TOWN OF CORNWALL
RESOLUTION

DATE: September 15, 2021

DEPARTMENT: Finance/Administration

MOTION NUMBER: F/A-39-2021 ~ National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

MOTION CARRIED 5-0 ✓

MOTION LOST _____

MOTION WITHDRAWN _____

Moved by Councillor _____ **Cory Stevenson**

Seconded by Councillor _____ **Elaine Barnes**

Whereas: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

And Whereas: The recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

And Whereas: All Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

And Whereas: Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

And Whereas: The Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday, and the Province of Prince Edward Island has also announced that this day will be a Provincial Holiday,

Therefore be it Resolved: That the Town of Cornwall declares September 30th, 2021 and each September 30th thereafter, as the Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) in the Town of Cornwall and it shall be observed as a municipal holiday.