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MD Council of Bonnyville No. 87,

Tansi! Taanishi! Greetings!

Please find attached a letter requesting donations for activities leading up to and including the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation 2025 Commemoration.

If you would like to speak with me via telephone or in person, I would be happy to receive your call.

Miigwetch!! Maarsi!! Aye Hiy!!

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**I await your reply,**

**Corita Vachon**

**President of Lakeland Society for Truth and Reconciliation**  
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**#EveryChildMatters**

# Lakeland Society for Truth and Reconciliation

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May 30, 2025

**ATTENTION: M.D. Council of Bonnyville No. 87**

**RE: Donation Request for 2025 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Commemorative Activities**

Tanisi! Taanishi! Greetings!

As you know, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR) is September 30. NDTR is a sacred day, a day to mourn, grieve, remember, and hope. In the past, with the generous support of our partners and sponsors like yourself, we have been able to offer admission-free activities to everyone in the Lakeland area. With this in mind, **we humbly ask for your financial support of \$2000 for this year's activities**, as we bring education, awareness, and understanding to the forefront of NDTR 2025 Commemoration. In appreciation for your generous contribution, we will be sure to recognize your corporate support by including a logo at the event, online, and in print through social media and news outlets. As well, a receipt for your donation will be promptly issued.

Past NDTR commemorative activities have been so well received that we would like to make them available again this year. Last year, one of our key partners (Heritage Canada) had a reduction in their program budget, which meant that our approved grant amount was also substantially reduced. We realize that we must live within our means. So subject to financial support received, below is a list of tentative commemorative activities we are planning leading up to and including our NDTR 2025 Commemoration. **We invite you to attend any and all activities:**

**Shirts'n Skirts Workshop:** Create your own ribbon skirt or ribbon vest. Learn valuable teachings. Workshop includes all supplies.

**Former Blue Quills Residential School Tour:** Guided by a Blue Quills Residential School Survivor.

**Drive Through Town Procession:** In partnership with the Town of Bonnyville, this procession is aimed to bring a conscious awareness of the children that suffered in Indian Residential Schools. It will be led with either an RCMP officer or Town Bylaw officer. Vehicles drive through a planned route in the streets of Bonnyville for an hour, while playing traditional music on a tailgate speaker.

**Orange Shirt Walk:** In partnership with the Town of Bonnyville, participants will walk down Main Street Bonnyville to bring attention to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Local schools will be invited to participate. Start and end location to be determined.

**NDTR Commemoration:** Tipi raising, pipe ceremony, visual displays of former Blue Quills Residential School, local survivor stories, Artisans, traditional meal, followed by a blend of First Nations and Métis speakers, musicians, dancers, and storytellers.

*Throughout the day's activities, we will provide onsite a registered Indigenous mental health therapist that is specialized in trauma, for anyone attending who is in need of support.*

Our mission is always **to honour the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and to remember those who didn't.** #EveryChildMatters Therefore, it is imperative that all of our events are accessible for all people and free of charge:)

**Again, we truly hope that you are able to attend any and all activities. If you are able to provide monetary donation, it can be made by cheque or eTransfer.**

1. Cheques can be made payable to **"Lakeland Society for Truth and Reconciliation."** Arrangements can be made for pick up, drop off or payment can be directly mailed to:  
**Lakeland Society for Truth and Reconciliation**  
**4530 41A Street, Bonnyville AB, T9N 1K2**
2. e-Transfers can be made to the following email address:  
[LakelandTruthandReconciliation@gmail.com](mailto:LakelandTruthandReconciliation@gmail.com)

We also have Orange Shirts available for sale at a reasonable cost. All funds raised will be used to support related activities in the Lakeland area, should you consider purchasing for your staff and family.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Should you have questions or require additional information, I may be reached via cell at 780-826-1061 or email as indicated above.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Miigwetch!! Maarsi!! Aye Hiy!!

Corita Vachon

President