

“My challenge to you is to read the 94 Calls To Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report and pick one that you can work on, that you understand, and that you support—and make it happen.”

This is not a spectator sport. We need you, to be able to bring reconciliation to a reality in this country.”

– Senator Murray Sinclair, or Mizanay (Mizhana) Gheezhik
Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

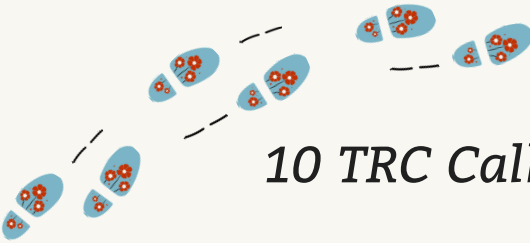
About the TRC in Local Government Report

Everyone has a role to play in truth-telling and reconciliation. Women Transforming Cities conducted research to understand the progress BC municipalities are making towards implementing the TRC Calls to Action in their communities, the barriers they're encountering, and the supports local leaders need to accelerate action. Our goal is to celebrate good work, see these barriers addressed, and empower municipalities to make meaningful progress on the Calls to Action.

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10 TRC Calls to Action for Local Governments

#17 *Reduce Barriers to Name Reclamation*

“We call upon all levels of government to enable residential school Survivors and their families to reclaim names changed by the residential school system by waiving administrative costs for a period of five years for the name-change process and the revision of official identity documents, such as birth certificates, passports, driver’s licences, health cards, status cards, and social insurance numbers.”

#23 *Enable Access to Culturally Appropriate Healthcare*

“We call upon all levels of government to:

- i. Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field.
- ii. Ensure the retention of Aboriginal health-care providers in Aboriginal communities.
- iii. Provide cultural competency training for all healthcare professionals.”

#40 *Support Culturally Appropriate Services for Indigenous Survivors of Violence*

We call on all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, to create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services with appropriate evaluation mechanisms.

#43 *Adopt and Implement UNDRIP*

“We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.”

#47 *Reject Concepts Used to Justify Residential Schools and Land Dispossession*

“We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands, such as the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius, and to reform those laws, government policies, and litigation strategies that continue to rely on such concepts.”

#57 *Provide Training for Public Servants*

“We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.”

#75 *Protect Burial Sites and Honour the Children*

“We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.”

#77 *Provide Records to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation*

“We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal, and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system, and to provide these to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.”

#87 *Celebrate Indigenous Athletes in History*

“We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.”

#88 *Support Indigenous Athlete Development*

“We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games, including funding to host the games and for provincial and territorial team preparation and travel.”