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Ministerial statement on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

WHITEHORSE—Health and Social Services Minister Doug Graham has issued the following statement on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada in Yukon:

The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is of great significance to Yukoners. The Commission's work is an important part of recording what happened during a painful chapter in the lives of Yukon First Nation people. Although tragic, this chapter is an enduring part of our shared history as Yukoners, that must be remembered and that all can learn from.

This government fully supports the work of the Commission and is committed to helping with its work in any way that we are able.

We are continuing our work with the Commission and expect to be able to provide all information the Commission has requested of the Yukon government, under existing legislation.

Our goal, as indicated in the unanimous motion passed by the Yukon Legislative Assembly during the spring sitting, is to take all measures possible to assist the Commission in its work to gather data on First Nation residential school students in Yukon. This work to find truth, healing and reconciliation is important to all Yukoners and to the Yukon government.

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