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Assembly Recognize Landyn Toney for his Remarkable Efforts

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs (Assembly) applaud Landyn Toney on his Journey of Awareness that has led the 12-year old to walk over 150km to bring awareness of Residential Schools.

Later today, Landyn will be arriving in his home Mi'kmaw community, Annapolis Valley First Nation, which will conclude his trek.

"We are so proud of Landyn and what he did to further awareness on residential schools," said Chief Gerald Toney, Annapolis Valley First Nation. "This just shows how much our children have this topic on their hearts and minds. Many kids, including Landyn, had grandparents or great-grandparents, attend residential schools."

Landyn began his walk on Thursday in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia and will be concluding his Journey of Awareness in Annapolis Valley First Nation later this afternoon.

"We'd like to express gratitude to everyone who joined part of Landyn's journey and to those who came to cheer him on along the way," continued Chief Toney. "We hope that Landyn knows how remarkable he is. Landyn voice and actions are powerful. His actions made us all pause and reflect on all those children who didn't make it home."

Members of the Assembly will be in Annapolis Valley today to be part of his final steps home and to watch Landyn's safe arrival to the community.

"The Assembly is proud of Landyn; the Mi'kmaw Nation is proud of Landyn; and we are pleased to be able to be there to welcome him home," said Chief Sidney Peters, Co-Chair of the Assembly. "Thank you for all you've done, Landyn. Your actions are very inspiring."

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