

MEDIA ADVISORY
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Mayor Gregor Robertson and key community leaders to provide insight and reflection on new ways forward in light of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Closing Events and Final Report – June 2, 2015.

Vancouver, B.C. – Reconciliation Canada, in association with the City of Vancouver, the Laurier Institute and the Vancouver Coordinating Committee for Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Closing Events, is proud to host six distinguished panelists to discuss the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). Following the live streaming of the TRC event from our Nation's Capital, the panelists will discuss their thoughts regarding the Commission's findings as well as its recommendations for the future of reconciliation amongst Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians.

The opening of the event will include a welcome to Coast Salish Territory by Chief Ian Campbell, a welcome from Laurie Anderson, Executive Director, Simon Fraser University Vancouver, and greetings from the Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

Panelists:

- Honorary Witness Mayor Gregor Robertson, City of Vancouver
- Rev. Mary Fontaine, Founder, Hummingbird Ministries
- Honorary Witness David Wong, Architect, Community Activist and Writer
- Doug White, Director, Centre for Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation, Vancouver Island University
- Jody Wilson-Raybould, Regional Chief, B.C. Assembly of First Nations
- Linda Morris, Senior Vice President, Business Development, Member and Community Engagement, Vancity

When: Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Live broadcast @ 8:00am PST and panel discussion @ 9:30 am PST.

Where: SFU Woodward's @ 149 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC

More information at: <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/creating-a-new-way-forward/>

Media interviews may also be scheduled before or after the event with key participants, subject to availability.

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About Reconciliation Canada

Born from the vision of Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Gwawaenuk Elder, Reconciliation Canada – A New Way Forward Society is an Aboriginal-led, culturally diverse, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Reconciliation Canada promotes reconciliation by engaging Canadians from every part of society in open and honest dialogue and transformative experiences that revitalize relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians. Its initiatives include reconciliation dialogue workshops, reconciliation-based leadership training, economic reconciliation dialogues, and public awareness activities. More information at www.reconciliationcanada.ca.