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<b>Meeting Type/Purpose: BC Redress Consultation Update Meeting with NAJC Membership</b>	
Date: September 28, 2019 5:30 PM PDT	Location: via Zoom

1. Roll Call

Member Organizations Attendees:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria) Fumi Torigai (Yukon) Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver) Sanae Ohki (Edmonton) Roger Teshima (Calgary) Lynn Kobayashi, Ron Shimizu (Toronto) Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples (Ottawa) Eiko Eby (Nanaimo)	Regrets:	Bryan Tomlinson Alex Miki Karina Uehara Nikkei National Museum
Individual Attendees:	Carolyn Nakagawa Lisa Uyeda Terumi Kuwada Maryka Omatsu Paul Kariya		
NEB and Staff Attendees:	Lorene Oikawa Keiko Miki Les Kojima Susanne Tabata Kiyoshi Dembo Kevin Okabe		

2. BC Redress Consultation Results

- PowerPoint reviewed by Les Kojima
- Members of the BC Redress Steering Committee were thanked for all of their work in initiating, conducting and compiling the BC Redress Consultations

3. Questions

- Q: Are the findings in a ranked order?



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- Yes, but they may not be presented in the same way
- All findings are pretty important
- Q: Can the main points outlined in the presentation be presented to the community?
  - Information will be publicly released on Oct 16, 2019
- Q: Will Toronto be included in the next steps for BC Redress?
  - Planning for editing of report and then issuing the report by Oct 16
  - Developing communications plan, including social media
  - Attend opening session of BC Legislature
  - Looking to set up meeting with Government members
- Q: Will Toronto (or the East) be included in the strategy team?
  - Toronto board feels very strongly about this point, and that Toronto and Vancouver should be included as part of the strategy team
  - NEB is reviewing, as need to identify mandate of strategy team and the skills and background of strategy committee members
- Q: Toronto recommends that a “bottom line” or “walkaway” amount needs to be established.
  - Last chance to obtain something meaningful from the BC Government
  - It needs to be meaningful, extend past a “24 hour news window”
  - Should have broad-based representation to the BC Government as this is a national issue
  - For Chinese Canadians, an implementation plan was developed
    - What can the BC Government do from within its existing programs
    - What can they do from a separate, Treasury Board ask specific for BC Redress
    - How can we make this sustainable

4. Wrap Up

- Report to be issued Oct, 2019
- Will be circulated to membership, posted on the website and promoted via social media
- Special thank you to Art Miki and Maryka Omatsu for co-chairing the BC Redress Steering Committee