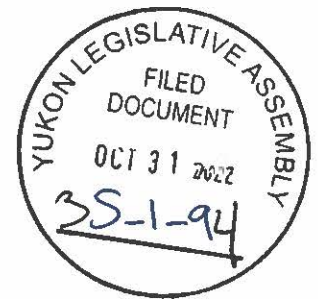




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Dear Ms. Etter,

Regarding: National Truth and Reconciliation Day (NTRC)

Carcross/Tagish First Nation writes to you today to express support for the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation commission's call-to-call #80 to make National Truth and Reconciliation Day a statutory holiday in Yukon.

We believe it is important to have an official day designated for Truth and Reconciliation in our territory, in which together we can do more than acknowledge the residential school legacy, the damage that was done, and the need for a collective healing. Chootla Residential School operated in Carcross from 1903 to 1969. The vast majority of First Nations people in Yukon is either a first, second or third generation survivor of the schools. Our community still carries the hurt and pain which hinders our aspirations of building a healthier community.

Educating and building a sustainable future together, on a foundation of mutual respect and understanding, is vital to creating a healthy future for all of us. We trust that this National Truth and Reconciliation Day will aid in uniting us as a people. This includes obtaining secure funding to ensure that programming, events, education and healing are a natural part of acknowledging the NTRC.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 821-4251 extension 8253 or email me at [maria.benoit@ctfn.ca](mailto:maria.benoit@ctfn.ca).

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