
Assembly of First Nations

55 Metcalfe Street, Suite 1600
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6L5
Telephone: 613-241-6789 Fax: 613-241-5808
www.afn.ca



Assemblée des Premières Nations

55, rue Metcalfe, Suite 1600
Ottawa (Ontario) K1P 6L5
Téléphone: 613-241-6789 Télécopieur: 613-241-5808
www.afn.ca

**ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JULY 7, 8 & 9, 2015, MONTRÉAL, QC**

Resolution no. 01/2015

TITLE: Support for the Full Implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action

SUBJECT: Indian Residential Schools

MOVED BY: Chief Michael LeBourdais, Whispering Pines/Clinton First Nation, BC

SECONDED BY: Chief Ronald Ignace, Skeetchestn Indian Band, BC

DECISION Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

- A. The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) has played a vital and necessary role in beginning the lengthy process of reconciliation. Collectively, we must also stand up together to recognize and celebrate the courage of all of the Survivors who have stepped out of the dark to share their stories, their histories, their truths of the depths and consequences of the multi-layered and intergenerational impacts of the Indian Residential School system. The release of this report is an important opportunity now for Canada and the Provinces, in partnership with First Nations, to jointly commit to change.
- B. It is because of the courage of these survivors that justice was achieved through the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, and that the TRC was established under the terms of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.
- C. The TRC has organized 7 national events and gathered more than 7,000 statements from Survivors. The TRC's 6-year mandate was to create awareness about and document the history and ongoing legacy of the Indian Residential School system as well as guide and inspire a process of truth, healing and reconciliation.
- D. On June 2, 2015, Justice Murray Sinclair released the TRC's document titled, *Honoring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: A Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada*, during the TRC closing events in Ottawa, ON. The summary report contained 94 Calls to Action to all levels of government and must be implemented as the bare minimum to respect, recognize and reconcile for the sake of our future generations.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 8th day of July, 2015 in Montréal, Québec

PERRY BELLEGARDE, NATIONAL CHIEF

01 – 2015
Page 1 of 2

- E. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states:
- i. Article 8 (2): States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for:
 - a) Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities.
 - d) Any form of forced assimilation or integration.
- F. Reconciliation must be supported by a legislative, regulatory, policy and administrative framework that not only encompasses the TRC's Calls to Action, but supports mechanisms for ongoing reconciliation between First Nations and the Crown.
- G. As a show of genuine commitment to reconciliation and in recognition of its responsibility to uphold the Honour of the Crown, the Federal Government, as well as Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Governments, should take immediate steps to fully implement all Calls to Action contained within the summary of the Final Report of the TRC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Call upon the Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal Governments to take immediate steps to fully implement all of the Calls to Action contained within the summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), released on June 2, 2015.
2. Mandate the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Secretariat to create and coordinate a political working group comprised of members of the AFN Executive to develop an action toolkit that clarifies the roles of the AFN, the regions and the First Nations, with respect to the implementation of the TRC Calls to Action.
3. Mandate the AFN Secretariat to report back to the Chiefs-in-Assembly by way of a Progress Report on this specific resolution at every AFN assembly, including Annual General Assemblies and Special Chiefs Assemblies, for the next five years.

Certified copy of a resolution adopted on the 8th day of July, 2015 in Montréal, Québec



PERRY BELLEGARDE, NATIONAL CHIEF