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To: Mayor Foster and Members of Council
From: Erica Mittag, Staff Liaison to the Diversity Advisory Committee
Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Re: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In June 2021, the Federal Government established, in collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, 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.

All Canadians and orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors encourages member municipalities to recognize September 30 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (also known as Orange Shirt Day) by adopting a resolution to that effect.

Subsequently, the Diversity Advisory Committee considered a draft resolution proposed by AMO at a meeting called by the Chair and held September 2, 2021.

As a result of their discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution:

THAT Clarington's Diversity Advisory Committee supports the proposed motion as shared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and recommends that the Council of the Municipality of Clarington recognizes September 30, 2021 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

This motion is on the agenda for the General Government Committee Meeting of September 13, 2021 for Council's consideration.

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