



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is commemorated to raise awareness of the tragic legacy of Canada's residential schools, honour survivors and remember those who did not survive; and
- WHEREAS** it is important that all Canadians understand the complex truth about the history and ongoing impact of residential schools, and the resilience that Indigenous Peoples have shown amidst the collective harms and atrocities that have been endured; and
- WHEREAS** the Municipality will continue to listen to, learn from, and share the truth as we honour the survivors of residential schools, their families, and their communities, as we mourn the children who never returned home; and
- WHEREAS** in the Wood Buffalo region, the Holy Angels Residential School in Fort Chipewyan operated until 1974, the Bishop Piche Indian Day School operated until 1985, the Janvier Indian Day School operated until 1974, and the Fort McKay Indian Day School operated until 1963; and
- WHEREAS** the Municipality remains committed to truth and reconciliation through strengthened relationships with Indigenous governments, communities, and partners to the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action; and
- WHEREAS** The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is not only a time of remembrance, but also a call to action: it challenges all peoples to reflect, to learn, and to work together toward healing, justice, and a future grounded in truth, mutual respect, and meaningful reconciliation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sandy Bowman, Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, do hereby proclaim **September 30, 2026**, as:

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in Fort McMurray, Alberta, this **thirtieth day of September 2026**.


Sandy Bowman
Mayor

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