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## Truth and Reconciliation

**Indigenous Mural**



The Town of Sylvan Lake has commissioned an Indigenous Mural. We are dedicating this mural to our Indigenous community, and as a step forward towards the reconciliation process. We'll hear from the Mayor, Teresa Rilling, artist Ryan Jason Allen Willert, and more.

### Mural Dedication Location

- Lakeshore Drive and 44 Street
- At the circular benches in the park

Please join us in beginning the process of reconciliation by participating in learning and self-exploration through the resources on this page.

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### Phyllis Webstad Story – How Orange Shirt Day Started

- [Orange Shirt Day](#)
- [What is Orange Shirt Day?](#)
- [For Kids: Learn about Orange Shirt Day](#)

### University of Alberta – Indigenous Canada: Free Course

- Explore Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada. From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores key issues facing Indigenous peoples today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Topics for the 12 lessons include the fur trade and other exchange relationships, land claims and environmental impacts, legal systems and rights, political conflicts and alliances, Indigenous political activism, and contemporary Indigenous life, art and its expressions.
- [Free University Course](#)

## Elder's Statement Short text and video – How do we move forward?

- Watch a video of the **Elder's statement**

## Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established in 2008 under the terms of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The Commission was mandated to:
  - reveal to Canadians the complex truth about the history and the ongoing legacy of the church-run residential schools, and
  - guide and inspire a process of truth and healing, leading toward reconciliation within Aboriginal families, and between Aboriginal peoples and non-Aboriginal communities, churches, governments, and Canadians generally. The process was to work to renew relationships on a basis of inclusion, mutual understanding, and respect.
- From the report, *"As Canadians, we share a responsibility to look after each other and acknowledge the pain and suffering that our diverse societies have endured—a pain that has been handed down to the next generations. We need to right those wrongs, heal together, and create a new future that honours the unique gifts of our children and grandchildren ... We invite you to search in your own traditions and beliefs, and those of your ancestors, to find these core values that create a peaceful harmonious society and a healthy earth."*
- Learn all about what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission found, and about what reconciliation means!
- Find the report here: **Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future** (click continue to publication if a message appears)

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Learn how you can make a difference today. Remember, learning is a process that takes time and reflection!

### Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action

- **Read the full Calls to Action document**
- Copies are available at the Municipal Government Building and at the Community Centre

### For Kids: Learn the History of Truth and Reconciliation

- For kids in grades 5 - 12, **this workbook** teaches about residential schools, Treaties, and the historic and current relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Copies are available at the Municipal Government Building
- For younger kids, come get an Orange Shirt Day coloring sheet at the Wellness & Community Connections Centre, 4725 - 43 Street



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- Do you need counselling support to deal with the impact of Residential School in your life? Call the Indian Residential School Survivors Society - British Columbia 24/7 Emergency Crisis line: 1 800 721 0066
- **Red Deer Native Friendship Society**  
4808 51 Avenue, Red Deer, AB, T4N 4H3  
403 340 0020

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