

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, established in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations. The first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was held in 2021, and each year we continue to honour Indigenous peoples affected by Canada's residential school system, the children who never made it home, the strength of survivors, and acknowledgement of the enduring resilience of their families and communities.

To honour the important contributions of Indigenous peoples and communities and in the spirit of reconciliation, the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be lit in orange and the survivors' flag will be flown from September 26 to October 3. City offices will be closed on Tuesday, September 30 for the statutory holiday.

September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, a time to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and their lasting impact across generations. The orange shirt serves as a powerful symbol of the loss of culture, identity, and dignity endured by Indigenous children, and reinforces the message that "Every Child Matters." We encourage the wearing of orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools, their families and the ongoing journey toward truth and reconciliation.

The City of Parksville recognizes with gratitude, the people of the Coast Salish Nations and the traditional territory of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.

Resources and information

- To learn more, please visit the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation [website](#) and the information about [residential school history](#).
- The [commemorative flag](#) was created by survivors to share their expression of remembrance with the broader public and to honour residential school survivors, families, and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada.
- Learn about [Indigenous history, languages, cultures and experiences](#).

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home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation.*
