

Inquest Recommendations:

As a result of the recommendations made by the Jury at the conclusion of the Inquest into the Seven Indigenous Deaths in Thunder Bay (June 2016), the Thunder Bay Police Service was named in 8 of the 145 recommendations.

Those eight (8) recommendations were numbers 7, 48, 91, 94, 96, 97, 115 and 143:

- Number 7 outlines the general principles of interpretation for reconciliation moving forward;
- Number 48 calls on the Thunder Bay Police Service to continue to pursue and expand the “Grade 8 Visit Program”;
- Number 91 addresses the issue of timely reporting of missing persons and investigations and searches of missing persons;
- Number 94 addresses join protocol for volunteer community searchers be translated in Cree, Ojibway, and Oji-Cree;
- Numbers 96 and 97 address the issue of underage drinking and are aimed at the LCBO and the Province as well as the Police Service;
- Number 115 addresses collaboration to ensure safety of the river areas;
- Number 143 calls on all of the parties to prepare annual reports updating on the progress of the recommendations.

The Thunder Bay Police Service began work on the recommendations immediately. On August 23, 2017, it was announced that the Thunder Bay Police Service received a grade of B+ by Aboriginal Legal Services for its progress on meeting the Inquest recommendations at the one (1) year mark.

The details of those recommendations are as follows:

Recommendation 48

The Thunder Bay Police continues with an outreach program which involves our officers visiting students in First Nation communities. Our Aboriginal Liaison officers and School Resource officers visited a number of northern communities with the assistance of the Nishnawbe-Aske Police Service. This program continues and the TBPS is working with the communities’ educational organizations.



Recommendation 91

The TBPS engaged other named parties in the Inquest recommendations to work collaboratively in a response to the issue of missing persons. Most recently, we have teamed up with the City of Thunder Bay and Matawa to launch a Public Awareness Campaign. The Social Media presentation can now be [found on our website](#) as of April 16, 2018.

As a result of this recommendation, the TBPS has also changed some important policies and understands the need to continue reviewing procedures as time progresses.

Recommendation 94

The Community Services Branch of the TBPS began work with other named parties, specifically NAN, to develop a Multilingual Joint Search Protocol. The protocol is nearly complete and will be translated into Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway. It will soon be made available on our website.

Recommendation 96 & 97

The TBPS and the LCBO formed a working task force to look at the issue of “runners” who illegally obtain alcohol for minors, placing youth in high risk situations. The working group is developing creative messaging for the public targeting youth as well as enforcement efforts to address this type of activity.

The working group includes the direct involvement of First Nation youth through local educational organizations.

Recommendation 115

Since the fall of 2016, the Uniform Patrol Branch of the TBPS conducted focused patrols of the city’s waterways and recreational trails. These patrols have been successful in intervening in numerous life threatening situations. The patrols will continue into 2018 and beyond.

The TBPS participated in a community safety audit in 2017 which included various community partners. Specific areas along the city’s recreational trails were identified as needing attention to address safety concerns. The TBPS is currently involved with this working group to focus on solutions to this important issue.

Both the audit document and the Floodway Project have been presented at Board Meetings in Open Session and those documents are available to the public. We encourage you to read them. They are [available on our website](#).

Further, the City of Thunder Bay and the Service have drafted an information pamphlet that has been distributed to residents and business owners along the river ways. A copy of the pamphlet is [available on our website](#).

