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RDCK to commemorate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Nelson, BC: In June of this year, the federal government passed legislation to mark September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. As part of this formal recognition the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will close all offices, recreation facilities and waste and recycling facilities on Thursday, September 30. This new federal statutory holiday recognizes the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools in our country, with the intention of encouraging all Canadians to reflect upon and honour the survivors, families and communities that continue to grieve.

“The discovery of over 1,400 grave sites in Cranbrook, Kamloops, Penelakut Island, British Columbia, Marieval, Saskatchewan and Brandon, Manitoba this year alone, illustrate the damaging and lasting impact the residential school system continues to have on First Nations people throughout our country,” said Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair. “I encourage our community to embrace the significance of this day and take the time to listen, learn and support the healing needed to address the trauma caused by the residential school system.”

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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