

FW: Tk'emlups First Nations

From: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>
To: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 27, 2021 3:25:37 PM PDT
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I assume you are aware of this – but just in case. ☹️
Kelly

From: Richard Jock <Richard.Jock@fnha.ca>

Sent: May 27, 2021 3:08 PM

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Fwd: Kamloops residential school - All staff call

From: Caul, Doug D IRR:EX <Doug.Caul@gov.bc.ca>
To: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 27, 2021 6:26:57 PM PDT

Just FYI Lucinda.
Dc

Doug Caul
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Caul, Doug D IRR:EX" <Doug.Caul@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 27, 2021 at 6:20:51 PM PDT
To: IRR Expanded Executive Committee <EXPEXECC@victoria1.gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX" <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>, "Howie, Matthew IRR:EX" <Matthew.Howie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: **Kamloops residential school - All staff call**

Hi team - I'd like to have an all staff call either tomorrow or Monday regarding the discovery of children's remains at the Kamloops residential school. We will also make available specialized assistance/support to our ministry staff who need it. More details to come.

In the meantime, please reach out to your teams and check in on people.

While the presence of remains was "a knowing" in the Tk'emlups community, the details are incomprehensible and traumatic for that community, Indigenous people across BC and Canada, for many of our colleagues, and perhaps for you. It is a grim reminder of the Truth in the Truth and Reconciliation work we do.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Give support, space and flexibility to those who need it.

Doug

Regards,

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Sent from my mobile device

On May 27, 2021, at 8:46 PM, Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you Sage, Don, and Sarah.

You may have already considered this—is there a way to share mental health supports and resources in tandem with statement's release?

I understand additional supports for members of Tk'emlups are available through KUU-US Crisis Line, Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society; and for First Nations people elsewhere the province who may be triggered by the news, there is the Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society and 24-hour survivor helpline.

This was part of our communications re: Lower Post residential school demolition

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Executive Message from Lori Wanamaker

From: Executive Update PSA:EX <ExecutiveUpdate@gov.bc.ca>
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LORI WANAMAKER

Deputy Minister to the Premier,
Cabinet Secretary and
Head of the BC Public Service



Executive Message from Lori Wanamaker

While there is much reason for optimism when we look at our journey towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, the painful legacy of our history also weighs heavily upon us all. I know many of you in the BC Public Service may be feeling that today – none more so than Indigenous colleagues and the First Nations with whom we work – with news the remains of more than 200 children have been located at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School.

It is yet another vivid reminder of the truth, tragedy and trauma of the residential school system, the impacts of which remain very real in our province today. I offer my respect to the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and acknowledge their efforts to bring some resolution and peace to the survivors and the families of the children who attended the residential school on their territory. My thoughts are with those children and their families. And my heart is with Indigenous colleagues, their communities and all those who are touched by this latest news. Make time to take care of yourselves and one another. And then we will continue the journey forward together.

Indigenous colleagues who feel you need support may wish to contact Heather Bishop with the BC Public Service Agency at 250-217-0825 or access one of the following other resources:

- First Nations Health Authority – [Mental Health Benefit](#)
- Indian Residential School Survivors Society – [24 Hour Crisis Line](#)
- KUU-US Crisis Line Society – [24 Hour Crisis Line](#)
- Métis Nation BC – [Mental Health Services](#)

Sincerely,
Lori Wanamaker
Deputy Minister to the Premier,
Cabinet Secretary and Head of the BC Public Service



Where ideas work

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shocking news

From: s.22
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Hi Murray

I am sure you've been informed about this, but just in case.

<https://cfjctoday.com/2021/05/27/tkemplups-confirms-bodies-of-215-children-buried-at-former-kamloops-indian-residential-school-site/>

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Raskovsky, Peter CITZ:EX

From: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX
Sent: May 28, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Rankin, Murray IRR:EX
Subject: FW: Statement: UBC Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Statement: UBC Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre

Hi Lucinda,

As per discussion, see below and note my highlighted text in red.

Don

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Statement on the Kamloops Indian Residential School burials

By Jessica Woolman on May 28, 2021

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FW: MEDIA REQUEST - News1130 - Kamloops Indian Residential school - for Monday

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Sent: May 28, 2021 6:51:51 PM PDT
Attachments: 05 May 27 2021 TteS MEDIA RELEASE.pdf, 2021PREM0039-001034.pdf, KM_Tk'emlups former residential school_27May2021.docx

Hi Minister—

Pls see new request for interview below. Your schedule after 11 am is quite full--you are having lunch with s.22 at 11:30 am, right after your meeting with PJH and Nlsga'a Nation.

My suggestion is that we find 10 minutes before or after your lunch with s.22

Sound good?

Thank you
Lucinda

From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Plank@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 28, 2021 6:43 PM

To: Nirwan, Pavan IRR:EX <Pavan.Nirwan@gov.bc.ca>; Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>; Loubert, Leslie IRR:EX <Leslie.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>; Costa, Sarina IRR:EX <Sarina.Costa@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Cowan, Cale GCPE:EX <Cale.Cowan@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MEDIA REQUEST - News1130 - Kamloops Indian Residential school - for Monday

Hi all – another media request for the minister. She's looking to interview sometime after 11am on Monday. Please let us know if there is a time that would work. Thanks.

Reporter

Marcella Bernardo, Reporter

News 1130

marcella.bernardo@vancouverradio.rogers.com

604-877-4400 c: 604-802-1730

Deadline Monday

Request

Hoping to speak to Minister Rankin on Monday after 11am.



Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

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To arrange interviews:
Contact: Racelle Kooy
Mobile: 250-267-7782
racellekooy@gmail.com

Context: Missing Children

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Brief Background about the Kamloops Indian Residential School:

Source: <https://collections.irshdc.ubc.ca/index.php/Detail/entities/46>

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STATEMENT

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May 28, 2021

Office of the Premier

Premier's statement on burial site at former Kamloops Indian Residential School

VICTORIA – Premier John Horgan has issued the following statement about the burial site at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School:

“I am horrified and heartbroken to learn that the burial site of 215 children has been confirmed on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. I honour Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc as they grapple with this burden from a dark chapter of Canadian history and uphold their commitment to complete this investigation over the coming weeks – bringing to light the full truth of this loss.

“Each child has been forever taken from a family and a community that loved them. This is a tragedy of unimaginable proportions. And it is a stark example of the violence the Canadian residential school system inflicted upon Indigenous peoples and how the consequences of these atrocities continue to this day.

“The Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc people have said they are the caretakers of these children, as some would have been brought to the residential school from neighbouring Nations. My thoughts are with the Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc and all who mourn, as they enact their cultural protocols to notify First Nations communities whose children were sent to this school.”

Support services are available for those affected by this news.

A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for former Residential School students and those affected. Access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-hour national crisis line: 1 866 925-4419

Within B.C., the KUU-US Crisis Line Society provides a First Nations and Indigenous specific crisis line available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, toll-free from anywhere in British Columbia. The KUU-US Crisis Line can be reached toll-free at 1 800 588-8717. Alternatively, call direct into the Youth Line at 250 723-2040 or the Adult Line at 250 723-4050, or online: <https://www.kuu-uscrisisline.com/>

Contact:

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Connect with the Province of B.C. at: news.gov.bc.ca/connect

Tk'emlúps discovery of bodies at former residential school site

May 27, 2021

SUMMARY:

With the help of a ground penetrating radar specialist, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc confirmed the remains of 215 children are buried on the grounds of the Kamloops Indian Residential School, the largest school in the Indian Affairs residential school system with more than 500 students at any one time. The Nation is taking the following steps regarding these preliminary findings:

- Engaging with the coroner.
- Reaching out to the home communities who had children who attended the Kamloops Indian Residential School.
- Taking measures to ensure that the locations of the remains are protected.
- The Secwépemc Museum Archivist is working with the Royal British Columbia Museum, amongst others, to seek out any existing records of these deaths.

KEY MESSAGES:

- **We are horrified and heartbroken to learn that the remains of 215 children were confirmed at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School.**
- **Each child was forever taken from a family and a community that loved them, and who could not properly mourn them and put them to rest.**
- **We honour Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc [Tay-KUM-loops shuh-WHEP-muhk] as they grapple with this burden from a dark chapter of Canadian history and complete their investigation to bring to light the full truth of the loss.**
- **This is a tragedy of unimaginable proportions, and a stark example of the violence the Canadian residential school system inflicted upon Indigenous peoples and how the consequences of these atrocities continue to this day.**
- **The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc have said they are the caretakers of these children, some who would have been brought to the residential school from neighbouring Nations.**
- **My thoughts are with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, neighbouring Nations, and all who mourn.**

If asked about supports for residential school survivors:

- **A crisis line has been set up to provide support for former residential school students and those affected. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling 24-Hour National Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419**
- **Within B.C., the KUU-US Crisis Line Society provides a First Nations and Indigenous specific crisis line available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, toll-free from anywhere in British Columbia. The KUU-US Crisis Line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-588-8717.**

- **First Nations Health Authority resource page for support services:**
<https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/mental-wellness-and-substance-use>

Re: tweets for approval

From: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: May 28, 2021 7:21:10 PM PDT

FYI Minister

They have been posted just after 3 pm, following your call with Kukpi7 Casimir.

On May 28, 2021, at 2:39 PM, Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Retweet PJH with following comment:

<https://twitter.com/jjhorgan/status/1398326245968924673?s=20>

Today is a day of unimaginable sorrow for BC. My heart goes out to the families, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc & all who mourn. I honour the journey that FN communities are leading to bring this dark chapter of history to light & move us forward on a path of healing & reconciliation

Tweet #2

Support services are available for those affected by this news. Emotional and crisis referral services are available, please learn more at:

<https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/mental-wellness-and-substance-use>

Lucinda Yeung 楊家慧

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Fwd: RCMP statement

From : Caul, Doug D IRR:EX <Doug.Caul@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: May 28, 2021 7:53:23 PM PDT

Hi Ministers and Lucinda. FYI below.

Also the coroner's office is in touch with Tk'emlups and similarly deferring to the First Nation.

I am happy to connect over the weekend if you want to catch up on the day's activities.

Doug

Doug Caul
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: RCMP statement

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Kamloops RCMP and Tk'emlúps Rural RCMP has issued the release below to address the ongoing media inquiries about the recent discovery at a former Kamloops Residential School.

There are still possibilities of a joint media availability with the Band, RCMP and others that could take place later today or over the weekend.

No interviews will be done at this time.

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Kamloops residential school discovery

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Support is also available by calling the 24-hour National Indian Residential School Crisis Line at 1-866-925-4419.
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FYI Chief Coroner's Statement - Kamloops.docx

From: Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX <Lucinda.Yeung@gov.bc.ca>
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FYI Minister,

From Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe. Copied below for ease of reference

“On Thursday the BC Coroners Service was advised by the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation about the discovery of burial sites located adjacent to the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. We are early in the process of gathering information and will continue to work collaboratively with the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc and others as this sensitive work progresses.

“We recognize the tragic, heart-breaking devastation that the Canadian residential school system has inflicted upon so many, and our thoughts are with all of those who are in mourning today.”

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