



National Council for Reconciliation announces its first permanent Board of Directors

NEW LEADERSHIP MARKS AN IMPORTANT TRANSITION AS THE COUNCIL ENTERS ITS NEXT CHAPTER OF RECONCILIATION IN CANADA

September 15, 2026 — More than a decade after the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its Calls to Action, reconciliation in Canada is entering a period increasingly defined by implementation, accountability and measurable progress.

The National Council for Reconciliation has established its first permanent Board of Directors, marking an important milestone in its mandate to monitor, evaluate and report on reconciliation progress across the country.

The transition to the permanent Board includes the following members from the Interim Board:

- Charlene Bearhead
- Harold Cochrane
- Jonathan Dewar
- Joseph Murdoch-Flowers
- Julie Ann Wriston
- Mahalia Yekeleya Newmark

Three new directors are joining the permanent Board:

- Kluane Adamek–Aagé, a citizen of Kluane First Nation and former Assembly of First Nations Yukon Regional Chief, with nearly 20 years advancing Indigenous Rights and strengthening relationships among Indigenous Nations, governments, industry and the broader Canadian public.
- Barbara Fillion, a member of the Innu Nation of Mashteuiatsh. Program Officer for Culture at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, supporting Canada's work on the UN Decade of Indigenous Languages and advancing cultural sovereignty through education, museology, cultural policy and language revitalization.
- Kilikvak Kabloona, an Inuk leader from Baker Lake, Nunavut, known for her work in Inuit Rights, public service, community wellness and northern governance, including her tenure as the former CEO of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated.



“Establishing the first permanent Board of the National Council for Reconciliation is a meaningful step forward. We welcome this role with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility. We carry into this work the teaching of wahkohtowin, the relationships and obligations that hold us accountable to one another, as we advance reconciliation alongside Indigenous Peoples, all sectors of society and levels of government, and everyone across the country who shares this journey. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Interim Board, whose dedication and thoughtful leadership built the foundation that allows us to move confidently into this next chapter. We warmly welcome the new directors joining us to contribute to this meaningful work. As we look ahead, we will strengthen relationships, report transparently, and hold ourselves to the work of reconciliation and advancing the Calls to Action, for this generation and the next seven to come.”

Julie Ann Wriston, Chair, National Council for Reconciliation

The National Council for Reconciliation is an independent, Indigenous-led organization established in response to Calls to Action 53 to 56. Its mandate is to monitor, evaluate and report on progress toward reconciliation and help ensure continued accountability for the work ahead.

For more information on the full board and mandate, visit: reconciliation.ca

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