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Honourable Marc Dalton
Member of Parliament
Sent via email: marc.dalton@parl.gc.ca

Honourable Lisa Beare
Member of the Legislative Assembly
Sent via email: lisa.beare.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear MP Dalton and MLA Beare:

Re: Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75

We write this letter regarding the recent announcement from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and the results of a survey at the former Residential school in Kamloops B.C., which uncovered the remains of 215 Indigenous children. These findings confirm and support the stories and histories as told by many residential school survivors.

The findings in Kamloops support the suggestion that there will likely be further tragic discoveries at other residential schools.

We share in the grief of all First Nation people as we collectively honour and mourn the loss of these 215 children.

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We believe it is imperative that immediate action be taken to address Action 75 of the Commission's Calls to Action, which states:

75. We call upon the federal government to work with 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.

In order for reconciliation to take place, the truth must be recognized and acknowledged. We feel that by identifying, honouring, and remembering these Indigenous children, it is an important step towards healing.

Along with our collective outrage, we fully support and call for further action to find, and hold accountable, those who were involved in this unspeakable tragedy.

Yours Truly,



Mayor Bill Dingwall

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cc: Pitt Meadows City Council
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