



PSAC-BC

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

CALL-OUT FOR VISUAL DOCUMENTATION OF PSAC MEMBER/COMMITTEE/COMPONENT ACTIONS IN RELATION TO RECONCILIATION

“Truth is Hard. Reconciliation is Harder”

Speech by the Honorable Murray Sinclair

“I think there is a growing body of reasonable people out there who are trying to figure out what to do and what they can do to contribute to the process of reconciliation but the difficulty they face, the difficulty that Canada faces generally is that there is a group of very vocal, very influential people in Canada who hold significant positions of power who are working hard against reconciliation. People who are holding positions of privilege, who are benefitting from the riches of this country that have been taken away from Indigenous people. The people who have been taught to believe that they are superior to Indigenous people and don’t want to think they are not. I said at the end of the TRC report getting to the truth was hard but getting to reconciliation will be harder because I knew that there would be people working very hard, very forcefully, even violently against reconciliation.

“And so, one of the things I make sure non-Indigenous people understand is we don’t need you to help heal us, we need you to fix yourselves. We need you to get those people out there who are perpetrating this process of working against reconciliation under control. We need you to straighten yourselves out, we don’t need you to just step forward and say well here is what we can do for you because my question is always, what are you doing for yourself? What are you doing to get rid of that violent vocal force that is holding us all back, holding us all, holding this country back? Because that is what’s going to stop reconciliation.”

Inspired by the speech above by the Honourable Murray Sinclair, the Indigenous Caucus of PSAC-BC Region, would like to put together a visual archive of reconciliation acts performed by PSAC members.

At times, the ugliness in our nation committed by very vocal and influential people of power and privilege, seems to overwhelm positive actions making reconciliation seem futile. We know there are very many of you working hard to advance reconciliation. We want to see all your activities, as it would be healing not only to us, but to the nations’ communities as whole.

Please hear our call-out and provide us with documentation of your activities. Please share this request with your components executive and at any committees you participate in. PSAC members nation-wide are invited to contribute. On September 30, 2022, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, we will share a presentation of all actions archived.

Information for our archive can be sent to:

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