




A Commitment to Truth, Justice and Reconciliation


Canada enjoys a reputation as a multicultural society that respects human rights. Canada as a nation, however, has yet to fully respect the Indigenous nations and honour their inherent rights as acknowledged by the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and provided for by the many subsequent Treaties. Injustices and harms have been – and continue to be – perpetrated upon Indigenous peoples and communities of colour, as a result of the colonization of the First Peoples and the racist policies of the governments in Canada. Despite Canada's economic prosperity, First Peoples and peoples of colour continue to experience a disproportionate level of poverty and related disparities as compared to the rest of the population.

As Treaty peoples, we share a vision for Canada as one which promises fairness, respect, justice, equality and prosperity for everyone on these lands and territories. We believe that the first critical step towards realizing that vision is the rebuilding and renewing of the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of Canada through a process of reconciliation that fully honours our respective roles as Treaty peoples.

Reconciliation is about remembering and correcting past wrongs. Reconciliation is about reparations and restoring justice. It is about equity, dignity, justice and respect for all peoples. True reconciliation helps to heal victims of injustice and liberates Canadian society from the burden of its collective guilt.

As we embark on this shared journey of truth, justice and reconciliation, we hereby commit, from this day forward, to work together to:

- Fully honour all the Treaties upon which this country is founded and which bind all of us as Treaty peoples;
 - Build and rebuild relationships between and among Indigenous peoples, communities of colour and all others in Canada on the basis of mutual respect for and recognition of each other's rights and rightful place within Canada;
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- Continue to educate ourselves about the effects and intergenerational legacy of the Residential Schools as experienced by Indigenous peoples and the impacts of the many other historical injustices as lived by communities of colour;
 - Advocate for the inclusion into all schools' mandatory curriculum teaching about the meaning of Treaty and human rights – as well as the true histories of First Peoples and peoples of colour, including past and present injustices;
 - Advocate for the use of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous peoples as the framework for working towards ongoing reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples;
 - Support reparations for historical wrongs that have yet to be acknowledged and/or redressed by the governments in Canada;
 - Support Indigenous communities' efforts for renewed nation-to-nation relationships with the governments in Canada; and
 - Support the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and advocate for the extension of the Commission's mandate.

Let us all work together to help transform Canada from what we imagine it to be, to what it should truly become, a just society. Our future depends on it.

