

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION



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September 30, 2023

Brantford Native Housing

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Conservative Party of Canada, I am deeply honoured to recognize the 2nd annual National Truth & Reconciliation Day event in Brantford.

For far too long, the mistreatment of Indigenous people in Canada has been ignored. Today, as Canadians reflect on the painful legacy of residential schools in Canada, we remember the children who didn't make it home and honour the survivors who have bravely told their stories.

As we confront the harsh reality of our country's past, we commit to continue walking the path of healing and reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities. Now more than ever, we must work to restore the freedom of Indigenous people so they can chart their own destiny and continue building on the strength of their communities.

This strength is on full display today as you come together to honour the history and heritage of Indigenous people. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Brantford Native Housing, the Woodland Cultural Centre, De dwa da dehs nye>s, Niwasa, and the City of Brantford for organizing today's event and for engaging with your fellow Canadians to promote healing and understanding.

As we look ahead to the future and continue working to mend the wrongs of the past, I hope you are strengthened by the bonds of language, culture and heritage that have sustained Indigenous people for generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pierre Poilievre', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

The Hon. Pierre Poilievre, P.C., M.P.
Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition and Leader of the Conservative Party of
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