

## Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy

**Scan of Canadian Municipal Responses to the Truth and Reconciliation  
Commission's Calls to Action**

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<b>Calgary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 2016, honoured TRC commission members with Calgary Peace Prize award</li> <li>- In 2016, released "White Goose Flying", a report by the Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee advising City Council to act on 43 Calls to Action</li> <li>- Recently raised the Treaty 7 flag at City Hall; now makes up one of the 5 flags permanently raised</li> <li>- In process of implementing initiatives that will give Indigenous peoples a more inclusive role in the city including the renaming of a bridge</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-peace-prize-2016-trc-1.3525502">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-peace-prize-2016-trc-1.3525502</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Documents/CAUAC/White-Goose-Flying-Calls-to-Action-CAUAC.pdf">http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/CNS/Documents/CAUAC/White-Goose-Flying-Calls-to-Action-CAUAC.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://newsroom.calgary.ca/city-of-calgary-raises-treaty-7-flag-at-city-hall">http://newsroom.calgary.ca/city-of-calgary-raises-treaty-7-flag-at-city-hall</a></li> </ol>
<b>Edmonton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Edmonton Public Library holding event "Exploring Reconciliation"</li> <li>- Council meetings now begin with treaty acknowledgement</li> <li>- Funding ceremonial space</li> <li>- Partnered with school boards to create "Journey to Reconciliation: Youth Leader Conference"</li> <li>- committed to ensuring all city staff received education on history of Indigenous peoples by 2018</li> <li>- Newly-formed Aboriginal Relations Office support indigenous people by connecting them with the local indigenous communities</li> <li>- Renaming of particular city streets to words in the Cree language</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/1232599/national-truth-and-reconciliation-event-comes-to-edmonton/">http://globalnews.ca/news/1232599/national-truth-and-reconciliation-event-comes-to-edmonton/</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/edmonton-making-progress-on-truth-and-reconciliation-commissions-calls-to-action-leaders">http://edmontonjournal.com/news/local-news/edmonton-making-progress-on-truth-and-reconciliation-commissions-calls-to-action-leaders</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2017/03/17/edmonton-looks-back-on-three-years-of-reconciliation.html">http://www.metronews.ca/news/edmonton/2017/03/17/edmonton-looks-back-on-three-years-of-reconciliation.html</a></li> <li>5. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-city-council-continuing-reconciliation-work-1.3354732">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-city-council-continuing-reconciliation-work-1.3354732</a></li> </ol>
<b>Halifax</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Released "Statement of Reconciliation from Halifax Regional Council" outlining recognition of the TRC and plans to respond to certain Calls</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=509">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=509</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/151208ca1442.pdf">http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/151208ca1442.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> </ol>

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<b>Hamilton</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council supported a Motion to initiate work on a Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy (General Issues Committee: March 30, 2015). This work began in 2017 following the hiring of a dedicated staff resource</li> <li>- In 2016 the City supported the I AM AFFECTED poster campaign in Hamilton to educate residents on the legacy of Indian Residential Schools, particularly intergenerational trauma</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76132B23-A899-4450-B91C-1AD34DF1915A/0/Mar30GIC_Report15008.pdf">http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76132B23-A899-4450-B91C-1AD34DF1915A/0/Mar30GIC_Report15008.pdf</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://d3fplf1m7bbit3.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/media/browser/2016-06-13/jun6ecsreport16005.pdf">https://d3fplf1m7bbit3.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/media/browser/2016-06-13/jun6ecsreport16005.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Iqaluit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City publicly committed to honouring TRC (specifics not yet announced)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/pdfs/release-Iqaluit%20III.pdf">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/pdfs/release-Iqaluit%20III.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Montreal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Created and financially supported the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network</li> <li>- Financially supported and provided space for Indigenous cultural and arts spaces</li> <li>- Held training session for city staff in July 2016 and gave money to educational initiatives for Indigenous peoples</li> <li>- Partnered with Montreal police force to address improving relations between police and local Indigenous peoples</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=92">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=92</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Ottawa</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Working with its Aboriginal Working Committee, to identify implementation to the TRC Calls to Action (expected to report in Q1 2017)</li> <li>- Police force partnered with Indigenous children centres to host a Soccer Mentorship Program</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=830">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=830</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://app05.ottawa.ca/sirepub_fr/cache/2/o4so42lpw5ffttz2de3tlxvw/38691305032017014239247.PDF">http://app05.ottawa.ca/sirepub_fr/cache/2/o4so42lpw5ffttz2de3tlxvw/38691305032017014239247.PDF</a></li> </ol>
<b>Regina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In March 2016, Council set to create a report by the end of 2016 in regards to which Calls to Action the city will adopt (report yet to be publicly released)</li> <li>- City Council announced March 2016 plans to build a residential school cemetery to commemorate TRC</li> <li>- March 2016, announced plans to create a committee and strategy specifically tasked with TRC related duties</li> <li>- January 2017 report identifies upcoming activities including identifying community champions and plans for a Learning Café engagement session in March 2017</li> <li>- Planning to conduct community engagement to create a “community response” to be ready for Q4 2017</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://globalnews.ca/news/2607709/regina-moves-to-adopt-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-recommendations/">http://globalnews.ca/news/2607709/regina-moves-to-adopt-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-recommendations/</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-mayor-fougere-trc-city-council-march-2016-1.3511805">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-mayor-fougere-trc-city-council-march-2016-1.3511805</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-seeks-champions-for-residential-school-reconciliation-1.3941348">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/regina-seeks-champions-for-residential-school-reconciliation-1.3941348</a></li> <li>5. <a href="http://reginask.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&amp;D=1874&amp;Inline=True">http://reginask.iqm2.com/Citizens/FileOpen.aspx?Type=1&amp;D=1874&amp;Inline=True</a></li> </ol>

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<b>Saskatoon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City Council deemed July 1/2015 – June 30/2016 “Year of Reconciliation”; City will adopt and implement applicable Calls to Action</li> <li>- Released “Calls to Action and The City of Saskatoon’s Response”, a document outlining city-specific plans for implementing eleven Calls to Action</li> <li>- Provided money and support to 2016 World Indigenous Business Forum and International Indigenous Music and Cultural Festival</li> <li>- Offering “Aboriginal cultural awareness training” to city staff, mandatory for Saskatoon Police Services</li> <li>- Partnered with Saskatoon Tribal Council to help implement a program that will empower Indigenous youth regarding employment</li> <li>- Hold a Wícihitowin Speaker Series</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://www.saskatoon.ca/community-culture-heritage/cultural-diversity/aboriginal-relations">https://www.saskatoon.ca/community-culture-heritage/cultural-diversity/aboriginal-relations</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://www.saskatoon.ca/site/default/files/documents/community-services/recreation-sport/a_ex_191015_response_trc_calls.pdf">https://www.saskatoon.ca/site/default/files/documents/community-services/recreation-sport/a_ex_191015_response_trc_calls.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=92">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=92</a></li> </ol>
<b>Squamish</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In February 2016, Squamish Public Library, advocated by City Council, hosted a Truth and Reconciliation event, “An Evening Celebrating Reconciliation” and also encouraged all residents to read the Summary of the Final Report of the TRC</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://sd48brackendale.org/2016/02/15/squamish-public-library-and-squamish-nation-to-host-truth-and-reconciliation-event-and-pledge-drive/">https://sd48brackendale.org/2016/02/15/squamish-public-library-and-squamish-nation-to-host-truth-and-reconciliation-event-and-pledge-drive/</a></li> </ol>
<b>Sudbury</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cambrian College partnered with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at the University of Manitoba in November 2016</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/closing-ceremonies-begin-for-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-1.3093688">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/closing-ceremonies-begin-for-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-1.3093688</a></li> </ol>
<b>Thunder Bay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lakehead University appointed first ever University Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux) in September 2016, to advocate for Truth and Reconciliation in the university</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/news-and-events/news/archive/2016/node/38843">https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/news-and-events/news/archive/2016/node/38843</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/trc-documents-centre-1.3311057">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/trc-documents-centre-1.3311057</a></li> </ol>
<b>Toronto</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Fulfilling Calls to Action from Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report” by City Council identified eight Toronto-specific Calls to Action</li> <li>- Endorsed UNDRIP</li> <li>- Ceremonial naming of public lanes (Wabeno Lane and Chechalk Lane) to honour two former Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Chiefs</li> <li>- Toronto Public Health identified the development of an Indigenous Health Plan as a priority</li> <li>- Toronto Public Health launched cultural competency training program</li> <li>- Completed a needs assessment for education of Toronto public service and are currently going through a procurement process to acquire training</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-91816.pdf">http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-91816.pdf</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways%20to%20reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways to reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=0c35206bbefd8510VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD&amp;vgnextchannel=0b86608a99aa9410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD">http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=0c35206bbefd8510VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD&amp;vgnextchannel=0b86608a99aa9410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD</a></li> </ol>

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<b>Vancouver</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- January 2016 report recommended City adopt 27 Calls</li> <li>- Created new municipal position: Aboriginal Relations Manager</li> <li>- Previously Endorsed UNDRIP in 2013</li> <li>- Vancouver Public Library hosted reconciliation-themed programming</li> <li>- Officially acknowledged the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations Vancouver resides on</li> <li>- Funded and supported Indigenous art organization and initiatives, and continuing to do so</li> <li>- January 2016 Council report recommended implementation of mandatory Indigenous relations/TRC training for City staff</li> <li>- Committed funding to two Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Centers in the city</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trci_nstitution/index.php?p=92">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trci_nstitution/index.php?p=92</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://council.vancouver.ca/20160119/documents/rr1b.pdf">http://council.vancouver.ca/20160119/documents/rr1b.pdf</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://council.vancouver.ca/20141028/documents/rr1.pdf">http://council.vancouver.ca/20141028/documents/rr1.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Victoria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Declared 2017 “A Year of Reconciliation”</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.victoria.ca/assets/City~Hall/Media~Releases/2016/2016Jun30_MR_2017%20Declared%20A%20Year%20of%20Reconciliation.pdf">http://www.victoria.ca/assets/City~Hall/Media~Releases/2016/2016Jun30_MR_2017%20Declared%20A%20Year%20of%20Reconciliation.pdf</a></li> </ol>
<b>Winnipeg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Winnipeg Public Library carries TRC documents</li> <li>- Officially committed to improving relations and support for local Indigenous communities</li> <li>- Mayor Bowman committed to visiting every high school to discuss civic engagement and reconciliation</li> <li>- Mayor Bowman now opens every meeting and public event with treaty acknowledgement</li> <li>- Developed mandatory staff training on Indian Residential Schools and 2016 as “Year of Reconciliation”</li> <li>- Engaged University of Winnipeg graduate students to research and prepare a report to identify actions for implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>- In the process of recruiting a law student to research how the municipality can address Call to Action #47 regarding reform of municipal laws, policies and litigation strategies that are premised on the Doctrine of Discovery and terra nullius</li> <li>- Committed to improving support for Indigenous peoples of low income</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/2015july.stm">http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/2015july.stm</a></li> <li>2. <a href="http://umanitoba.ca/centres/nc/tr/mandate.html">http://umanitoba.ca/centres/nc/tr/mandate.html</a></li> <li>3. <a href="http://www.trc.ca/websites/trci_nstitution/index.php?p=92">http://www.trc.ca/websites/trci_nstitution/index.php?p=92</a></li> <li>4. <a href="http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf">http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/tools/BCMC/Pathways_to_reconciliation_EN.pdf</a></li> <li>5. <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/reconciliation/activities.stm#43">http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/reconciliation/activities.stm#43</a></li> <li>6. <a href="http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/pdfs/reconciliation/TruthAndReconciliationReport.pdf">http://www.winnipeg.ca/corp/ird/pdfs/reconciliation/TruthAndReconciliationReport.pdf</a></li> <li>7. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/report-card-year-of-reconciliation-1.3955737">http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/report-card-year-of-reconciliation-1.3955737</a></li> </ol>
<b>Yellowknife</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation consulted with survivors to gather information and ask for their input in regards to sharing their stories</li> <li>- In October 2015, officially adopted 6 Calls to Action (Calls 43, 47, 57, 75 – 77)</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/national-centre-for-truth-and-reconciliation-gathers-input-in-yellowknife-1.3292254">http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/national-centre-for-truth-and-reconciliation-gathers-input-in-yellowknife-1.3292254</a></li> <li>2. <a href="https://edgenorth.ca/article/truth-and-reconciliation-and-the-city">https://edgenorth.ca/article/truth-and-reconciliation-and-the-city</a></li> </ol>

NOTE: This environmental scan was researched using publicly available information online such as municipal websites and media coverage. The municipalities identified in this report may have conducted additional activities that have yet to be updated online.