



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: September 13, 2021
SUBJECT: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
CONSIDERATION DATE: September 13, 2021
REQUESTED BY: Councillor Ali
SECONDED BY: Councillor Best

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;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Milton's Culture Plan commits to supporting Indigenous culture resurgence through creating meaningful spaces for the community to learn about Indigenous history, culture and the impacts of colonialism to define a reconciled future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Milton does hereby commit 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;

AND THAT Council direct staff to explore options to install an orange crosswalk to commemorate all Indigenous children, and recognize and support our local Indigenous community;

AND THAT Council direct staff to explore options for future public art installations in Milton, in consultation with our Indigenous community members and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, to commemorate all Indigenous children, support cultural resurgence and recognize our local Indigenous community.