

On September 8, 2021, the City Manager sent out a memo regarding the September 30th Federal Statutory Holiday ‘National Day for Truth & Reconciliation’. Although Mr. Duckworth said that “The City decided to observe September 30th”, it was only observed because the City Local Unions filed a grievance with the Employer regarding this matter.

Make no mistake brothers and sisters, the City did not do this; it was the Union who enforced our collective agreement. It is good to see that the City has acknowledged our interpretation of the collective agreement.

We should use this day as an opportunity to understand, grow, and build bridges with Indigenous Peoples.

Please check out the following resource pages:

Indian Residential School Survivors Society

<https://www.irsss.ca/>

Indigenous Awareness Canada

<https://indigenousawarenesscanada.com/>