



## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION HOURS

ALL BRANCHES

**CLOSED**  
**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

▶ Return to regular hours  
Friday November 1

### ***EKC National Day for Truth and Reconciliation***

On September 30, EKC will respect and acknowledge the inaugural *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation* as a statutory day and a nationwide act of reconciliation for the history and lasting effects of Canada's residential school system.

Jody Burk, CEO states, "Several of the management team participated in 'The Blanket Exercise' a few years ago led by the Ktunaxa. *The Blanket Exercise explores the shared history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on the lands of Turtle Island (North America).*

It impacted our leadership team, and we plan to continue to learn with our staff. We are fortunate to have the Ktunaxa Nation Council to support our learning with their programs. We all have a role to play in the reconciliation process, and we want to continue our learnings with our staff."

The day off will help give our team time to reflect on their individual responsibilities.

EKC is focused on learning and understanding our role in Truth and Reconciliation. We have encouraged our staff to reflect and participate in the following:

- Watch videos on Truth and Reconciliation
- Staff can choose to wear orange on September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Staff-generated donations will be put towards the traditional Knowledge and Language sector to support capacity building and cultural language revitalization at the two on-reserve schools.

- *We understand that Traditional Language is the cornerstone of revitalization for the Ktunaxa people.*

EKC encourages staff and our members to learn and reflect. Some resources follow:

- [Honouring the Truth – Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.](#)
- [Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action \(including those for the business community\)](#)
- [Residential School History](#)
- [Ktunaxa History](#)
- [Dennis Walkers' interview with Ktunaxa Nation Chair, Kathryn Teneese](#)
- [Ktunaxa Business Directory](#)

The new National Day for Truth and Reconciliation establishes a formal opportunity to honour and commemorate Indigenous culture, history and the heartbreaking legacy of residential schools in Canada. However, our desire to learn will remain at the forefront for EKC as we continue to seek ways to educate ourselves as Canadians and provide ongoing support to our staff and communities.

*Sincerely,*

**Jody Burk, CEO**

EKC would like to acknowledge that the land on which we work and live is the traditional unceded territory of the **Ktunaxa** and **Kinbasket Peoples**. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work in this territory.



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