

CC CARE MISSION STATEMENT

CC CARE is organizing on the traditional and unceded Secwépemc territory of T'exelc, Williams Lake First Nation

Who We Are:

Cariboo Chilcotin Collaborative for Anti-Racism and Reconciliation Engagement (CC CARE) was initiated by concerned citizens, in and around Williams Lake, coming together to speak out on an anti-Indigenous Facebook post made by Mayor Walt Cobb in October 2021. Responding to collective outrage, CC CARE decided to take collaborative action to address the broader culture of anti-Indigenous and systemic racism embedded in the structure of local government. We are committed to supporting meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

Shared Values:

- We recognize the many layers of racism and the colonial roots of racism, including their systemic nature and our own internalized racism.
- We stand with Indigenous peoples in opposition to the systemic forces of colonialism and racism.
- We commit to learning continuously and growing with those in the struggle against racism and discrimination.
- We value equality, equity, and social justice.
- We value openness, respect, deep listening, and learning from our mistakes.

Our Goal:

Our goal is to advance truth and reconciliation in our community, and to have a compassionate, knowledgeable and progressive city council which will actively engage in reconciliation with local First Nations in a meaningful way.

Our Commitments:

- To align with local First Nations in their struggle to gain reconciliation through truth.
- To advocate for truth and reconciliation as a cornerstone of the decision-making process within local government.
- To work with the current council to advance truth and reconciliation and implement meaningful changes.
- To work toward a progressive city council by forming an election committee to recruit possible candidates for the next municipal election.
- To organize and engage in meaningful anti-racism, social equality, and reconciliation work.
- To facilitate broader community discussions on anti-racism.
- To be a catalyst for change in our community and encourage others to join in the struggle against racism.
- To call out and stand up to racism when we encounter it.

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