

COUNTY OF RENFREW

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT REPORT ADDENDUM

TO: Finance and Administration Committee

FROM: Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

DATE: August 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Addendum to Administration Report

RESOLUTIONS

6. **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day)**

Recommendation: That the Finance and Administration Committee recommend to County Council that the County of Renfrew does hereby commit to the recognition of September 30, 2021 as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day); AND FURTHER THAT the County of Renfrew commits to the sharing of stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities at a future meeting of Council. AND FURTHER THAT Council fly the “Every Child Matters” Flag as per section 5 of Policy GA-12 Flag Protocol Policy, for the month of September.

Background

In an upcoming brief prepared by AMO staff, and being presented to the AMO Board of Directors on August 14, 2021, a series of recommendations have been developed which will focus on September 30, 2021 as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day). The proposals being prepared by AMO staff to the board are in recognition of the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Western Canada which has led to increased calls for all levels of government to immediately address the recommendations in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.

The County of Renfrew recognizes this is a time of tremendous grief and distress for Indigenous Peoples and, as such, we are joining the calls to recognize September 30, 2021 as a day of mourning and a time to reflect upon Canada's ongoing history of Indigenous relations. Out of respect for, and in solidarity with those grieving, staff are further recommending that the "Every Child Matters" Flag be flown for the month of September as per section 5 of Policy GA-12 Flag Protocol Policy (Flags representing Community Groups or organizations, events, and causes shall only be flown upon declaration from Council).