

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc
200-330 Chief Alex Thomas Way
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Monday, June 7, 2021

Dear Chief Rosanne Casimir and Council —

Every day, members of the First Nations Capacity Fund are proud to walk with our friends and colleagues of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, the Secwépemc Nation, and Indigenous communities across this province.

Today, we acknowledge and bear witness to the pain and horror of the recent announcement made in Kamloops.

We bear witness to the multi-generational trauma and suffering caused by Canada's ugly residential-school history. And to the impact of lifetimes spent wondering about innocent loved ones. Never knowing if they were coming home. Never knowing the full truth.

We bear witness to those who survived and who relive their experience every day.

We bear witness to heavy, overwhelming grief and loss.

All these children were a gift in their birth. They lived and were loved deeply. These children—and the many others, found and missing still, in Kamloops and beyond—have been present in the hearts and minds of families and communities for decades. It is hard to imagine the weight of this.

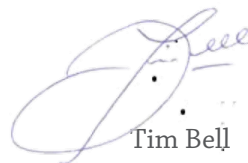
But, these children are now present in the hearts and minds of people across our city, our region, our province, and our country. Their light is bright, and their voices are lifted out of silence.

As members of the FNCF, we know we cannot remove the pain of these losses. But, as you carry this weight, we offer our support and love, honouring and acknowledging the truth of what has happened, and the lives of the children lost.

With deep sadness and respect, on behalf of all FNCF members.



Leonard Jackson
Founder



Tim Bell
President



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