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Chief Bonnie Jacobsen  
Upper Similkameen Indian Band  
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Via Email: [b.jacobsen@usib.ca](mailto:b.jacobsen@usib.ca)

Dear Chief Bonnie Jacobsen,

On behalf of all of us at FortisBC, I offer our deepest condolences regarding the discovery of the remains of 215 Indigenous children at the Kamloops Residential School site. We have heard from Elders that truth comes before Reconciliation and we acknowledge that the survivors have been speaking of this, and other burial sites, for many years. While we have all felt grief and sadness following the news, we know it can never come close to the enormity of grief felt by the members of your community or the pain felt by residential school survivors and their families.

FortisBC is donating to the Indian Residential School Survivors Society to support the important work of providing counselling services at this time. It's often difficult to know the right thing to say or do when you know others are suffering, so we hope that this small act of support provides comfort to those who need it.

We value our relationship with you and the members of your community. When the time is right, we look forward to continuing our collective efforts toward Reconciliation. Until then, please know that all of us at FortisBC are thinking of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DSL", written over a white background.

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cc: Shelley Martens, Community & Indigenous Relations Manager