

## **September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

In 2021, the Government of Canada designated September 30 of each year as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis residential school survivors, their families and communities, and to ensure that public commemoration of the legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of reconciliation. This is a historic day for reflection, listening and learning.

On September 30, in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the legacy of residential schools in Canada, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) will fly flags at half-mast at the administration building and recreation facilities and tie orange ribbons to RDN transit bus mirrors. We encourage all to wear orange to honour residential school survivors, to take part in in-person or virtual events, and to learn about the history of residential schools and the mandate of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at [nctr.ca](https://nctr.ca).

In alignment with the provincial and federal governments, all RDN buildings, landfill operations and recreation facilities will be closed on Friday, September 30 with regular RDN services and programs resuming on Monday, October 3. RDN Transit will operate its standard Friday schedule. In addition, there will be two free shuttle buses running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. between the Woodgrove Exchange and the Nanaimo Aquatic Center and between the Nanaimo Aquatic Center and the Snuneymuxw First Nation Gas Bar on MacMillan Road to help residents get to National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events in Nanaimo. For additional details on the day's events and the free shuttle schedule, visit [nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/Nationaldayfortruthandreconciliation](https://nanaimo.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-events/Nationaldayfortruthandreconciliation).

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