



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) 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 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 Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2024, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Complex and Bandstand be illuminated in orange for the week of September 29th to October 6th, 2024;

AND THAT the Survivor's flag be flown from September 29th to October 6th, 2024 at Lower Reach Park.

September 23, 2024


Shawn Pankow, Mayor