

Press Release: For Immediate Release

We acknowledge that South Algonquin Township is situated in unceded, and un-surrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishinabee.

Our municipality represents an array of diversity, and we honour and respect the name of South Algonquin which stems from the traditional land of the Algonquin People.

South Algonquin Township extends our heartfelt condolences to the Tk'emlúps̱te te Secwépemc territory and all Indigenous Peoples across this country with the recent discovery of 215 children's remains found at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in B.C. This is yet another chapter of the dark and horrific legacy of the residential school system in Canada. We stand in solidarity with Tk'emlúps̱te te Secwépemc , the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan and Indigenous communities across Canada

South Algonquin Township affirms its commitment to work with our Indigenous partners and community members to do more, and to do better in the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action. The news is absolutely heartbreaking and words cannot express our sorrows, we grieve with you.

Our flagpoles remain at half-mast to honour the children found buried at the former school until June 08, 2021.

June is National Indigenous History Month and June 21st, 2021 marks National Indigenous Peoples Day, where it's a time to honour and celebrate the traditions, cultures, and languages of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Let us all reflect on the strength and resiliency of Indigenous Peoples this month and deepen our understanding of trauma and intergenerational trauma inflicted by the residential schools.

On behalf of Council and Staff

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