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October 22, 2012 – The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) announced today new dates for community hearings in Patuanak and Île-à-la-Crosse. The hearings were scheduled to take place last month but had to be postponed.

The hearings will provide an opportunity for Residential School Survivors to share their experiences with TRC Commissioner Chief Wilton Littlechild as well as with community members and anyone else who would like to learn about and bear witness to the legacy of the residential school system. They are free to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Those who want to make a private statement to the Commission will be able to do so. Program details will be available at www.trc.ca, where the hearings will also be streamed live.

Patuanak: October 29 and 30 at William Apeis Memorial Band Hall
Île-à-la-Crosse: November 1 at the Entertainment Centre

The TRC has so far held 10 community hearings in Saskatchewan in addition to the Saskatchewan National Event that took place June 21-24 in Saskatoon. Saskatchewan has the largest number of Residential School Survivors in Canada – approximately 28,000.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission was established as a result of the 2007 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. Its mandate is to inform all Canadians about what happened in the 150-year history of the Residential Schools, and to guide and inspire a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

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