

TOWN UNVEILS ITS FIRST ORANGE CROSSWALK

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The Town of Halton Hills inaugurated an orange crosswalk — honouring residential school survivors, and those who didn't return — at the intersection of Main and Confederation streets on Oct. 17. Nearly 100 attendees, including students from Glen Williams Public School, were addressed by Gimaa (Chief) of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Stacey Laforme, cultural artist and teacher Eddy Robinson from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, and Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Several people wore orange to show support.

"The crosswalk symbolizes the history, atrocities that occurred in residential schools," said Laforme. "It's

a very good symbol, but there is so much more to do."

Laforme expressed happiness in welcoming children to the event, adding it is them who will continue the journey of reconciliation.

As part of an educational activity hosted by the public library, kids traced different styles of moccasins on the sidewalk using chalk and washable paint.

Bonnette said, "We hope that the crosswalk will encourage residents to engage in reflection and self-education on the history of residential schools and the ongoing impact of colonialism on Indigenous communities. We are all treaty people, and everyone has a role to play in reconciliation."

The crosswalk stands as an important reminder



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Eddy Robinson (left), an Anishinaabe/Mushkegowuk Cree of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, walks alongside Catherine McLeod, manager of culture, equity, diversity and inclusion for the Town of Halton Hills, Mayor Rick Bonnette (right) and school children as they cross the new orange crosswalk in Glen Williams.

that "we live on the treaty lands and territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)," Bonnette added. MCFN and Every Child Matters flags are permanently raised at the Halton Hills Library and

Cultural Centre, and the town is currently working to include the flags at the town hall and the Acton Arena and Community Centre.

To support truth and reconciliation, during the

last few months the town worked to strengthen Indigenous relationships, initiate Indigenous History Month programming, staff trainings, land acknowledgment at the start of council meetings, and in-

stall treaty and land acknowledgment plaques in all its 13 facilities, among others. In continuation to an Indigenous film series initiative, a fifth show is scheduled for Nov. 18 at the John Elliott Theatre.



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NIGHT PARADE STARTS AT 5:00 PM

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2022

Theme: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

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Name of Group: _____ Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Float Design: (Brief Description) _____

Music: Yes _____ No _____ Number of Marchers/Walkers: _____ Overall Length: _____

Special Requests: _____

Entry forms must be returned no later than **Saturday Nov 5, 2022** to ensure your spot. All participants of the parade should arrive no later than **4:30 pm** to avoid confusion.

PARADE ROUTE Guelph St. from Sinclair to Mill St. and Charles St. to the fairgrounds.

Due to increasing rising costs an entry fee of \$75.00 would be greatly appreciated

Please mail entry form to: **Lions Santa Claus Parade**
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