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Dear Mayor and Council,

Following today's decision, the City will be issuing the below information bulletin, providing notice to the public and employees of our intention to close to observe September 30, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Separately and forthcoming, a news release will be issued on September 30, detailing the City's actions of recognition for September 30 and information will be shared with employees to guide them in furthering Reconciliation within their communities.

Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live shortly from the City media email account.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əθḵʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
September 21, 2021

City closing to observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The City of Vancouver will observe National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, 2021. The City will close on the day to enable employees to take time to reflect and deepen their understanding of the intergenerational trauma of Residential Schools and how they can advance Reconciliation in their communities. Further recognition actions are planned and more details will be shared closer to the day.

All City services and access to buildings will be closed on September 30, including phone and online support. 3-1-1- will operate as usual for statutory holidays. These services will resume normal working hours on Friday, Oct. 1. Residents and business owners can check the [opening status of services](#) before planning a visit, or contact 3-1-1.

The City of Vancouver calls on all residents and visitors of Vancouver to reflect on the harmful legacy of Canada's Indian Residential Schools and act on the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30.

In June 2021, the federal government voted to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday as [a direct response to Call to Action 80](#) of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

[September 30 is also recognized as Orange Shirt Day](#). Created by Residential School survivor Phylliss Webstad, orange shirts are worn on this day to honour the children who survived the Indian Residential Schools and remember those who didn't.

To learn more about the actions The City has taken as a City of Reconciliation, visit: www.vancouver.ca/people-programs/truth-and-reconciliation.aspx.

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