

Subject: Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action Update**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action update be accepted as information.

Summary:

On November 8, 2016, Council approved an administrative review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada Calls to Action to identify where the Municipality has the jurisdiction and ability to implement or influence the Calls to Action. Administration has worked to further the reconciliation process through internal workshops, a 2017 symposium, and an online Indigenous learning series. On February 21, 2017, Council approved a motion to continue engagement with Indigenous partners to further the review of the recommended TRC Calls to Action Report.

Background:

The TRC was established to uncover the truth about Canada's Indian Residential Schools, and to guide and inspire a process of healing towards reconciliation. From 2008 - 2014, the TRC researched official records and visited communities across Canada to hear from thousands of survivors and their families about the impacts of residential schools. Although residential schools acted as a catalyst for the creation of the TRC, the Calls to Action address much deeper, systemic and overarching impacts brought on by colonization. The TRC findings include a Call to Action stating that "knowing the truth about what happened in residential schools in and of itself does not necessarily lead to reconciliation", and therefore Municipalities across Canada have taken active steps to strengthen relationships with Indigenous partners.

Rationale for Recommendation:

On January 30, 2018, Council approved the 2018-2021 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan has identified Rural and Indigenous

Communities and Partnerships as a critical area of importance of which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action is a key initiative. Many of the recommendations in the TRC Calls to Action can be implemented by the Municipality, and through a process of collaborative engagement, a more inclusive approach of how the Municipality works alongside Indigenous Peoples in the region can be established.

Strategic Priorities:

Pillar 1 - Building Responsible Government
Responsible Government

Attachments:

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