

John Taylor, Regional Councillor, York Region:

Our York Region Kairos Group wishes to request that the month of June 2015 be declared "Aboriginal Month" in the Region of York, as follows:

On behalf of the Region of York , we hereby proclaim June 2015 as Aboriginal Month in the Region of York.

Truth and Reconciliation Declaration

From May 31 to June 3, 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is holding its closing event in Ottawa.

As the Commissioners, participating churches and the Government of Canada turn their attention to the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to the release of its Final Report, it is timely and most appropriate that all citizens, individually and collectively, in York Region turn our hearts and minds to re-storying Canada's history.

The churches and religious orders which bear the legacy of abuse inflicted on children in the Indian Residential School system draw attention to the closing events of the Truth and Reconciliation in Ottawa and to the delegations to be attended by our leaders.

Momentum builds to strengthen the commitment to continue the work of reconciliation and to highlight the obligation to respond with integrity and commitment to the findings and recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

While the work of the Commissioners may come to a close in June, the work of truth-telling, healing, and the seeking of reconciliation and right relations does not. June 3, 2015 marks a new beginning for and by all Canadians.

Going forward in Reconciliation we commit to the fair, just, equitable sharing of our Region's abundant bounty of the Creator's beautiful gifts of water, land and air.

On behalf of York Region Kairos Group,

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