

**TWO PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS SYSTEM WERE TO REMOVE AND ISOLATE CHILDREN FROM THE INFLUENCE OF THEIR HOMES, FAMILIES, TRADITIONS AND CULTURES, AND TO ASSIMILATE THEM INTO THE DOMINANT CULTURE... BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION ABORIGINAL CULTURES AND SPIRITUAL BELIEFS WERE INFERIOR AND UNEQUAL... SOME SOUGHT... “TO KILL THE INDIAN IN THE CHILD.” TODAY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS POLICY OF ASSIMILATION WAS WRONG, HAS CAUSED GREAT HARM, AND HAS NO PLACE IN OUR COUNTRY...THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SINCERELY APOLOGIZES AND ASKS THE FORGIVENESS OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLES OF THIS COUNTRY FOR FAILING THEM SO PROFOUNDLY... WE ARE SORRY.**

—PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER, JUNE 11, 2008



Cathy Busby, BUDGET CUTS, billboard, AKA Gallery and Paved Arts, Saskatoon, September 2012.

National Aboriginal Health Organization – cut by 100%

First Nations Statistical Institute – cut by 100%

National Centre for First Nations Governance – cut by 100%

Aboriginal Healing Foundation – cut by 100%

Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth – budget freeze of \$22 million

Sisters in Spirit – cut by 100%

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples – health budget cut by 100%

Native Women's Association – health budget cut by 100%

Metis Nation of Canada – health budget cut by 100%

Assembly of First Nations – health budget cut by 40%

Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada – cut by 100%

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami – health budget cut by 40%

*"There is a growing frustration among First Nations across the country with lack of action and lack of commitment on the part of the Government of Canada to work in real partnership with our peoples and governments," said AFN [Assembly of First Nations] National Chief Shawn Atleo. "Five years ago, the Prime Minister stated: 'There is no place in Canada for the attitudes that inspired the Indian Residential Schools system to ever prevail again.' Those attitudes include the colonial notion that other governments know best for First Nations and have the right to make decisions for us, yet we have not seen change in the continued pattern of unilateral approaches and imposed legislation. This is incongruent with the apology and other commitments. We must break the pattern once and for all. Actions must match words. Our people are calling for a true and collective commitment to reconciliation that respects First Nations peoples and rights as the way forward to a stronger Canada."*

— nationtalk.ca, June 11, 2013

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### Protesters gathered at Tom Davies Square

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2013/07/26/protesters-gathered-at-tom-davies-square>

July 24, 2013

### Aboriginal nutrition tests focus of rallies across Canada

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2013/07/24/pol-cp-aboriginal-nutrition-experiments-rallies.html>

July 18, 2013

### Hungry Aboriginal kids used in nutritional experiments: AFN reacts

<http://www.canadianprogressiveworld.com/2013/07/18/hungry-aboriginal-kids-used-in-nutritional-experiments-afn-reacts/>

July 16, 2013

### Hungry aboriginal people used in bureaucrats' experiments

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/story/2013/07/16/mb-aboriginal-nutritional-experiments-canada.html>

July 10, 2013

### ACFN Disappointed by JRP's Initial Approval of Shell Tar Sands Mine Expansion

[http://www.idlenomore.ca/acfn\\_disappointed\\_by\\_jrp\\_s\\_initial\\_approval\\_of\\_shell\\_tar\\_sands\\_mine\\_expansion](http://www.idlenomore.ca/acfn_disappointed_by_jrp_s_initial_approval_of_shell_tar_sands_mine_expansion)

July 10, 2013

### Elsipogtog First Nation Shale Gas Protests Update from Halifax Media Co-op

<http://indigenouswaves.com/2013/07/10/elsipogtog-first-nation-shale-gas-protests-update-from-halifax-media-co-op-reporter-miles-howe/>

July 5, 2013

### Healing Walk July 5, 6 2013

<http://www.healingwalk.org/>

July 1, 2013

### Bill McKibben and Naomi Klein to join Canada's tar sands 'healing walk'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/jul/01/canada-tar-sands-project-healing-walk>

July 1, 2013

### Happy Canada Day? Learning about Treaties in tar sands territory

<http://www.vancouverobserver.com/opinion/happy-canada-day-learning-about-treaties-tar-sands-territory>

July 1, 2013

**Idle No More hosts flash mob during Canada Day celebrations in Saskatoon**

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/life/Idle+More+hosts+flash+during+Canada+celebrations/8603215/story.html>

June 26, 2013

**Occupy and Idle No More could team up to block pipelines going east**

<http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2013/06/26/john-ivison-occupy-and-idle-no-more-could-team-up-to-block-pipelines-going-east/>

June 26, 2013

**Idle No More: Canada Escalates War on First Nations**

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June 20, 2013

**Largest Environmental Groups in North America Declare Support for First Nations Tar Sands Healing Walk**

<http://www.sys-con.com/node/2709113>

June 17, 2013

**First Nations groups resolute in their opposition to Keystone XL**

<http://www.hilltimes.com/policy-briefing/2013/06/17/first-nations-groups-resolute-in-their-opposition-to-keystone-xl/35054>

June 15, 2013

**AFN national chief warns government's 'unilateral' approach risks increased confrontation**

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/story/2013/06/15/pol-the-house-atleo-valcourt-first-nations.html>

June 14, 2013

**Native groups unclear on funding cuts**

<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/News/Local/2013-06-14/article-3277239/UPDATE%3A-Native-groups-unclear-on-funding-cuts/1>

June 12, 2013

**Assembly of First Nations cut by 30%**

<http://www2.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=29eaa6d0-db92-475b-b86b-c5c516f91b58>

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**Assembly of First Nations National Chief Notes 5th Anniversary of Parliament Apology for Residential Schools: "Actions Must Match Words"**

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**Government cuts: Soon, all Canadians will know how it feels to be an Indian**

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June 9, 2013

**Another pipeline rupture in spill-prone Alberta**

<http://theyee.ca/Blogs/TheHook/2013/06/09/Apache-Spill/>

June 6, 2013

**The Harper government has hit the Assembly of First Nations with \$1.7 million cut**

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June 5, 2013

**Funding cuts to major aboriginal political groups undermine 'potential for progress,' Chief Shawn Atleo says**

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**First Nations harmony depends on real action from Harper, Atleo says**

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April 6, 2013

**Nishiyuu Walkers: In Restlessness, There Is Power**

<http://theyee.ca/Life/2013/04/06/Nishiyuu-Walkers/>

March 26, 2013

**Journey of Nishiyuu walkers' names now "etched" into "history of this country"**

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March 25, 2013

**Nishiyuu Walkers reach Chelsea, their ranks swollen from seven to several hundred**

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/ottawa/Nishiyuu+Walkers+away+from+reaching+Parliament+Hill+final/8145736/story.html>

March 25, 2013

**Cree walkers meet minister at end of Idle No More trek**

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**Journey of Nishiyuu: Cree youth walking 1500 km to Ottawa**

<http://kweenawnow.blogspot.ca/2013/02/journey-of-nishiyuu-cree-youth-walking.html>

February 4, 2013

**Cree youth walk for Idle No More gains more participants**

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2013/02/04/north-cree-walk-gains-more-participants.html>

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**Canada, First Nations have a roadmap. It was the Kelowna Accord**

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January 10, 2013

**Harper, chiefs to meet amid chaos, protests**

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January 10, 2013

**Prime Minister Harper Launches First Nations "Termination Plan"**

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December 28, 2012

**Chief Spence's hunger strike is a desperate plea for answers**

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December 24, 2012

**Canada's 'Idle No More' Movement Spreads Like Wildfire**

<https://www.commondreams.org/headline/2012/12/24-1>

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**Attawapiskat chief's hunger strike part of wider movement**

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**Chief Theresa Spence Hunger Strike: Opposition Calls On Harper To End It**

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**Indigenous 'Idle No More' Movement Sweeps Canada**

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**Support pours in for Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence**

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**Hunger-striking Attawapiskat chief vows to 'die' for her people as aboriginal protests spread**

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November 24, 2012

**Researchers protest cuts to aboriginal organizations**

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**The federal government announced in September that political treaty organizations, such as NAN, will have their core funding capped at \$500,000**

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September 8, 2012

**Core funding for national organizations will be cut by 10 per cent, while regional organizations face either a 10 per cent cut to their core funding or a ceiling of \$500,000**

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**National News: First Nations facing more fiscal attacks**

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September 6, 2012

**Assembly of First Nations Opposes Job Losses and Cuts to First Nation Organizations**

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September 6, 2012

**Over the past five years, AFN has received significant cut-backs, including a total of 42 per cent reduction to core funding and reductions to overall funding by 50 per cent**

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**Smile Like You Mean It, Prime Minister**

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**Conservatives axe First Nations statistics Crown corporation**

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February 20, 2012

**Nutrition North food subsidy program under fire**

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**First Nations officials' salaries target of new bill**

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**Need for 'action' behind funding cut to Sisters in Spirit: cabinet ministers' letter**

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**Cuts to First Nations programs keep coming**

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**Health minister criticized over cuts to healing program**

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**Cash cuts hit native kids**

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## CATHY BUSBY: A SELECTION OF RELATED ARTWORKS

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*WE ARE SORRY*, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, 2009

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THE TIME HAS NOW COME FOR THE NATION TO  
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OF THE PAST AND SO MOVING  
FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE...FOR  
THE PAIN, SUFFERING  
AND HURT OF THESE  
STOLEN GENERATIONS,  
THEIR DESCENDANTS AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES  
LEFT BEHIND, WE SAY SORRY  
...FOR THE BREAKING UP OF  
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES,  
WE SAY SORRY.  
AND FOR THE INDIGNITY AND DEGRADATION  
THUS INFLICTED ON A PROUD PEOPLE AND A  
PROUD CULTURE, WE SAY SORRY.  
WE THE PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA RESPECTFULLY  
REQUEST THAT THIS APOLOGY BE RECEIVED IN THE  
SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS OFFERED AS PART OF THE  
HEALING OF THE NATION.**

—PRIME MINISTER KEVIN RUDD, FEBRUARY 13, 2008





Cathy Busby, *WE ARE SORRY*, City of Melbourne Laneway Commissions, Melbourne, Australia, 2009.

You are welcome to have a fragment of this artwork ***WE ARE SORRY 2013***. In its entirety, *WE ARE SORRY* was first exhibited as a public artwork in Melbourne, Australia (2009 - 2013). It was made up of my edited versions of the governments' 2008 apologies to Indian Residential School Survivors in Canada and the Indigenous 'Stolen Generations' in Australia, printed on vinyl and presented on the exterior of a power sub-station. The next year, by invitation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, I presented an indoor version at the Winnipeg Art Gallery (2010). *WE ARE SORRY* commemorated these historic apologies. Following a series of violations to the apology by the Canadian government, I made *BUDGET CUTS*, a billboard at AKA Gallery and Paved Arts in Saskatoon (2012).

***WE ARE SORRY 2013*** is a further response to the erosion of the 2008 apologies, particularly the Canadian apology to Indian Residential School Survivors. For it, I cut a section from the vinyl of the Canadian apology of *WE ARE SORRY* in Melbourne. It is presented in the Koerner Library along with pieces of the remaining artwork for visitors to take away. I like the idea of many people dispersing this work and that pieces of it find their way into homes and offices where it can be a reminder of the need to take responsibility for a justice-based co-existence / relationship between Aboriginal and settler peoples in Canada, which was the intent and the spirit of the 2008 apology. It's up to all of us that, in the words of Shawn Atleo, Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, "Actions must match words."

The reader is encouraged to learn more about these apologies, opposition to the subsequent budget cuts and related infringements by searching the sampling of links herein. This pamphlet also contains a listing of resources concerning Indian Residential Schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission available through UBC Libraries.

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