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Ashcroft Mayor and Council wish to recognize the importance of Sept. 30, Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. It is a day committed to ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of the intergenerational harm that residential schools have caused Indigenous families and communities is never forgotten, and to honour those who have been affected by this injustice.

Ashcroft has reached out to First Nation partners to collaborate and hold a commemorative event this year. Regrettably, short timelines, events throughout the summer, and the restrictions of COVID-19 have made organizing an event difficult for 2021.

Council will endeavour to collaborate with local First Nation partners throughout the coming year to plan and host a commemorative event to remember the lives torn apart by residential schools.

This year, the Village will be flying the "Every Child Matters" flag on the flagpole at the Old Fire Hall, and encourages residents to participate in the virtual "Drum for the Children" event hosted by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc at 2:15 p.m. on Sept. 30.

<https://tkemlups.ca/drum/>