

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



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The Town of Ponoka, which is located on Treaty 6 territory, will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30 to recognize and commemorate the history of residential schools.

To honour the importance of this event, the Town flags at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be lowered to half-mast.

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led, grass roots commemorative day that honours the children who survived residential schools and remembers those who did not.

We encourage citizens to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.

Town Facility Hours to Commemorate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- The Ponoka Arena Complex will be closed on Monday, October 2. Regular programming will resume on Tuesday, October 3.
- The Ponoka Aquaplex is temporarily closed for annual maintenance and facility modernization improvements and will reopen for regular programming on Tuesday, October 3.
- The Town of Ponoka Waste Transfer Station will be open on Saturday, September 30 and closed on Monday, October 2. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 3.
- The Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre will be closed on Monday, October 2. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 3.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **Next TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m.
 - **Next PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, October 17 at 6 p.m.
 - **Next COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING:** Tuesday, October 24 at 6 p.m.
 - **2024 BUDGET DELIBERATION DATES:** Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 starting at 9 a.m.
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings and budget deliberations will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).

Wishing our local farmers a safe and successful harvest season.



Annual Fall Clean Up Starts Tuesday, October 10

The Town of Ponoka's annual back alley collection of compostable yard waste begins after the Thanksgiving long weekend on Tuesday, October 10 and will continue until each back alley is completed.

Ponoka residents are asked to place all materials for pick up in a pile at their back alley no later than Monday, October 9. Residents who do not have a back alley can place yard waste near the curb at the front of their property, ensuring the materials are visible for pick up.

The Town of Ponoka will make one pass down each back alley to collect yard waste in excess of what will fit in your Green Cart (grass clippings, leaves, weeds and branches less than five feet).

Yard waste set out for collection should not be bagged, as bagged material will not be picked up to avoid contaminating the compost pile at the Town's Waste Transfer Station. Other items that will not be picked up include: rocks, construction material, wood, household waste, plastic and pet excrement.

For more information, please visit
www.ponoka.ca/p/back-alley-pick-up



~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Penalty Deadline for Payment of Outstanding Property Taxes** – To avoid further penalties, Friday, September 29, 2023 is the last day to pay your 2023 property taxes in person at the Ponoka Town Office (#200, 5604 50 Street). For more information and for a list of payment options, please visit the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/p/property-taxes
- **Early Bird Animal Licensing Rates Available** – Residents will be able to access the early bird rate by renewing their animal licences for the 2024 year between October 1 and December 31, 2023. For more information, please visit the Town's website at www.ponoka.ca/p/dog-cat-licences.
- **Kick It to the Curb** - Citizens are invited to turn unwanted items into somebody else's treasure during the Kick It to the Curb Week from October 11 to 16. Place items you wish to give away in your front yard with a 'FREE' sign on them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like. After the event, please remove uncollected items from your front yard. For more information, please visit the Town's website at www.ponoka.ca/p/kick-it-to-the-curb.
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on September 27, 28 and 29 - depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 4, 5 and 6 – depending on your Zone.



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