

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30



The Town of Ponoka, which is located on Treaty 6 territory, will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Wednesday, 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 grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters." We encourage citizens to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools.

Town Facility Hours for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

All Town facilities, including the Ponoka Aquaplex, Ponoka Arena Complex, Town Office at the Ponoka Civic Centre and the Waste Transfer Station will be temporarily closed on Wednesday, September 30. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, October 1.

Help Shape Our Future: Recreation & Tourism Strategy

You are invited to share your input and ideas as the Town of Ponoka prepares to create a new Recreation and Tourism Strategy.

A new Recreation and Tourism Strategy will help the Town make evidence-based decisions about how changes to recreation and tourism can contribute to Ponoka's well-being and economic development.

Community members can learn more about the Recreation and Tourism Strategy and offer their input by completing a survey in one of two ways:

- Online at **LetsTalkPonoka.ca**; and
- Paper copies are available at the Ponoka Aquaplex, Ponoka Arena Complex and the Town Office on the second floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre.



The survey will remain open until Tuesday, September 29 at midnight.

Kick it to the Curb Week October 2 to 7

You are invited to place items you wish to give away in your front yard with a **free** sign attached to them. People can then come by and pick up any items they would like to bring home.

At the end of the week, you are asked to bring any uncollected items back into your home. You are encouraged to consider donating these items to a local charity or thrift shop rather than throwing them away.



For more information, please visit [Ponoka.ca/events](https://ponoka.ca/events)

The Town of Ponoka wishes our local farmers a safe and successful harvest season.



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- **Yoga Classes** - Join Carol Morrow for a guided mind-body yoga practice designed to improve flexibility and reduce stress. Classes run Wednesdays until November 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Hudson's Green Nature and Activity Centre. Register online at [Ponoka.ca/recreation-programming](https://ponoka.ca/recreation-programming) or in person at the Ponoka Aquaplex.
- **Deadline for Outstanding Property Taxes** - To avoid further penalties, Tuesday, September 29 is the last day to pay your 2026 property taxes in person at the Town Office (#200, 5604 50 Street). As of October 1, a seven per cent penalty will be added to any outstanding current year levy balances. For more information and for a list of payment options, please visit [Ponoka.ca/property-taxes](https://ponoka.ca/property-taxes)
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags and carts should be placed at the curb for pick up on September 23, 24 and 25 - depending on your Zone.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on September 30, October 1 and 2 - depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** - If your curbside green or grey cart was not picked up on your collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@E360S.ca. If your recycling was missed, please contact E360S dispatch at 587-217-1975 or by email at EPR-Alberta@E360S.ca.



~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- Next **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**: Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m.
The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Meetings will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).
- **Council Meeting Highlights** - Can be viewed at [Ponoka.ca/council-meeting-highlights](https://ponoka.ca/council-meeting-highlights)



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