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Laurier commits to working toward rapid implementation of Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University commends the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and the thousands of survivors who shared their stories for the comprehensive final report released this month documenting the appalling history and on-going intergenerational impact of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada.

Laurier recognizes that post-secondary institutions must assume a leadership role in addressing the recommendations of the TRC in regard to education. Laurier is committed to working towards rapid implementation of the recommendations of the commission and ensuring that the Laurier community becomes active participants in the reconciliation process.

Wilfrid Laurier University acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Background:

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established as a result of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Its mandate is to tell Canadians about the 150-year history of the schools in part through the statements of those whose lives were affected by them. The TRC seeks to guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect. The TRC issued its final report on June 2, 2015. For more information, visit: www.trc.ca

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