



## PROCLAMATION

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

### **Orange Shirt Day**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**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 Truth and Reconciliation Commission'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 remain a vital component of the reconciliation process; and

**WHEREAS** in June of 2021, the Federal Government passed legislation recognizing September 30 as a national holiday to commemorate the tragic legacy of residential schools in Canada; and

**WHEREAS** September 30 will provide a way for our community to publicly commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and the resilience of residential school survivors, commemoration being a vital component of the reconciliation process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal hereby commits to recognizing and proclaiming September 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tory Deschamps', is positioned above the list of council members.

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Tory Deschamps, Mayor  
Stephen Dillabough, Deputy Mayor  
Joseph Martelle, Councillor  
Walter Smail, Councillor  
Chris Ward, Councillor