

May 31, 2021

Hello Members of Arran-Elderslie Council,

Given the recent discovery of 215 Indigenous children buried at the former Kamloops Residential School, and

Given the untold other children who perished at the hands of colonial governments and religious institutions, and

Given the ongoing harm that continues against Indigenous peoples until this day,

We request the following:

- That all municipal flags in Arran-Elderslie fly at half-mast for a minimum of 215 hours
- That the municipality of Arran-Elderslie begin all council meetings with a land acknowledgment
- That the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie develop a resolution outlining their commitment to implementing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, specifically those that pertain to municipal governments
- That the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie assembles a diverse and representative committee to guide in the development of the Truth and Reconciliation Resolution and a land acknowledgment.

The responsibility to work towards truth and reconciliation lies with us all, including our governments. It is our sincere hope that the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie will demonstrate leadership within our communities, by passing a motion to adopt this request.

Thank you,

Arran-Elderslie Residents: Carla Allen, Reid Allen, Dennis Blakey, Eva Cenitagoya, Jennifer Christie, Donna Cormack, Ken Cormack, Kim Craddock, Sandra Crockard, Jessica DuBois Musehl, Ann Fauchon, Karen Kimpel, Sara-Lynne Leask, Melanie Leclair, Wendy Liddle, Jennifer MacIsaac, Joe MacIsaac, Tammie McFarlane, Niki Padbury, Jaclyn Parker, Josh Parker, Sarah Pedersen, Brandon Pedersen-Plante, Alan Richardson, Kim Samuels, Alli Shears, Nicole Slumskie, Chris Stephen, Amy Stephen, Heather Travis

Additional Information:

Remains of 215 children found buried at former B.C. residential school, First Nation says:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/tk-eml%C3%BAs-te-secw%C3%A9penc-215-children-former-kamloops-indian-residential-school-1.6043778>

Calls to Action: http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada:

<http://caid.ca/TRCFinExeSum2015.pdf>

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Pathways to Reconciliation:

https://data.fcm.ca/documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf