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## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30th

# What is Orange Shirt Day?

On Orange Shirt Day, we recognize the 150,000 Indigenous children who endured the residential schooling system, and its trauma that continue to be felt to this day.

We encourage all of you to research more about this history and read Phyllis Webstad's book. Information can easily be found at [orangeshirtday.net](http://orangeshirtday.net)

*Photo Courtesy of Orange Shirt Society*

For the first time, Manitoba will officially observe **September 30th**, the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation** (also known as **Orange Shirt Day**), as a **General Holiday**. The day is set aside as a time to reflect on the tragic history and lasting impacts of the residential school system in Canada and is dedicated to honouring the survivors, their families, and the children who never made it home. At the GCWCC, we encourage everyone to participate in meaningful ways that promote awareness, education, and healing.

Here are a few ways you can observe this important day:

- **Wear an Orange Shirt**

Wearing an orange shirt symbolizes the loss of culture, identity, and self-worth experienced by Indigenous children who were forced into residential schools. You can learn more about the story behind Orange Shirt Day at [Orange Shirt Day Official Site](http://Orange Shirt Day Official Site) or [Canada.ca](http://Canada.ca).

documentaries, books, and online resources. Some great starting points are:

- [The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
  - [Indigenous Canada](#)
  - [Winnipeg Public Library's Residential School Guide](#)
  - [University of Winnipeg's Centre for Access to Information and Justice](#)
  - [Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre](#)
- **Participate in Community Events**

Many local organizations and community centres will host National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events. These events often include ceremonies, educational workshops, and storytelling. The Southern Chiefs' Organization has shared information about upcoming activities taking place across Manitoba leading up to and on September 30th. Check out their page: [Southern Chiefs' Organization](#).
  - **Support Indigenous-led Organizations**

Consider donating to or volunteering with Indigenous organizations working toward healing and reconciliation, such as:

    - [Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre](#)
    - [Six Scope Survivors](#)
    - [Circles for Reconciliation](#)

By participating in these actions, we honour the truths of the past and support the journey toward reconciliation.

## Now is your chance to serve on a Board or Commission

Are you passionate about making a positive impact on your city? **The City of Winnipeg** is accepting applications for vacancies on **18 Boards and Commissions**, including the **General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC)**. This is your chance to get involved, contribute your skills, and help shape important decisions that affect our community.

If you are interested in serving as a City Appointee on the GCWCC board, you can apply by clicking the link below.

### Application Details

- **Deadline:** Friday, October 18, 2024.
- **Appointment:** Successful candidates will be appointed by City Council in early 2025.
- **Volunteer Terms:** Terms vary from one to three years, depending on the board, with meeting frequency ranging from monthly to quarterly.

# Get Ready for the Above & Beyond Banquet



*Ryan Caligiuri*

As we prepare for the **Above & Beyond Banquet** on **November 9th**, we're working hard to make this year's event unforgettable! Here's what we've been up to behind the scenes:

- **Keynote Speaker:** We're thrilled to welcome this year's keynote speaker, **Ryan Caligiuri**, President of High-Rise Leadership, a renowned leadership development specialist who will inspire and motivate us all.
- **Award Nominations:** We've sent out the nomination forms for Volunteer Awardees and Past Presidents. The deadline for submission is **Friday, October 25th, 2024**. We look forward to receiving many incredible nominations from community centres across the city, and we're excited to recognize these outstanding individuals who go above and beyond every day.

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crafted to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism.

- **Early Bird RSVPs:** If you haven't already RSVP'd, now's a great time! Secure your spot early and ensure your team is part of this inspiring evening. **Tickets cost \$45.**

Stay tuned for more updates next month – we'll share exciting details about the program, special guests, and entertainment. We can't wait to celebrate with you in November!

[Nomination Forms](#)

## Vendor Indemnity Forms for Upcoming Sales Season

As we approach the busy sale season, it's important to remember that all Community Centres hosting craft sales, garage sales, or similar events are required to have each vendor complete an indemnity form. These forms help protect your centre and ensure that vendors acknowledge their responsibilities during the event.

The process is simple:

1. Have each vendor fill out the **Liability Release and Indemnity Form.**
2. Keep the completed forms on file at your Community Centre.

This is a vital part of hosting safe and compliant events. Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important requirement as we gear up for the sale season!



[Access Indemnity Form](#)

## Bourkevale Community Centre Celebrating 75 Years!

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The **Bourkevale Community Centre** is marking its **75th anniversary** this year with exciting events, and they're seeking volunteers to help make the celebrations a success! Here's how you can get involved and join in the fun:

#### **Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities:**

##### **75th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, October 19**

Help celebrate this milestone!

- Tea & Stories Drop-in: 2-4 p.m., featuring live music
- Social & Dance: 7 p.m. onward, with a live band!
- Tickets are \$15 at the door. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community—bring your neighbours!

#### **Volunteer roles needed:**

- Setup and decorating (Friday, October 18)
- Ticket sales, liquor sales, 50/50, and general support for the evening social

##### **Halloween Dance - Friday, October 25**

Make this spooky night unforgettable!

They need volunteers for:

- Setup and decorating
- Running the canteen, taking admissions
- Coordinating music, craft table support, and activities

##### **Breakfast with Santa - Sunday, December 8**

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- Setup and decorating
- Flipping pancakes, serving food
- Craft table, photo-taking, and cleanup

If you know anyone interested in volunteering for any (or all) of these events, please email [volunteer@bourkevale.com](mailto:volunteer@bourkevale.com). A member of their team will reach out with more details.

Let's celebrate and support Bourkevale's 75th anniversary!

## Webinar: Risk Management for Recreation Leaders



The GCWCC encourages community centre leaders to take advantage of an essential upcoming webinar on **Risk Management** for recreation leaders hosted by **Recreation Manitoba**. This session will occur on **October 8th, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (CDT) via Zoom**.

**Why is this important for your community centre?**

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could lead to legal claims, participant injuries, or reputational harm by attending this webinar. Jason Robinson from Sport Law will cover key risk management concepts and demonstrate how to implement a practical framework tailored to your centre's needs.

This two-hour session will also include real-world risk assessment scenarios, helping participants understand how to manage potential challenges effectively.

**Registration Fees:**

- Recreation Manitoba Members: \$35.00
- Non-Members:\$60.00

The webinar is open to the general public.

We encourage all community centre leaders to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

[Register Here](#)

## Final Call: Fall Renovation Grant Application Deadline

The deadline for the **Fall Renovation Grant** is quickly approaching on **October 15th!** This grant provides crucial funding for renovations and improvements to your Community Centre, helping enhance your services.

If you haven't applied yet, don't wait! Ensure your Fall Program Profile is current. While not mandatory, we highly recommend booking a site visit as part of the application process. To schedule your visit, email Arthur at [arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca](mailto:arthur@gcwcc.mb.ca).

Don't miss this opportunity—submit your application before the deadline!

## Important Dates and Information

- **September 30th - Orange Shirt Day** - (National Day for Truth & Reconciliation), is now a general holiday. [More details on general holidays here.](#)
- **September 30th** - Please submit your Program Profile by this date.
- **October is Women's History Month** - During the month, we honour inspiring women making a difference to advance gender equality.
- **October 1st** - Minimum wage will increase from \$15.30 to \$15.80 per hour.



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- **October 15th** - Fall Renovation Grant Intake
- **November 9th** - Save the Date - Above & Beyond Banquet
- **November 11th** - Remembrance Day - all community centres must remain closed until 1:00 p.m. that day.
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the [GCWCC website](#).

## Connect with us!



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