

## **Land Acknowledgement.**

September/October 2024

For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have inhabited the land we call Canada.

Today, the land we meet on is the ancestral home of the Huron-Wendat Confederacy, The Haudenosaunee (Hodino:sho:ni) Confederacy and the Anishinaabe peoples. Most recently these lands have been the home of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Report challenges us, as the non-Indigenous peoples, to learn about and interact with the many Inuit, Metis, and First Nations people who live among us.

We are a richer society for knowing the many versions of history of Turtle Island, the Indigenous histories, the non-Indigenous histories, our own personal history, and how they all intersect.

### **September 30, Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.**

This day honours the children who never returned home, survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impact of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

### **September 30, Orange Shirt Day**

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". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.