

FCM Develops New Guide to Support Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples

The **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** (FCM) has developed *Pathways to Reconciliation*, a report that outlines how municipalities are working to strengthen relationships with Indigenous people based on empathy, respect, and an honest understanding of history. The report is in part based on the recommendations made by the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission** (TRC), several of which are directly related to municipalities.

The report provides examples of actions being undertaken by municipalities and Indigenous people to strengthen their relationships. The intent is to provide municipalities with examples of actions that are already being undertaken and have been effective.

The guide is based around three primary pathways:

- Pathway 1 – Fostering Communities, Alliances and Hope: Captures actions that demonstrate municipal government commitment to reconciliation. These build bridges with local Indigenous leadership and strengthen decision-making to better incorporate reconciliation into local government policies and practice.
- Pathway 2 – Advancing Awareness and Recognizing Rights: Describes efforts to continue the work of the TRC in regards to truth-telling and commemoration and to address the cultural genocide that was the Indian residential school system. It is about raising awareness, increasing knowledge, and recognizing rights.
- Pathway 3 – Improving Health and Wellness: Captures actions to close the inequality gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

The report is available by [clicking here](#).

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