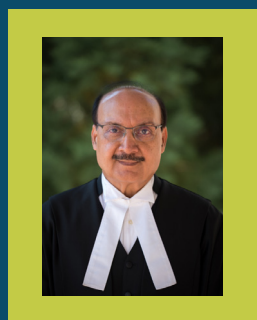


LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

PROGRESS UPDATE | MAY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SPEAKER



The Legislative Assembly's Reconciliation Action Plan, 2024-2028, outlining five commitments and seven initial actions shaped by direct engagement and outreach with First Nations leaders, was launched in May 2024.

I am now pleased to present this one-year progress update, which highlights progress made on the Plan's commitments. This work represents an important step forward

in our institution's reconciliation journey, and I am proud of the foundational efforts of Members, caucus and Administration staff over the past twelve months.

Engagement and relationship-building with Indigenous leaders, Members, First Nations and communities continues to be essential as we continue our reconciliation journey. The Indigenous Reconciliation Advisory Committee has provided, and continues to provide, thoughtful and honest guidance on how the Legislative Assembly can best advance its reconciliation work over the long term. I raise my hands to them in deep gratitude. And, I look forward to continuing my Listening Tour, to hear from Indigenous communities throughout the province.

I am confident that these approaches will help us to maintain and build upon a strong foundation for a new relationship with Indigenous Peoples and ensure this work can be agile in meeting the broad range of perspectives and needs of Indigenous communities.

Hon. Raj Chouhan
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly



OUR COMMITMENTS

UNDERSTANDING

Commitment #1: We will foster understanding of the historical role and actions of the Legislative Assembly and its role in reconciliation.

Progress to date: Working closely with the re-established Speaker's Indigenous Reconciliation Advisory Committee and other Indigenous partners, initial planning has begun for an Apology Event to be held in 2026.

Next Steps: Continue the Speaker's Listening Tour, with visits to First Nations throughout British Columbia, to inform this important commitment.

EDUCATION

Commitment #2: We will provide educational opportunities and resources to Members and staff to enhance understanding of Indigenous history and contemporary issues.

Progress to date: Reconciliation background information, web resources and core learning webinars are available to all current Members and were provided during the orientation period of the 43rd Parliament. Webinar topics include: "Indigenous Histories and Current Issues in BC" and "Understanding Modern Day Treaties in BC."

Next Steps: Establish a refresh cycle to update resources and learning tools regularly.

INCLUSION

Commitment #3: We will review the rules, practices, and symbols of the Legislative Assembly to incorporate Indigenous cultures and participation.

Progress to date: To ensure initial frameworks are well-informed, engagement and relationship-building with Indigenous partners and leadership organizations continues. A preliminary protocol of expectations in support of Indigenous participation in House proceedings is in development.

Next Steps: Create frameworks based on input and advice.

REPRESENTATION

Commitment #4: We will ensure Indigenous cultures are reflected in the Parliament Buildings and throughout the Legislative Precinct.

Progress to date: An internal review of public spaces and visitor programming is underway.

Next Steps: Create approach and best practices once internal review is complete.

COMMEMORATION

Commitment #5: We will design and construct a monument in recognition of Indian Residential School survivors and all the children who were lost to their families and communities.

Progress to date: An initial project plan for a Memorial Garden has been formed, the procurement process to retain landscape architect services is beginning and engagement with residential school survivors and First Nations communities is underway.

Next Steps: Review proposals and contract a landscape architect. Engagement with residential school survivors and First Nations communities on design and plans will continue.

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