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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. City of Vancouver Action on Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations

MOVER: Deputy Mayor Reimer
SECONDER: Acting Mayor Louie

WHEREAS:

1. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was created as part of the settlement agreement between the Federal Government, the churches and survivor parties to the Indian Residential Schools Class Action Settlement Agreement to determine the truth about Canada's Indian residential schools and establish a reconciliation process;
2. Over the course of the last six years, the TRC researched official records and visited communities across Canada to hear from thousands of residential school survivors and their families about the impacts of residential schools and colonization;
3. The findings of these investigations are summarized in the TRC's Final Report, released June 2, 2015, and include 94 recommendations for action by all levels of government;
4. The City of Vancouver was the first city in Canada to establish a Year of Reconciliation, starting on National Aboriginal Day, 2013, prompting similar action from other Canadian cities representing millions of Canadians;
5. At the end of the Year of Reconciliation, City Council committed to create a City of Reconciliation to find a new pathway forward that is forged in truth and justice, respect and partnership with our First Nation and Aboriginal communities;
6. The TRC has put a call to action to government stating "*that knowing the truth about what happened in residential schools in and of itself does not necessarily lead to reconciliation*" and many of the recommendations in the TRC final report are actionable by the City and our municipal government partners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff report back to Council no later than September 30, 2015, with recommendations on how to move forward on the actions recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission which are within the City's jurisdiction to act.
- B. THAT Council request that the Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Public Library Board consider a similar review of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations.

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