



Council Member Motion

For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 20, 2018

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Mayor Helps and Councillor Alto
Subject: Orange Shirt Day

Date: September 14, 2018

BACKGROUND

In 2015 and 2016 two Camosun College students, Kristin Spray and Eddy Charlie, – one a residential school survivor – organized the inaugural and second Orange Shirt Day to recognize the survivors of residential schools and to acknowledge those who did not survive. They have now graduated from Camosun, leaving a legacy of Orange Shirt Day.

Since graduation, and for the first time last year, they held Orange Shirt Day in Centennial Square with the support of the City of Victoria. This year the event has grown, attracting a wider audience including interested organizations from across the Province as well as the attendance of Premier John Horgan and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, Scott Fraser. Again, this year organizers Kristin Spray and Eddy Charlie have approached the City about holding an Orange Shirt Day on September 30th in Centennial Square to mark the City's commitment to reconciliation.

In the 2017 and 2018 budgets Council approved \$50,000 per year in 2017 and 2018 to support reconciliation projects. To date, a total of \$32,757 has been spent over two years including Orange Shirt Day \$4,500, City Family meetings and ceremonies \$5,281, and Statue relocation \$22,976. There is \$67,243 remaining in Council's budget for reconciliation. As per the attached Orange Shirt Day budget (See Appendix A) from the organizers of Orange Shirt Day, we recommend that Council approve an expenditure of \$6,000 to support Orange Shirt Day in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council supports an expenditure of \$6,000 from the City's Reconciliation budget to hold Orange Shirt Day in Centennial Square on September 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor Helps

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Councillor Alto

List of Attachments:

Appendix A: Orange Shirt Day Budget