

National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day, an opportunity to recognize the rich heritage, contributions and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across Canada.

The City of Parksville is located on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation. To acknowledge the significance of June 21, the National Indigenous Peoples Day flag is now flying and the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre is lit in orange.

The Governor General of Canada proclaimed June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in 1996, an occasion for Canadians to come together, reflect on and celebrate the unique cultures, traditions and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. June 21 is a day of celebration and recognition of the important role Indigenous People played in the history of our country and a day which represents a small step towards truth and reconciliation

National Indigenous History Month provides opportunities to learn and listen. Whether it's by reading books, attending conferences, or researching ways to support Indigenous artists, storytellers and business owners, there is no shortage of ways to celebrate the histories, cultures and contributions of Indigenous communities. Learning opportunities are offered through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at these links:

[National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

[The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action](#)

[National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - Educational Resources by Age](#)

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