

MORE ACTIONS:

- Take a free on-line course on Indigenous histories and contemporary issues through the University of Alberta or through Indigenous Canada's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC).
- Educate yourself about the land we now call Canada and the treaties on the land where you live.
- Visit the Settlers Take Action page of the On Canada Project.
- Respect Indigenous peoples by respecting and protecting the land, water and animals.

Donate to Indigenous organizations such as:

- Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation (Kamloops): donations@kib.ca
- Indian Residential School Survivors Society: irsss.ca
- First Nations Child & Family Caring Society: fncaringsociety.com
- Native Women's Association of Canada: nwac.ca



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TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION
COMMUNITY
BOBCAYGEON



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Truth and Reconciliation Community Bobcaygeon honoured the 215 Indigenous Children found buried next to the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. More than 50 community members, including children painted 215 river rocks with orange paint and hearts and other designs for a memorial art installation.

ANNE TAYLOR'S MESSAGE

At the exhibition's launch outside the Bobcaygeon Library on June 16, 2021, Michi Saagiig Language Coordinator, Anne Taylor of Curve Lake First Nation shared a heartfelt message.

She shared difficult stories of how the Indian Residential School system has impacted her and her family and friends. In fact, as Anne says: "There is not an Anishinaabeg person who has not been impacted by the residential school system in some way." These impacts vary from direct lived experience to the continued challenges of intergenerational trauma and the ongoing energy required to try to be heard by governments and to demand justice.

It is exhausting. Indigenous people in Canada should not have to bear the burden of making things right. "Indigenous women have laid their hearts on the ground," said Anne, and "...it is time for settler Canadians to step up as never before".

TAKE ACTION

CONTACT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Write letters to the Federal government supporting calls to find and identify the children who did not return home from Indian Residential Schools when that is the wish of their communities.

Pressure governments and businesses to respect the will of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities.

READ REPORTS

The Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada Summary Report (2015) and work to ensure its 94 Calls to Action are met.

Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996)

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (2019) 231 Calls for Justice.