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**Reconciliation Canada releases federal party positions on reconciliation among  
Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians.**

Vancouver, BC — Reconciliation Canada today released responses from four of the five federal parties on the steps they would take to move forward with reconciliation among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians.

In August, Reconciliation Canada sent letters to the five major federal political parties in Canada, asking each to outline the steps they would take to create a deeper understanding of the current realities of the Indian Residential School legacy; move forward with reconciliation among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians; and achieve economic parity between Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians.

“The request for comment was meant to facilitate an on-going national dialogue on reconciliation during the election period and encourage federal party leaders to make a commitment to furthering reconciliation,” said Karen Joseph, Executive Director, Reconciliation Canada.

Submissions were received from the Bloc Québécois, the Liberal Party of Canada, the Green Party and the New Democratic Party.

The Conservative Party did not respond.

“Canadians from all backgrounds are invited to join in the conversation and take action on reconciliation,” said Joseph. “As an organization, Reconciliation Canada is committed to working together with all Canadians for reconciliation and a vibrant future for all of us.”

To view full responses from the parties, please visit: <http://reconciliationcanada.ca/election-2015/>.



### **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, and public awareness activities. More information at [www.reconciliationcanada.ca](http://www.reconciliationcanada.ca).

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