

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Strategic & Legal Affairs

Civic Affairs



To: Mayor & Members of Council

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Date: August 24, 2021

Subject: Support for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.docx

Recommendation

Whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

And whereas the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

And whereas all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

And whereas Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

And whereas the Federal Government has announced September 30th 2021 as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Lakeshore commits to recognizing September 30th 2021 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Background

On June 3, 2021, the Government of Canada approved a new statutory holiday named National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This holiday is intended to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis Survivors and their families and communities and to ensure that public commemoration of their history and the legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Comments

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has called upon all municipalities to support the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, beginning September 30th 2021. AMO has provided two resources to help municipalities in their efforts:

- Resources on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action; and
- What Municipal Leaders Can Do To Better Support Indigenous Residents and Neighbours at this Time.

These resources have been attached to this report for information.

Should Council wish to support the recommended resolution, Administration will work to engage citizens by sharing local, provincial or federal educational resources or events.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts as a result of supporting the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Civic engagement messaging will be undertaken within the approved Communications budget.

Attachments

Appendix A – AMO Resources on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action

Appendix B – AMO What Municipal Leaders Can Do To Better Support Indigenous Residents and Neighbours At This Time

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Support for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.docx
Attachments:	- AMO - MunicipalResourceTruthReconciliation.pdf - AMO - WhatMunicipalLeadersCanDoToBetterSupportIndigenousResi dentsNeighboursAtThisTime.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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