

Statement by the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) upon the occasion of the public release of "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada"
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To honour the survivors of the residential schools, the Canadian Council of Archives acknowledges the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report following six years of information gathering by the Commission.

CCA supports the purpose and welcomes the perspective of the report. The 94 recommendations include a number of imperatives for government and members of the Canadian Archival System. Due recognition, representation, and dialogue are all components of the democratic archival mission. As representatives of our institutions of public memory, we wish to fulfill our responsibility in the vital work of reconciliation. CCA and its members are committed to the archival mission of preserving and making accessible records and information that constitute the evidence of the many chapters in Canadian history. Since its establishment in 1985, CCA, its committees, and its over 800 institutional members have worked collaboratively within the Canadian Archival System to establish standards and best practices to support provision of access and preservation of archival materials for Canadians.

CCA would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the survivors and witnesses who provided testimony to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to acknowledge the archives and archivists who participated in reconciliation process, and to thank the members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for their tireless work on behalf of the victims of the Residential Schools.

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