

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In 2021, the federal government passed Bill C-5, which officially designated National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, a national day to recognize and commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada. The day honours the children who never returned home and the strength of residential school survivors, as well as the resiliency of their families and communities.

In acknowledgement of the important contribution indigenous people and communities provide and embracing the spirit of reconciliation, the Parksville Civic and Technology Centre will be lit in orange and the commemorative flag will be flown from September 26 through October 3.

September 30 is also Orange Shirt Day, intended to raise awareness of the inter-generational impacts of residential schools and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters.” We encourage all to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools. Aligned with the federal and provincial governments, City offices will be closed on Friday, September 30.

The City of Parksville recognizes with gratitude, the people of the Coast Salish Nations and the traditional territory of the Snaw-Naw-As and Qualicum First Nations upon which we live, work and play.

Quote, Mayor Ed Mayne

“We encourage everyone to reflect on the legacy of the residential schools and consider how we can show our support for survivors, their families and communities as we move towards acknowledgement of the truth and the journey towards healing and meaningful reconciliation.”

Resources and information

- To learn more about the history of residential schools or to read the Memorial Register of children who attended residential schools and never returned home, visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation website](#).
- 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.

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