

PSAC 901

PSAC 901's office will be closed September 30th to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

In keeping with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 80th Call to Action, we will be closing our office and giving our staff a paid holiday so they may appropriately reflect on the significance of the day.

Once again, PSAC 901 calls on Queen's to close the university and mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday in order to advance shared goals of reconciliation/conciliation and to build and strengthen relationships with Indigenous Peoples, nations, and communities. We believe that our members must be allowed ample opportunity to attend events in the community and be given adequate time to properly reflect on the horrific legacy of residential schooling. We do not believe that Queen's' current policy, even with the cancelation of classes on the afternoon of September 30th, allows adequate time nor space on the day to reflect, uplift and honor survivors. Marking this day would help demonstrate Queen's stated commitment to upholding the goals set forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to addressing the harm caused by the university to Indigenous individuals and communities who preceded its presence on this land. We are encouraged to see that the university is making space for a number educational events and learning opportunities on campus and we encourage our members to attend these and other events taking place within the community.

We would also like to remind our Unit 1 members (TAs, RAs, and TFs) that as per Letter of Agreement # 8 of our collective agreement, employees may now attend on-campus commemorations for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, provided that they give their supervisors 48 hours' notice that they intend to observe.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Events at Queen's, with PSAC, and in the Kingston Community:

Thursday September 29th - Office of Indigenous Initiatives- Elder Meet & Greet: TRC - Working Towards Meaningful Respect - 12:00 PM [Register here](#).

Friday September 30th - Sacred Fire and Vigil: Confederation Park, sunrise to sunset

Friday September 30th - Monday October 3rd, Sacred Fire: Kewaywin Circle and One Roof in partnership with Family and Children's Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington offices at 817 Division St. from sunrise Sept. 30 to sunset on Oct. 3.

Friday September 30th - Office of Indigenous Initiatives - Sacred Fire, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Agnes Benedickson Field, agenda to be released by Queen's.

Friday September 30th - Centre for Teaching and Learning TRC & Me: What Educators can do to Respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action, 9:00-10:00 AM - Zoom [Registration Form](#)

Friday September 30th - Four Directions- Day of events for indigenous students at 4D- schedule [here](#)

Monday, October 3rd - PSAC Ontario and Moon Time Sisters, Zoom on promoting power and solidarity for those living in Northern Indigenous Communities; 7:30 pm on Zoom, [Registration Form](#)

Tuesday October 4th - 11th Sisters in Spirit Vigil to honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2-Spirit persons and their families, 4:30-6PM MacDonald Park, Newland Pavilion