



News Release

National Indigenous History Month presents opportunities to learn, get involved

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June is recognized annually as National Indigenous History Month. This is a time to honour the history, heritage, and diversity of Indigenous people as well as to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous people and their communities.

Saskatoon Mayor, Charlie Clark says: "More and more people in our community are moving from words to action when it comes to the work of Truth and Reconciliation. There are new partnerships forming and in many sectors of our community. I see First Nations and Métis people and organizations walking the path together with non-Indigenous counterparts, valuing each other's ways of knowing and building on each other's strengths. This is the work of building right relationships. I am grateful for all of these efforts, because there is still much work to do."

To honour the occasion and to increase awareness, the Reconciliation Flag has been raised in Civic Square (behind City Hall off 23rd Street, between 3rd and 4th Avenues). Residents are invited to visit the flag and take a moment to reflect on the significance of Reconciliation – the process of building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The flag will remain raised until June 3.

Saskatoon Tribal Council's Tribal Chief, Mark Arcand says: "As a First Nations organization serving many members in Saskatoon, we have been very pleased with the outcomes and results of past and current initiatives with the City of Saskatoon. Most notable in recent years, the City of Saskatoon has acknowledged the work of Elders and planning committees with the Reconciliation Flag Raising as an event that will continue to leave a lasting impression as a result of the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. In the spirit of Reconciliation, we must continue to work together as we are all Treaty People; so we all can have a quality of life."

President of the Central Urban Métis Federation Inc. (CUMFI), Shirley Isbister says: “Indigenous History Month provides the opportunity for everyone to learn about, share, and celebrate Indigenous cultures. We are peoples with varying cultures, customs, and languages. We are all a part of a shared history with common goals and aspirations. Now is time for Truth.”

Métis Nation—Saskatchewan Western Region 2A Regional Director, Kathie Pruden-Nansel says: “As we acknowledge June as Indigenous History Month, Métis citizens across our Homeland will also be gathering to recognize our Métis citizens and survivors impacted by residential schools. Our Métis people continue to work towards Reconciliation, as we share our many cultures, journeys and visions of inclusion, and Reconciliation; our Métis Truths as well.”

There are a number of activities happening around Saskatoon during the month of June that present opportunities to learn and get involved. A listing of just some of these is available at saskatoon.ca/Indigenous.

The City of Saskatoon Co-Chairs [Reconciliation Saskatoon](#). Reconciliation Saskatoon is a community of over 115 non-profits, businesses, and other organizations who have come together towards one mission: to initiate a citywide conversation about Reconciliation and provide opportunities for everyone to engage in the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action](#).

ATTACHED IMAGES: Reconciliation Flag; Flag Raising Event (May 27)

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