

Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21, 2023

Proclamation

June 13, 2023

WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada recognizes the existing rights of Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS First Nation, Inuit, and Métis Peoples have made and continue to make valuable contributions to Canadian society;

Whereas June 21 has become known as a day to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS we employ this day as a reminder for Settlers to confront the past and strive for a better future;

WHEREAS we admit the historical injustices of forced displacement, assimilation, and the suppression of sacred practices endured by Indigenous Peoples for hundreds of years;

WHEREAS this year, we recognize the continued legacy of harm caused by residential schools, and the ongoing trauma experienced by survivors, intergenerational survivors, and their families;

WHEREAS we support and celebrate Indigenous Ways of Knowing, recognizing the vital role Indigenous Peoples have in promoting cultural understanding, environmental sustainability, and the well-being of all communities;

WHEREAS we acknowledge that Alberta has a unique history and relationship with Indigenous Peoples and that Sturgeon County has a key role to play in reconciliation efforts;

WHEREAS we acknowledge that Indigenous Peoples continue to face systemic racism and hardship, and we commit to using and recognize the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action as a roadmap for reconciliation to build stronger relationships based on mutual respect, understanding, and support;

WHEREAS we are steadfast in demonstrating our commitment to reconciliation by permanently displaying the Treaty 6 and Métis Nation Number 4 flags at Sturgeon County Centre, to honour the historic and ongoing contributions of Indigenous Peoples to this region, the province, and the country.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alanna Hnatiw, Mayor of Sturgeon County, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2023, as Indigenous Peoples Day in Sturgeon County and call upon all residents to reflect on the continued impacts of residential schools, to commit to learning about the experiences and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples, and to support efforts towards reconciliation and healing.



Alanna Hnatiw
Mayor, Sturgeon County