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Media Release

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Holiday

The LaSalle Civic Centre will be closed on Thursday, September 30 to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation holiday. Town municipal offices and the LaSalle Branch of the Essex County Library will be closed for the day. LaSalle Council approved administration's report at the September 28 Regular Meeting of Council to provide a paid holiday for Town employees in recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation each year.

In June, the federal government passed new legislation making September 30 a general holiday under the Canada Labour Code. Named the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, September 30 is meant to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools where tens of thousands of First Nations children were taken from their families and forced to attend classes that separated them from their culture. September 30, 2021 marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

In honour of the day, Canadians are encouraged to participate in orange shirt day to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors. This is a day to listen, learn and reflect. For more information about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>

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