



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

NOTICE OF MOTION

From: Mayor Barbara Desjardins

Introduced: Council Meeting – April 4, 2022

Subject: **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**

WHEREAS: Mayors of the region have discussed how municipalities could jointly support First Nations in relation to the September 30th National Day of Truth and Reconciliation but need a coordinated approach to develop options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Council, in coordination with other regional municipalities, approve up to \$500 toward funding a consultant to look at regional approaches in support of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE: Advance the work of Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Work with Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations to support economic, cultural, social and environmental opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: All municipalities have been asked to consider providing funding toward the hiring of a consultant with Oak Bay Mayor Kevin Murdoch leading this process.

BACKGROUND: Last year was the first year for September 30th, National Day of Reconciliation. Colwood held an event and many of the region's mayors and elected officials participated with Indigenous communities to acknowledge this important day. Discussion has continued on the ability of all municipalities to meaningfully recognize this day with Indigenous Peoples. There is desire to explore options for a regional approach toward understanding and action while acknowledging the complexity of thirteen municipalities and ten First Nation communities.