

5 THINGS GOING ON DURING INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

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The Town of Halton Hills has announced a selection of programs to honour the heritage, diversity and creativity of Indigenous peoples during Indigenous History Month.

Throughout June, the town is inviting residents to learn more about the history, contemporary and traditional arts, and culture of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

"As part of the town's commitment to advancing Truth and Reconciliation, we will be including a land acknowledgement at the beginning of council meetings, starting at the June 14 meeting," Mayor Rick Bonnette said. "The

Town of Halton Hills is located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and it is important that we recognize this and build relationships with Indigenous Nations."

Programs from the Helson Gallery and the Halton Hills Public Library include free virtual and socially distanced offerings including:

- **Evolving Traditions:** Indigenous artists from the Town of Halton Hills Collection (displayed in the Sisnett Lobby at the Cultural Centre from June 1 to July 17).

- **Read Woke:** An ongoing community challenge aimed at amplifying marginalized voices and chal-

lenging the status quo will feature an Indigenous Voices reading list on the Halton Hills Public Library website.

- **Shining a Light on Contemporary Inuit Art:** Virtual talk with Heather Muir Beecroft (June 9, 7-8 p.m.).

- **No Word for Art:** Exploring the Indigenous Roots of Creativity: virtual talk with Naomi Smith, Indigenous artist and educator (June 14, 7-8:30 p.m.).

- **Indigenous Family Storytime:** Shared virtually from the Halton Hills Public Library (June 23, 10:30 a.m. on YouTube).

More details about Halton Hills' Indigenous History Month are available at haltonhills.ca/artsand-cultureprograms.

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The flags at Town Hall, like many government buildings across the country, have been lowered to half-mast after the recently discovered mass grave of over 200 children at the former Kamloops Residential School. The flags will stay lowered for 215 hours, one hour for every child whose life was taken.



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