>-KKETS |  |
| 2. Distribute TBPL<br>Connect Newsletter on<br>a quarterly basis to<br>distance education<br>centres located in<br>Thunder Bay              | -Northern Nishnawbe Education<br>Council<br>-KKETS            | Fall 2019<br>-Nelson to<br>deliver<br>bundles                                      |
| 3. Make City maps<br>and transit maps and<br>schedules visible at all<br>branches;  |   | Information<br>stations<br>available at<br>each library                            |
| 4. Offer in-Library tours during orientations   | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians &<br>Technicians               | May 2019<br>-Matawa (Gr.<br>8) Student<br>Orientation<br>Available<br>upon request |

#### Inquest Recommendation: 91.

Timely reporting of missing students and consistent practices among institutions, re: students reported missing and sudden death investigations (i.e. timely reporting, public awareness, information sheets, social media search, press release, best practices for interviews, internal search plans, global search plans, missing persons risk factors, training)

| ACTION<br>ITEM(S)/ACTIVITIES:  | RESPONSIBILITY/PARTNERSHIP(S):  | STATUS:              |
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| 1. Ensure all TBPL staff<br>are aware of youth who<br>have been reported<br>missing by circulating<br>their information and<br>photo;                      | -TBPL Staff   | Share on FB<br>page? |
| 2. Search library card<br>database for the<br>missing individual's<br>recent activity; put card<br>on "hold";  | -TBPL Community Hub Librarians  |                      |
| 3. Review and share<br>TBPS' Missing Persons<br>procedures (available<br>online) and determine<br>how TBPL is to respond<br>when protocol is<br>activated; | -TBPL Management  |                      |
| 4. Consider TBPL<br>branches as<br>"safezones" for<br>panicked student/youth,  | -City of Thunder Bay (Crime Prevention<br>Council & Aboriginal Liaison Unit)<br>Nishnawbe Aski Nation |                      |

| volunteer patrol groups, |  |
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| etc.;                    |  |