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Northern Premiers announce joint donation to support National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

Whitehorse, Yukon (May 5, 2025) – The Governments of Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut are jointly supporting the creation of a permanent home for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR).

Following successful discussions at this year's Northern Premiers' Forum, Premiers Ranj Pillai, R.J. Simpson and P.J. Akeeagok, on behalf of their governments, have each committed \$25,000 toward the NCTR's legacy project — a combined contribution of \$75,000.

This reflects the shared commitment of Canada's North to advancing reconciliation, honouring Survivors, and ensuring the truths of the residential school system are preserved for generations to come.

The three territories have the highest Indigenous populations in Canada and share a strong belief that Indigenous history, experiences and voices must be at the centre of reconciliation and efforts to build understanding and healing.

Today's announcement comes on Red Dress Day, a day of particular significance across the North and Canada. It serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing impacts of colonial violence and the urgent need to continue working in partnership with Indigenous peoples to confront injustices, past and present.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's new permanent home will serve as a national and international gathering place for learning, reflection and healing. It will be a space where Survivors can share their stories, where families can reconnect with lost histories, and where all Canadians can embark on their own journeys of reconciliation.

Quotes

"The work our territories are accomplishing together at Northern Premiers' Forum is focused on meeting the needs of Northern people, advancing reconciliation, and ensuring that the voices of Northern Canadians are heard. Supporting the work of the

Ranj Pillai, Premier of the Yukon

R.J. Simpson, Premier of the Northwest Territories

P.J. Akeeagok, Premier of Nunavut

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