



## **City of Spruce Grove Proclamation National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

**September 30, 2023**

WHEREAS; National Day for Truth and Reconciliation has been observed annually since 2021 (also known as Orange Shirt Day since 2013) to acknowledge the devastating history of Residential Schools in Canada and their ongoing impact; and

WHEREAS; This day provides space for non-Indigenous individuals to learn about and reflect on the injustices perpetrated against Indigenous Peoples and for Indigenous Peoples to honour their past and embrace the present and future; and

WHEREAS; The acknowledgement and understanding of intentional and systemic efforts to assimilate Indigenous Peoples continues to impact Indigenous Peoples and their Nations across Turtle Island (North America). Truth and Reconciliation is an active and ongoing commitment from individuals and communities to understand painful truths of the past and promote collaborative healing for the future; and

WHEREAS; Despite systemic discrimination, prejudice, and injustice, Indigenous Peoples continue to collectively and meaningfully impact society, and the land that we inhabit, which results in vibrant and resilient communities across Turtle Island, including Spruce Grove; and

WHEREAS; The City of Spruce Grove is committed to building meaningful relationships, built on mutual trust and respect, with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and the surrounding communities, such as the Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Michel First Nation, Alexander First Nation, and the Lac Ste Anne Métis;

THEREFORE, I, Reid MacDonald, Councillor of the City of Spruce Grove, do hereby proclaim the 30th day of September 2023 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the City of Spruce Grove and encourage citizens to participate in public commemorations that honour past truths, and which promote reconciliation.