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Subject: Orange Shirt Day - Council Photo on September 20th

Dear Mayor and Council,

Sept. 30 is Orange Shirt Day, we have scheduled Mayor and Councillors to take a photo in front of our new First Nations art panels in Council Chambers wearing COV Orange Shirts on September 20th at the noon Council break. The photo will be released on September 30th, which is the 4th annual Orange Shirt Day - a day that recognizes that every child matters and to honour our Residential School survivors.

Orange T shirt will be distributed at the photo session. Below is a backgrounder on Orange Shirt Day.



Orange Shirt Day stems from a story told by former residential school student, Phyllis Webstad, who had her new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother to wear for her first day of school, taken from her as a six-year old girl and replaced by the standard uniform.

A couple years ago, Phyllis Webstad decided to wear orange on September 30 as a way to remember her time attending Indian residential school in Canada. Her gesture caught hold across Canada.

People from all backgrounds are wearing an orange shirt on September 30th in the spirit of healing and reconciliation for survivors of the Residential Schools.

"This image was created to honour my cultural mentors as a youth living in Vancouver. I took a lot of teachings away from the Canoe and the medicine it contains and provides. My mother Noelle Hanuse, went to Residential School in Sechelt BC as a child and in turn wasn't able to provide me with much cultural teaching, but she often pushed me to get involved with urban Native arts and cultural programming in the city This led me to my experiences in traditional west coast canoes, learning protocols and traveling up and down the coast. This image is inspired from a night paddle that I was a part of. It was one of the most peaceful moments of my life, paddling in unison in a quiet night with phosphorescence lighting our canoe and paddles." Bracken Hanuse Corlett

Bracken Hanuse Corlett is a multimedia artist hailing from the Wuikinuxv and Klahoose Nations. He graduated from En'owkin Centre of Indigenous Art, holds a BFA from ECUAD and studied Northwest Coast art, carving and design from acclaimed Heitsuk artists Bradley Hunt and his sons Shawn Hunt and Dean Hunt.

Best
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