



## **ISSUE UPDATE**March 2019

# REPORT CARD TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION'S 94 CALLS TO ACTION

#### **OVERVIEW**

In its final report the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) called on governments, educational and religious institutions, civil society groups and all Canadians to take action on the 94 Calls to Action (CTA).

Of the 94 CTA's, 46 require a direct response from the Government of Canada, 30 are shared by federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, and the remainder are the responsibility of other organizations.

To fulfill CTA #53, an Interim Board was created in December 2017 to establish a National Council for Reconciliation (NCR). On June 12, 2018, the Interim Board, chaired by Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild, recommended an independent, multigenerational institution to monitor, evaluate and report on reconciliation and act as a catalyst for innovative thought, dialogue and action. This institute would be financially independent and separate from the Government and would be governed by a Board of Directors and supported by an Executive Director and staff.

#### **UPDATE**

The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) provided preliminary comments to the Interim Board on the structure of the NCR prior to the release of the June 2018 report. The AFN suggested the voices of the survivors must be reflected in the NCR's work, and that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) should be the framework for the NCR to measure government commitments.

The AFN is working with First Nations leadership and technicians, in partnership with the Government of Canada, to codevelop initiatives that address the Calls to Action. This includes reforms to First Nations Child Welfare, the creation of Indigenous Languages Legislation, amendments to the Citizenship Guide and the Oath of Citizenship.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The AFN will continue to advocate for concrete actions to address the Calls to Action and will report on progress to the AFN Executive Committee and Chiefs-in-Assembly. As per Resolution 01/2015, Support for the Full

Implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, Chiefsin-Assembly call on Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Governments to take immediate steps to fully implement all of the

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Calls to Action. Resolution 01/2015 also mandates the AFN Secretariat to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly by way of a progress report.

On May 3, 2018, Crown-Indigenous Relations launched a progress report on a government website. There have been some significant commitments from Canada in areas such as

child welfare and language revitalization. The AFN is currently engaged in advancing 33 of the 94 Calls to Action. The AFN will continue to monitor progress and advocate for full and meaningful implementation of all the Calls to Action. Commitments and action are needed particularly in the areas of justice, equity in the legal system and missing children.

### **Progress on 94 Calls to Action by Subject Area**

Calls to Action (C2A)by Subject Area	No Progress	Under way	Some Progress	Action Complete
Child welfare (C2A 1-5)	2		1, 3, 4, 5	
Education (6-12)	6, 9, 10, 12		7, 8, 11	
Language and Culture (C2A 13-17)	15	14	16, 17	13
Health (C2A 18-24)	18, 19, 20, 21	22	23, 24	
Justice (C2A 25-42)	25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38		27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 40	39, 41
UN Declaration (C2A 43, 44)	44		43	
Royal Proclamation (C2A 45-47)	45, 46, 47			
Settlement Agreements (C2A 48, 49)			48, 49	
Equity in the Legal System (C2A 50-52)	51, 52	50		
National Council for Reconciliation (C2A 53-56)	55, 56	53, 54		
Professional Development (C2A 57)			57	
Church Apologies (C2A 58-61)	58		60, 61	59
Education for Reconciliation (C2A 62-65)	64		62, 63, 65	
Youth Programs (C2A 66)			66	
Museums and Archives (C2A 67-70)	67, 68	69, 70		
Missing Children (C2A 71-76)	71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76			
National Centre (C2A 77-78)			77, 78	
Commemoration (C2A 79-83)	79, 80, 81		82	83
Media (C2A 84-86)			86	84, 85
Sports (C2A 87-91)	89	87, 90	88, 91	
Business (C2A 92)			92	
Newcomers to Canada (C2A 93, 94)		93	94	