

Town of Canmore Commitments to Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action 2019 Update

Calls to Action going forward

In reviewing the 94 Calls to Action, the Town of Canmore can play a role in leading or advancing 15 Actions. In 2017 Council approved the following actions and what the Town of Canmore can commit to working toward.

Child Welfare - Action 1

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and aboriginal governments to commit to reducing the number of Aboriginal children in care by:

- ii. Providing adequate resources to enable Aboriginal communities and child-welfare organizations to keep Aboriginal families together where it is safe to do so, and to keep children in culturally appropriate environments, regardless of where they reside. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Support the on-reserve women's shelter as requested	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Town representatives attended opening. Staff continue to provide supports as requested.

Child Welfare - Action 5

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate parenting programs for Aboriginal families. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Share parenting resources and support the development of an indigenous-based parenting program	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Staff have supported Stoney Nakoda Administrative staff in their application to the Province for a Parent Link Centre in Morley. Agreement was signed March, 2019 with the Province of Alberta. Town staff will continue to support this initiative as requested.

Education - Action 12

We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to develop culturally appropriate early childhood education programs for Aboriginal families. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Incorporate Indigenous books, posters, images, and stories into BVPL and FCSS programs and spaces	Available within current budget	Done. Looking for ways to incorporate inclusive resources is ongoing
Work with community partners to ensure that messaging (such as sexual assault awareness campaign) is culturally relevant for Indigenous people	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	No update

Language and Culture - Action 14

We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that incorporates the following principles:

- i. Aboriginal languages are fundamental and valued element of Canadian culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them.
- iv. The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
<p>Consult with Stoney peoples to determine what/where appropriate. Some examples could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translate public art calls into regional indigenous languages • Incorporate Indigenous names into trails/public spaces • Translate signage (welcome, streets, parks) into Stoney where appropriate 	Future budget request	<p>All signage for Canada 150 mural project were translated into Stoney language.</p> <p>Cultural Master Plan “Creative Canmore” public engagement has three buttons – one in Stoney language and on Town’s website.</p> <p>Support Healing Ride (from Morley to Canmore to Banff) by helping organizers write grants and problem-solve challenges.</p>

Canadian Governments and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People – 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.

The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Partner with community to seek funding for projects that strengthen Indigenous relationships	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Applied for grants from Heritage Canada and the Banff Canmore Community Foundation for multiple programs.

Professional Development and Training for Public Servants 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. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Include these topics in education, training, and development opportunities for Town of Canmore staff	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Staff attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation and Right Relations course at Banff Centre • U of A online Indigenous Canada course. • U of A Land Use Planning course • Planning webinar with content related to TRC • Stoney Language course offered through artsPlace • Provided KAIROS blanket exercise training for summer camp staff and invited all staff to attend. • Successfully applied for an AUMA grant to bring the blanket

		exercise to local Town Council and staff.
Explore opportunities to develop meaningful relationships, learn about Indigenous history, and understand what we can incorporate about Canada's Indigenous history in public spaces (website, Civic Centre, Rec Centre, Elevation Place)	Future budget request	Worked with the MD of Bighorn on their Canada 150 initiative to install historical signs throughout the Bow Valley. Two signs were located within the Town of Canmore. Staff and members of Council attended the unveilings. Next temporary public art call will target Indigenous artists from Morley as well as community and regional artists.
Create an action plan to gather, learn, and write the Bow Valley's Indigenous History	Future budget request	Cultural Master Plan includes a talking circle with Indigenous and Multicultural origin stories of our community.

Education for Reconciliation Action 63

We call upon the council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues including:

- iii. Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Include understanding, empathy, and mutual respect and appreciation of Indigenous culture into our school aged programming	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Ongoing
Partner with local schools on their efforts to address Truth and Reconciliation	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Moved NIPD celebration to local middle school site in 2018.
Continue to host and build on National Aboriginal Day community celebrations	Available within current budget.	Celebration size and offerings were increased in 2018. It was our largest NIPD celebration to date and was well attended.

Youth Programs Action 66

We call upon the federal government to establish multi-year funding for community-based youth organizations to deliver programs on reconciliation, and establish a national network to share information and best practices. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Explore options for incorporating Indigenous neighbours and culture into programs like Big Fun Camps and Healthy Little Chefs	Opportunities may arise through current relationships and Bow Valley TRC working group. Could also include a future budget request.	Incorporated work with elders into summer camps for kids through Lifeways Gallery. Hosted Healthy Little Chefs classes at Exshaw school. Incorporated Bannock making into Wild Little Women.
Share resources with community based youth organizations	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Ongoing

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Action 78

We call upon the Government of Canada to commit to making a funding contribution of \$10 million over seven years to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, plus an additional amount to assist communities to research and produce histories of their own residential school experience and their involvement in truth, healing, and reconciliation. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Partner with local individuals and/or organizations who seek to access funding to research and produce histories of residential school experiences relevant to Canmore and our community	Opportunities may arise through current relationships and Bow Valley TRC working group. Could also include a future budget request.	No update

Commemoration Action 79

We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Survivors, Aboriginal organizations, and the arts community, to develop a reconciliation framework for Canadian heritage commemoration. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Engage with artists and community to include Indigenous programming in public art and community events	Opportunities may arise through current relationships and Bow Valley TRC working group. Could also include a future budget request.	Multiple programs with Indigenous community members and including Indigenous content at artsPlace and in the Town's

		Arts and Events program offerings.
Support Orange Shirt Day as a way to raise awareness about residential schools	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Nothing has been done to date. Will work to promote this day to Town staff and community going forward.

Commemoration Action 82

We call upon provincial and territorial governments, in collaboration with Survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a publicly accessible, highly visible, Residential Schools Monument in each capital city to honour Survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Feature monuments as they are commissioned or completed in the Arts and Events newsletter	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	No known monuments at this time.

Commemoration Action 83

We call upon the Canada Council for the Arts to establish, as a funding priority, a strategy for Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists to undertake collaborative projects and produce works that contribute to the reconciliation process. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Create opportunities to live in right relations and appreciate Indigenous history as outlined in Tools for the Future	Future budget request	Multiple staff have attended Reconciliation and Right Relations training at Banff Centre.
Use Town channels to make artists aware of funding opportunities through the Canada Council as they are available	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	No update
Include youth from Stoney Nakoda in the Kid's Art program	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Ongoing
Continue to work with Bow Valley communities from Morley to Lake Louise on collaborative projects that contribute to the reconciliation process	Opportunities may arise through current relationships and Bow Valley TRC working group. Could also include a future budget request.	The Canada 150 mural project was focused on collaborating across the valley and incorporated themes of inclusion and belonging as well as participation from Stoney elders and youth into every project.

Sports and Recreation Action 87

We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal people, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organization, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Work with Bow Valley True Sport Council to incorporate Indigenous education and history	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Ongoing
Offer anti-racism awareness and training programs for our sport partners	Future budget request	No update
Look for opportunities to invite Indigenous athletes to be guest speakers and/or profiled in our sport facilities	Future budget request	No update

Sports and Recreation Action 88

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

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Look to partner with and provide support for Spirit North, a program run by Canmore local Beckie Scott, whose mission is to engage and empower Indigenous children through sport, activity, and inspiration	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Staff participate in Spirit North local events and hosted a fundraiser for the organization.

Sports and Recreation Action 89

We call upon the federal government to amend the Physical Activity and Sport Act to support reconciliation by ensuring that policies to promote physical activity as a fundamental element of health and well-being, reduce barriers to sports participation, increase the pursuit of excellence in sport, and build capacity in Canadian sport system, are inclusive of Aboriginal peoples. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Work with community sport and recreation groups to encourage participation of individuals from Morley and	Available within current budget. Required staff time as available.	Significant uptake on pond hockey program with Morley youth.

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Sports and Recreation Action 91

We call upon the officials and host countries of international sporting events such as the Olympics, Pan Am, and Commonwealth games to ensure that Indigenous peoples' territorial protocols are respected, and local Indigenous communities are engaged in all aspects of planning and participating in such events. The Town of Canmore can commit to:

Action	Resources Required	2019 update
Advocate for the inclusion of Stoney representatives in an Olympic bid should one go forward	Staff and Council time	Town staff met with Stoney Administration through the bid exploration process.
Respect territorial protocols if an Olympic bid is granted	Staff and Council time	Will be included if a future bid occurs.

**“Reconciliation is about forging and maintaining respectful relationships.
There are no shortcuts.”** -Justice Murray Sinclair, Truth and Reconciliation Commission