

A National Gathering to Recognize Truth & Reconciliation Day to Take Place in Regina in 2022

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Regina, SK – On behalf of Treaty 4, the Province of Saskatchewan and the City of Regina, the nation is invited to gather in the heart of reconciliation, Regina, for **Miyo-wîcîwitowin Day**. It will take place on September 29, 2022, at Mosaic Stadium. This is the first national day of coming together as a community to share in Truth with the purpose of inspiring action around truth and reconciliation.

Miyo-wîcîwitowin means reconciliation in Cree: walking together in a good way.

“The past few months have been tough on many. The reality of unmarked graves at former residential schools in this Country has brought validity to many residential school survivors and for many Canadians, a sense of reality at how little the true history Indigenous people continue to endure in Canada” says Chief Cadmus DeLorme of Cowessess First Nation. “ We all inherited this and we all must play our part to assure Truth comes first and Reconciliation will prevail. On September 29th, 2022 we will do that at Mosaic Stadium”

The 2022 event will run from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mosaic Stadium. It will feature speakers including residential school survivor stories, dancers, drummers, and other performers. It will also feature a discussion about Truth and Reconciliation and the calls to action in the report. The day is intended to ensure the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools is never forgotten. Her Excellency the Right Honourable, Mary May Simon is scheduled to bring greetings as will other dignitaries.

School-aged kids from grades 7-12, members of the business community, and the public are invited to attend. Our hope is to fill Mosaic Stadium!

“I am thrilled to take part in the National Day of Recognition. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to working with all levels of government, Indigenous leaders, and community stakeholders in acknowledging the progress that continues to be made in respect to the Calls to Action.” stated Minister Laura Ross. “ We commend REAL for the steps they are taking to further the cause of Truth and Reconciliation, and look forward to next September.”

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) defined reconciliation as the process of "establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in Canada." They also said that for reconciliation to happen in Canada, "there has to be awareness of the past, an acknowledgment of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes and action to change behavior." This event is meant to move forward on that statement.

“On September 29th, 2022, we are inviting the world to Regina’s Mosaic Stadium, to share the truth about residential schools, respectfully honouring residential school survivors and continuing our work

towards truth and reconciliation”, says Mayor Sandra Masters. “Part of our collective responsibility is making space to understand the true history of Indigenous people in Canada —people who are our neighbours, our family, and our friends and this is an integral step towards this understanding and more importantly inspiring action.”

Details on how to get involved are still being finalized. Please visit: www.wewalktogether.ca for updates on this important event.

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