



Songhees Nation

June 13, 2024

Good day,

Re: Sponsorship Opportunities for the 2024 South Island Powwow on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In 2021, the federal government designated September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (formerly known as Orange Shirt Day) in response to one of the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 2015 Final Report.

Songhees Nation will be hosting the third annual South Island Powwow on September 30th, 2024 to honour Survivors of Indian Residential Schools, Day Schools, the Sixties Scoop, and the children who never made it home from these institutions. We are working with the City of Victoria to host a the third annual South Island Powwow to educate, display resilience and celebrate Indigenous culture to commemorate this important day and gather as community on the homelands of the ləkʷəŋən people at Royal Athletic Park in Victoria, BC. In unity and partnership, we invite you to join us on this day in honour of Indigenous resiliency.

We are seeking contributions for costs associated with this event. With two successful events in the rear view, the South Island Powwow looks forward to growing and providing more opportunity to Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples to gather in a safe space. If you are interested in supporting our event with financial sponsorship, in-kind donations, and/ or volunteering, please review the attached South Island Powwow Sponsorship Package or visit our website at

<https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>.

For further information, please connect with Samantha Dean, Communications Coordinator, by phone at (250) 218-1444 or by email at nationevents@songheesnation.com. On behalf of Songhees Nation and the South Island Powwow Committee, həyşxʷqə (thank you) for your consideration, and we look forward to seeing you at the Powwow!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Ron Sam". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Chief Ron Sam
Songhees Nation