



For the Committee of the Whole Meeting September 14 2017

Date: Wednesday September 5 2017

From: Mayor Helps and Councillor Alto

Subject: Orange Shirt Day

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 there, which will be held this year on September 29th. In early summer Kristin Spray and Eddy Charlie approached the Mayor about holding an Orange Shirt Day on September 30th in Centennial Square to mark the City's commitment to reconciliation as declared at the beginning of 2017.

The City has set aside \$50,000 to support reconciliation projects. This funding was approved to support the City's Witness Reconciliation Program. While not originating from the Witness Reconciliation Program, Orange Shirt Day is a reconciliation activity coming directly from a residential school survivor and a community member in partnership with Bridges for Women.

Recommendation

1. For the balance of 2017, that up to \$5,000 be set aside from the \$50,000 allocated to Reconciliation specifically for endeavours outside the Program.
2. To fund up to \$2090 for Victoria's First Annual Orange Shirt Day for the expenses laid out in the attached budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor Helps

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Councillor Alto