

RAIC Truth and Reconciliation Task Force – Terms of Reference

Membership

There shall be two (2) co-Chairs who shall be ITF representatives appointed by the Board. In addition, two (2) board directors and two (2) RAIC staff shall sit on the committee for a total of six (6) members.

Task Force membership may be open to invite other Indigenous architects, guests or allies to join.

Term

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

Purpose

To facilitate sustainable actions that will foster reconciliation within the profession.

Work of the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force

The Task Force is asked to review the Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report¹ and the Reclaiming Power and Place report² and identify which of the 94 Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action and 231 Calls for Justice relate to the RAIC's vision³ and mission⁴.

In addition, the Truth and Reconciliation Task Force could identify and recommend concrete actions for the RAIC to implement over a three to five-year horizon. Some examples of recommendations (including but not limited to):

- Adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of indigenous Peoples⁵
- Conduct literature reviews on best practices in reconciliation and decolonization practices
- Provide access to truth about colonization (e.g. webinars, education, written)
- Build knowledge for architects to practice with cultural safety and humility
- Recruitment and retention of Indigenous architects
- Mentoring program
- Sponsor KAIROS Blanket Exercise as workshop for delegates at the RAIC Conference on Architecture⁶

¹ http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

² <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

³ The RAIC is the leading voice for excellence in the built environment in Canada, demonstrating how design enhances the quality of life, while addressing important issues of society through responsible architecture.

⁴ To promote excellence in the built environment and to advocate for responsible architecture.

⁵ <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

⁶ <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>

- Ensure inclusion and participation of elders and Indigenous knowledge keepers and a respect for the perspective and education at events
- Publish a position statement

Reporting

The Truth and Reconciliation Task Force reports to the Board with respect to its activities. The outcome of the task force will be reported to the board no later than December 31, 2021.

Timeframe

January 2021- December 2021

- Monthly/bi-monthly meetings via tele/video conference as required.