

ABOUT NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND ORANGE SHIRT DAY

September 30 is recognized as Orange Shirt Day, an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day inspired by the story of Indian Residential School Survivor Phyllis Webstad.

Phyllis was 6 years old when she wore her new orange shirt for her first day at residential school. Her shirt was immediately taken from her by school staff.

To honour the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and remember those who did not, many Canadians across the country wear an orange shirt.

Learn about and reflect on the ongoing legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation>

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September 30, 2021, marked the first observance of a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, following the identification of potential unmarked burial sites at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia.

Survivors across Canada have long told stories of the abuse and deaths that took place at these institutions. The announcement from the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation has galvanized nationwide efforts by Indigenous communities to locate their missing children.

Commemorating this day to honour Survivors and increase understanding of the history and legacy of Residential Schools is one step in a long journey towards truth-telling and meaningful reconciliation.

**Rain
or Shine**

**National Day for
Truth & Reconciliation**

**&
ORANGE
SHIRT
DAY**

Ceremony

September 30, 2024



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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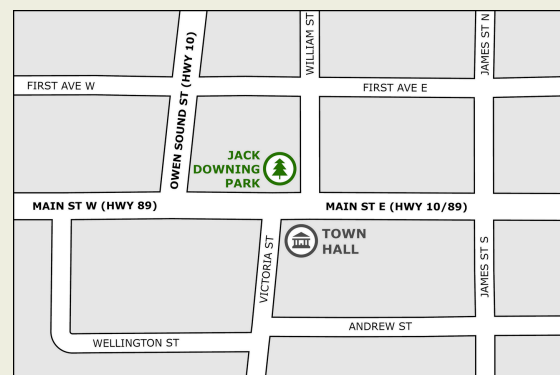
Time: 7:00 PM

(approximately 8:30 PM)

WHERE

Jack Downing Park

140 Main Street East



- Opening Ceremony
- Flag Raising of Every Child Matters Flag
- Candle Light Reflection Walk approximately 1.1 km

We encourage everyone attending to wear an Orange Shirt

SHELBURNE'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

SHELBURNE DEI COMMITTEE

DEI mandate is to create a welcoming and inclusive community in the Town of Shelburne, where everyone can realize their full potential, unburdened by social injustice, inequality, discrimination, and accessibility challenges. We are committed to empowering all community members by advocating for and integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion into the town's policies, services, and programs, guided by public input and sensitivity. Our ultimate vision is to lead by example, making Shelburne a model of accessibility for individuals of all abilities and backgrounds, with an ongoing commitment to identifying, addressing, and preventing barriers, and ensuring transparency in our efforts.

For more information visit:
www.shelburne.ca/DEI/

LOVE



RESPECT



COURAGE



HONESTY



HUMILITY



TRUTH



WISDOM

