

Crewson says government must follow Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations

In 2008, Stephen Harper stood up in the House of Commons and apologized to the survivors of residential schools on behalf of all Canadians.

Seven years later, his actions and those of his government have failed to live up to the hopeful spirit of the apology.

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its report on one of the darkest chapters in Canadian History," stated Ed Crewson, federal Liberal candidate in Dufferin-Caledon in the next federal election. "We all have the responsibility to begin working towards meaningful reconciliation."

Reconciliation means working together to achieve real changes to address the legacy of Residential Schools, crewson added. This will only come when Canadians honour past promises and ensure the equality of opportunity required to create a fair and prosperous shared future for all.

Sunday was National Aboriginal Day. This is the time to celebrate and honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Canada, and within the community. Their fundamental contributions to the building of the country, and the hope for building a shared future together.

"Now is a time for real action and real change," Crewson said. "We must commit to supporting all 94 recommendations released by the TRC. It's time to close the quality of life gap and restore respect."

He added that the Federal government must advance the process of reconciliation. Only through working with Indigenous communities, will the languages and cultures be revitalized and the original respectful relationship First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples be restored.