



September 21, 2022

## MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

### **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Event Friday, September 30, 2022**

The Lheidli T'enneh First Nation is hosting their first Truth and Reconciliation Day ceremonies from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm on their ancestral lands and historic village site now known as Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation originated with Orange Shirt Day, created by Phyllis Webstad due to her residential school experience. She wore a brand-new orange shirt, purchased by her granny, to residential school and it was taken away along with the rest of her clothing. Orange shirts are now worn on September 30<sup>th</sup> to remember the negative legacy of residential schools on Survivors, lost children, their families, and communities. More information on Phyllis' story is available here. (<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>)

Chief Dolleen Logan has stated “National Day for Truth and reconciliation is a very tough day for Indigenous people across Canada. There isn't an Indigenous nation, community or family which is not touched by the horrors that occurred in Canada's residential schools between the mid 1800s and the early 1990s.”

### **Event Information**

#### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Public Event**

2pm – 3pm at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park Bandshell

Wear orange or your regalia as we honour the lives lost and negative legacy of residential schools on Survivors, their families, and communities. Join the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation for this educational and healing event as we walk together down the path of truth and reconciliation through storytelling, drumming, and song.

- MC and Welcome Home Song
  - By Kym Gouchie
- Drumming
  - By Khast'an Drummers
- Opening Prayer and Traditional Welcome
  - From Elder Darlene McIntosh
- Storytelling & Remarks
  - From Chief Dolleen Logan
  - From Elder Mike Bozoki
  - From Elder Clifford Quaw, Lejac Residential School Survivor, you can watch his story here ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3js0BULXf1A&ab\\_channel=LheidliT%27enneh](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3js0BULXf1A&ab_channel=LheidliT%27enneh))

### **Healing Gathering – Event for Survivors, Inter-Generational Survivors, and their Families**

3pm – 5pm at Uda Dune Baiyoh (House of Ancestors) 355 Vancouver St

- Healing Ceremonies
- Traditional Foods
- Community Togetherness

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for these events. Your support and commitment to these events demonstrates your organization's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and reconciliation. For sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please contact Jen Rubadeau, Event Lead, at 250-301-6159 or [nipd@lheidli.ca](mailto:nipd@lheidli.ca).

For media inquiries, please contact Kevin Brown, LTFN Communications Advisor, at 250-962-5005 or [kevin@kbcommunications.ca](mailto:kevin@kbcommunications.ca).

We are grateful for the community support and sponsorship this event and we look forward to recognizing our Indigenous history so that we may heal and move together down the path of reconciliation on September 30, 2022.

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