



Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association

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The Antigonish Women's Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Services Association wishes to express our heartfelt sorrow over the discovery last week of the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia.

The legacy of the residential school system in Canada is a national tragedy, which continues to enact monumental harm upon Indigenous families and communities.

In honour and remembrance of these children and the thousands of others who never made it home, we call upon all levels of government to dedicate greater effort and resources to meaningfully implement the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and offer support to the Missing Children Project which arose out of it. We also call upon the Catholic Church (which operated the school in Kamloops as well as numerous others) to follow through on Call to Action 58, and offer a formal apology for its role in the residential schools.

And we challenge ourselves and others to learn the truth about these schools within the larger history of settler colonialism, to demand justice, and to work towards meaningful reconciliation.

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#)

We recognize the grief and pain that Indigenous people across the country are experiencing right now. If you or someone you know requires support during this time, please reach out to available resources such as:

Indian Residential School Survivor Society (IRSSS)
1 (800) 721-0066

24-Hour Crisis Line
1 (866) 925-4419