

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, when we recognize the ongoing trauma caused by residential and day schools, and remember those who never returned home, survivors and their families. Our thoughts are with our neighbours, Neskonlith Lake, Adams Lake, and Skwłāx te Secwepemcúlecw and their Band members impacted by these memories.

This statutory holiday honours survivors, their families, and communities, and ensures that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

To mark the day, flags in the Municipality will be lowered to half-mast.

What can I do?

Educate Yourself

Read the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action](#) and the [National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice](#)

Read the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

Visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website](#)

Learn about Orange Shirt Day and wear your orange shirt on September 30
<https://orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story/>

Watch films and documentaries that reflect on the residential school experience and indigenous-made films [National Film Board of Canada](#)

Participate

- Wear an orange shirt on September 30
- Buy an orange shirt from an indigenous artist or company that supports indigenous causes <https://orangeshirtday.org/merchandise/>
- Attend local community events:
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Date & Time: September 30, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Location: the Tkemlúps te Secwépemc Special Events Arbour, 345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops
 - Stseptékwles re Sk'elép Indigenous Film Festival
Dates: September 26 - September 28
Location: Paramount Theatre in Kamloops

- Visit the Sun Peaks Centre Great Hall to view [Secwépemc artwork and cultural artifacts](#)
- Read books written by indigenous authors, writers, illustrators and Knowledge Keepers <https://www.tnrl.ca/>
- Support local Indigenous artists and businesses
- Support the [reclamation of identity, language and culture](#) and learn words, greetings and phrases in indigenous languages <https://www.firstvoices.com/languages>

Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality is committed to advancing truth and reconciliation and continuing to foster positive and meaningful relationships with First Nations. We acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Secwépemc people. The Secwépemc culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.

Please note that the Municipal Office will be closed in recognition of National Truth and Reconciliation Day and will reopen for regular hours on October 1st.

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