## The Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group

is suggesting we observe the National Truth and Reconciliation Day, or Orange Shirt day (September 30) by attending/viewing one of several events in our community.

Accordingly, we will not be holding a period of quiet contemplation at Chalmers or at Sydenham St United Church.

Here is a list from the City of Kingston web-site and other sources:

- City Park: Working in collaboration with the Sexual Assault Centre of Kingston, Kingston Interval House, Odemin Collective, Kingston Indigenous Languages Nest, and the Elizabeth Fry Society, have <u>events planned</u> to raise awareness about residential schools and missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people.
- Orange Shirt Day Sacred Fire: Sept. 30, 12 6 p.m.
- Sister in Spirit Day Sacred Fire: Oct. 4, 12 6 p.m.
- Confederation Park
  - oIndigenous community members will hold a Sacred Fire: Sept. 30, sunrise to sunset. Stop in front of the fountain and reflect on the legacy of residential schools at a temporary installation sharing the 94 Calls to Action: Sept. 26 30
- City Hall will be illuminated orange: Sept. 30, sunset to sunrise
- City Hall will raise the Every Child Matters flag: Sept. 30
- Kingston Community Health Centres 263 Weller Ave.
  - Indigenous community members will hold a Sacred Fire: Sept. 30, 7 a.m. - sunset
  - Community walk led by Kingston Community Health Centres and Kingston Police. Participants will leave from 263 Weller Ave. at 9 a.m. to complete a 14.2 km walking loop to visit the community's main events.
- **APTN** will air <u>35 hours of special programming.</u>
- In partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), APTN is producing a one-hour live broadcast and national commemorative gathering called Remembering the Children: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will take place at LeBreton Flats Park in Ottawa. The one-of-a-kind event will be led by children and residential school survivors and will air simultaneously across all APTN channels.