

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

### COUNCIL REPORT

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**DATE:** Monday, September 27, 2021

**TITLE: NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

**FROM:**

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

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**Whereas**, in June of 2021, the federal government announced the creation of a new statutory holiday known as the *National Day of Truth and Reconciliation* to be recognized on September 30 each year as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call-to-Action #80;

**Whereas** TRC's Call-to-Action #80 states "*We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour Survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;*

**Whereas**, since 2013, September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to recognize the tragic history and long-standing effects of residential schools. Truth and Reconciliation Call-to-Action #80;

**Whereas**, on April 13, 2021, Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua's Member's Resolution to proclaim every September 30 as Orange Shirt Day was endorsed;

**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;

**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;

**Whereas** all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan proclaim every September 30 as Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.
2. **THAT** the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.
3. **THAT** the City raise the 'Every Child Matters' flag at City Hall.

**Attachments**

1. [BILL C-5 \(link\)](#)
2. [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action \(PDF\)](#)
3. [Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future \(PDF\)](#)
4. [What We Have Learned \(PDF\)](#)
5. [The Survivors Speak \(PDF\)](#)
6. [Canada's Residential Schools: The History, Part 1 Origins to 1939 \(PDF\)](#)
7. [Canada's Residential Schools: The History, Part 2: 1939 to 2000 \(PDF\)](#)
8. [Canada's Residential Schools: The Inuit and Northern Experience \(PDF\)](#)
9. [Canada's Residential Schools: The Métis Experience \(PDF\)](#)
10. [Canada's Residential Schools: Missing Children and Unmarked Burials \(PDF\)](#)
11. [Canada's Residential Schools: The Legacy \(PDF\)](#)
12. [Canada's Residential Schools: Reconciliation \(PDF\)](#)
13. [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(link\)](#)