

News Release

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Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam to host and moderate Salon 27 panel discussion.

Truth and Reconciliation in the Urban Context: Conversations on How to Move Forward

Date: Thursday October 13, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Nancy's Auditorium, YWCA at 87 Elm Street

Accessibility: Facility is wheelchair accessible, ASL available upon 72 hour request

Panelists:

Susan Blight – Artist and Activist

Sam Kloetstra – Youth Coordinator, Toronto Indigenous Health Advisory Circle

Sarah Midanik – Executive Director, Native Women's Resource Centre

Andre Morriseau – Director, Awards and Stakeholder Relations, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Businesses (CCAB)

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam will moderate a panel discussion with four distinguished thought leaders from Indigenous communities in Toronto. They will share their insights about how to build an inclusive city for all, including First Peoples.

The candid conversation will focus on the municipal responsibilities in implementing the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). Strategies to explore the need for transformational social and urbanized change including Indigenous placemaking, public awareness, increasing Indigenous cultural literacy and political representation will be debated.

Toronto has the largest Indigenous urban population in Canada. What does Truth and Reconciliation look like in Canada's largest city? What is the role and responsibility of Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people when considering the TRC recommendations?

Councillor Wong-Tam created the Salon 27 series to bring Ward 27 and city-wide residents together to learn and share new perspectives on emerging issues impacting urban life.

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