



Truth & Reconciliation

City Council

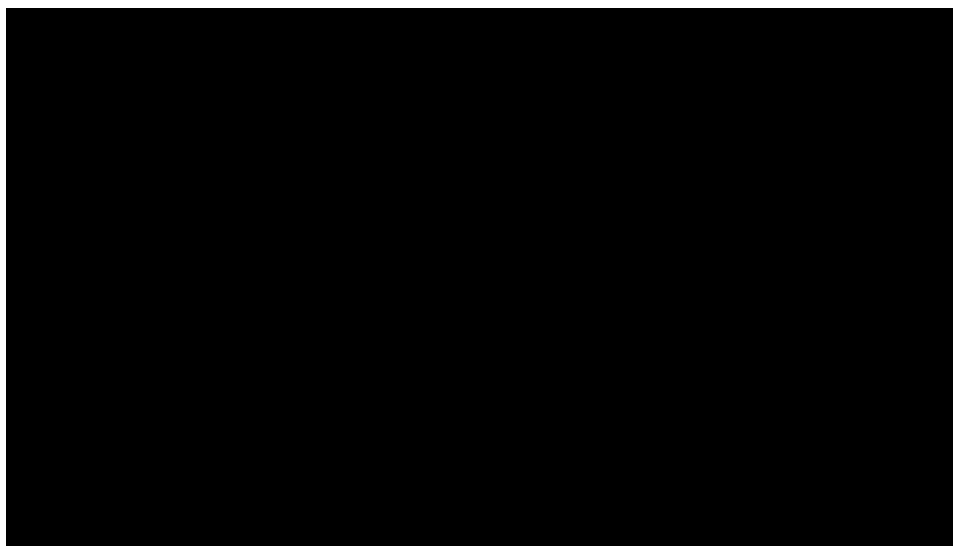
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Outline

- ▶ What is Truth & Reconciliation?
- ▶ Why is it important?
- ▶ Examples of reconciliation initiatives
- ▶ Starting the journey – a proposal

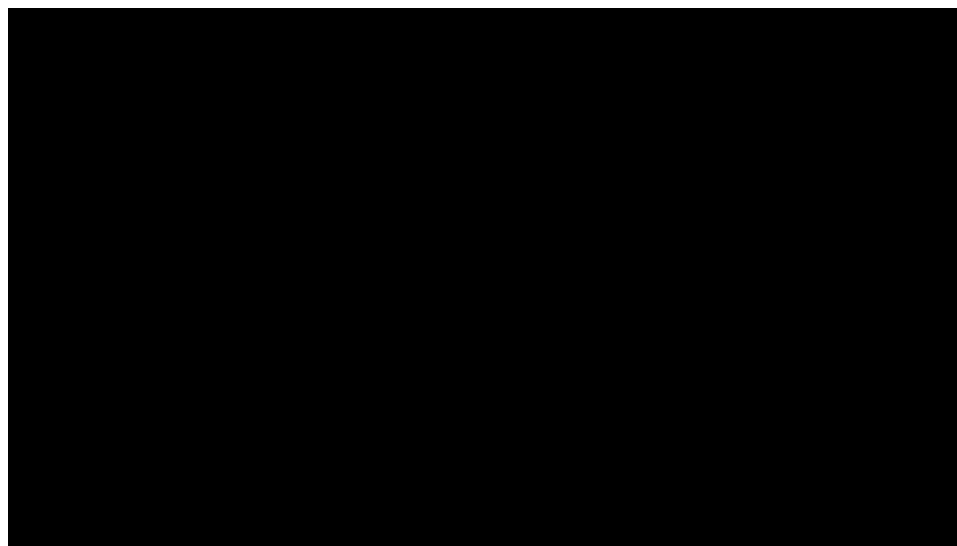
Truth: The History



[Click here for video](#)

Presentation at Banff Centre Truth & Reconciliation Summit (Oct. 29 2016) by Kathleen Mahoney, Chief Negotiator for the AFN Settlement agreement with Canada for reparations and Truth & Reconciliation Process (approx. 20 mins)

Truth: The Legacy & the Future



[Click here for video](#)

Presentation at Banff Centre Truth & Reconciliation Summit (Oct. 29 2016) by Dr. Marie Wilson, TRC Commissioner (approx. 32 mins)

The Legacy – Kelowna Realities

- ▶ Aboriginal peoples are 4.5% of Kelowna's population but constitute nearly 25% of Kelowna's homeless population
- ▶ 42% of all women experiencing absolute homelessness in Kelowna identify as Aboriginal, compared to 17% of all men

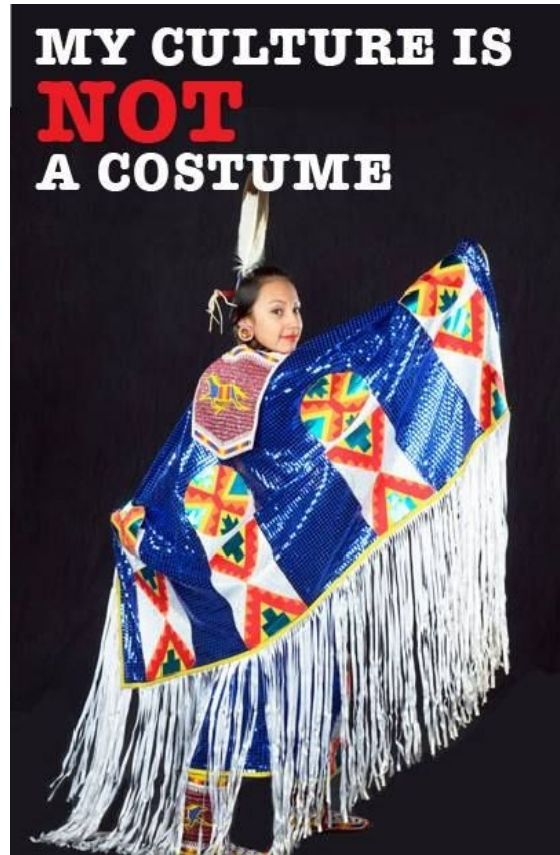
(From 2016 Kelowna Point in Time Count)

What is Reconciliation?

- ▶ Decolonization / indigenization
- ▶ Developing, maintaining and nurturing respectful relationships*
- ▶ Facing the truth; not qualifying or justifying our actions, because the results are so glaring and undeniable*
- ▶ Ongoing healing*

*(*Dr. Marie Wilson: address at the 2016 Banff Centre Truth & Reconciliation Summit)*

Decolonization/Indigenization



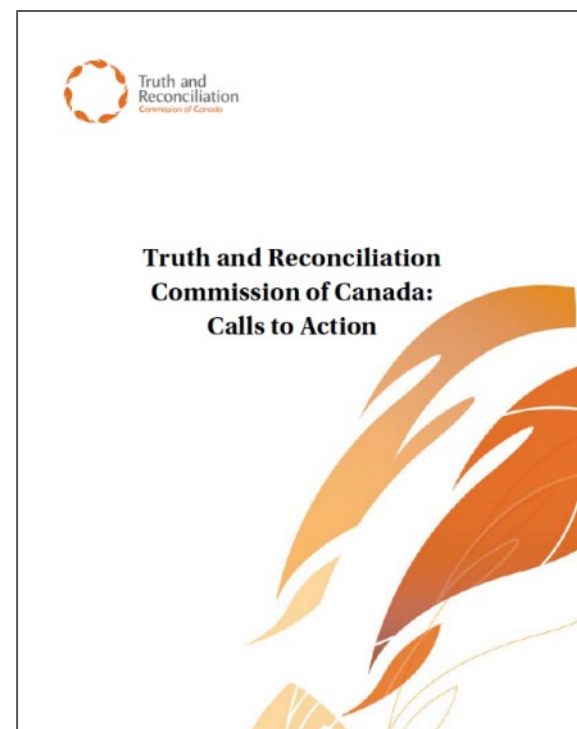



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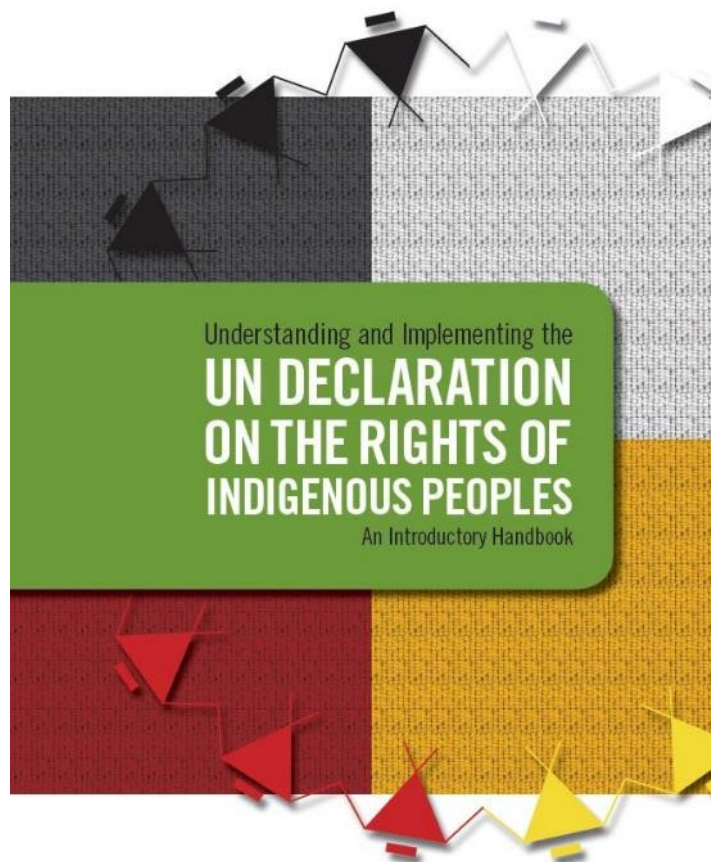
**TRAIL NAME UNDER
CONSTRUCTION.
BUILDING RESPECT
FOR SYLX WOMEN.**

TRC Calls to Action

- ▶ 94 calls in total - 16 calls relate to municipal and/or all orders of government
- ▶ Others relate to agencies and organizations with which local government may have relationships and influence (i.e. health, education, arts, sports)



TRC Call to Action #43



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.

TRC Call to Action #57

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.**

(emphasis added)

Local Action – School District 23

- ▶ Orange Shirt Day
 - ▶ Sept 30 each year
- ▶ Aboriginal Education Program



Local Action – Interior Health



Interior Health

- ▶ More than 2,600 employees have completed an online Indigenous Cultural Safety Program
- ▶ IH hired a Cultural Safety Educator in 2015

Other Cities & Agencies

- ▶ Vancouver
- ▶ Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
- ▶ North Vancouver
- ▶ Prince George
- ▶ Cariboo Regional District
- ▶ UBCM and FCM

Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional ancestral, unceded, territory of the Okanagan People.

(used by School District 23)

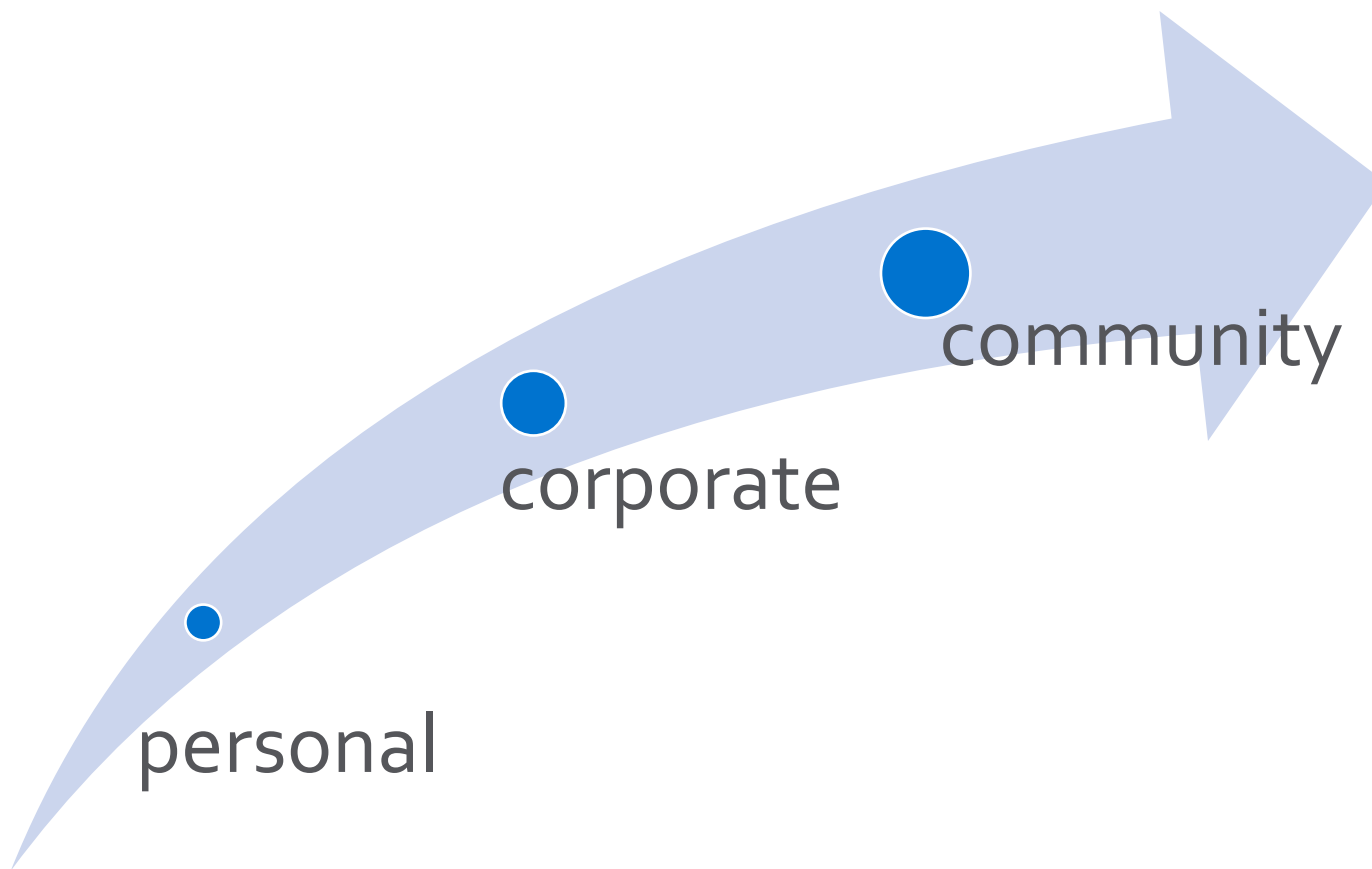
Located on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples

(included in email signature of City of Vancouver staff)

City of Kelowna



From Truth to Action



Next steps

- ▶ Work with the En'owkin Centre and the UBCO Institute for Community Engaged Research (ICER) to:
 - ▶ identify best practices
 - ▶ identify or create practical educational resources and approaches
 - ▶ enable leadership in a broader community context
- ▶ Invite participation in an inter-departmental team
- ▶ Outreach to Westbank First Nation and others

En'owkin Centre

▶ <http://www.enowkincentre.ca/about.html>

"n'awqen" ~ En'owkin

- ▶ The word En'owkin is an Okanagan conceptual metaphor which describes a process of clarification, conflict resolution and group commitment. With a focus on coming to the best solutions possible through respectful dialogue, literally through consensus.

UBCO - ICER

- ▶ <http://icer.ok.ubc.ca/about.html>
- ▶ The Institute for Community Engaged Research (ICER) facilitates research with communities in the Okanagan Valley and across British Columbia.
- ▶ Committed to research that supports diversity, equity and social justice
- ▶ Promotes participation of community members, organizations, students and academics as co-researchers

Parting Thoughts

