

Media Release – Nelson & District Credit Union to close on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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Nelson, BC – NDCU to honour this day as part of our commitment toward truth and reconciliation

Nelson & District Credit Union branches will be closed to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. This day recognizes Indigenous culture and history and the importance of honouring those who were lost and the survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.

The day is in line with call to action 80, Commemoration, of the 94 calls to action of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which states: “We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to honour survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

This date coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which began in 2013 and involves wearing orange shirts to honour Indigenous children forced to leave their families to attend residential schools.

Nelson & District Credit Union is focusing on education for employees and directors to learn more about the history of residential schools and Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The Credit Union invites our employees, directors, members, and our communities at large to invest some time to reflect and consider your role in reconciliation today and in the future, at home, at work, and in your community. Regular hours will resume on October 1.

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About Nelson & District Credit Union

Nelson & District Credit Union was established in 1950 and has grown to \$281 million in assets; it serves members throughout the Kootenay area. NDCU is a community-based financial co-operative that offers a full range of banking, financial-planning (NDCU MoneyWorks) and general insurance (KIS Ltd) services. Our three community branches are located in Nelson, Rossland and the East Shore. Please visit us online at www.nelsoncu.com.

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