

Indigenous Survivors Day Proclaimed in the City

At the June 16 Council meeting, Mayor Doug O'Brien proclaimed June 30, 2025, as Indigenous Survivors Day in the City of Parksville. The proclamation is included with this release. The intention of Indigenous Survivors Day is to recognize and honour the enduring resilience of Indigenous communities.

Each year, the City recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 and are honoured to once again include acknowledgement of Indigenous Survivors Day in 2025.

Quote Mayor Doug O'Brien

"We acknowledge the lives and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. June 30 is a day to honour and support survivors and intergenerational survivors of the residential school system and to bring awareness about the unique struggles and ongoing challenges confronted by Indigenous people and communities."

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City of Parksville proclamation attached

*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.*

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PROCLAMATION

INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY

June 30, 2025

- WHEREAS** Parksville City Council recognizes the historical injustices endured by Indigenous peoples due to colonization, forced assimilation, and systemic discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30 provides an opportunity to acknowledge the resilience, strength, and cultural heritage of Indigenous communities who have persevered through historical traumas; and
- WHEREAS** designating June 30 as Indigenous Survivors Day creates a platform for healing, education and dialogue, raising awareness about the unique struggles faced by Indigenous peoples; and
- WHEREAS** this observance serves as a solemn reminder of the ongoing challenges faced by Indigenous communities and highlights the importance of supporting their cultural heritage and promoting understanding; and
- WHEREAS** Indigenous Survivors Day fosters inclusivity, unity, and a sense of solidarity among community members, promoting reconciliation and justice; and
- WHEREAS** by implementing Indigenous Survivors Day on June 30, Parksville City Council demonstrates its commitment to honouring Indigenous survivors, promoting healing and building a more equitable and inclusive city.

Now therefore, as Mayor of the City of Parksville,
I proclaim June 30, 2025, as
INDIGENOUS SURVIVORS DAY
in the City of Parksville.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug O'Brien".

Mayor Doug O'Brien
City of Parksville

June 16, 2025