

## **Quick Update on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

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The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was finally established on June 1, 2008. Chaired by the Honourable Mr. Justice Harry LaForme, the commission is focused on giving former students the opportunity to share their experiences in Residential School in a safe and culturally appropriate environment. The commission is to collect an accurate and public historical record of what happened in Residential Schools and promote awareness and public education to all Canadians about the Residential School System and its impact on First Nations people. It is hoped that through that, the commission can promote reconciliation. The end result of what the commission hopes to accomplish includes publishing a public report, establish a permanent research centre, conduct seven national awareness events in different regions and to support a national commemoration initiative and community events. You can visit the official website at [www.trc-cvr.ca](http://www.trc-cvr.ca)