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COUNTY *of* KINGS

Municipal Message

June 21, 2022

National Indigenous Peoples Day:

A message from the Municipality of the County of Kings

June 21 is recognized in Canada as National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is a time that First Nations, Inuit, Metis folks, and all other Canadians, reflect and celebrate the rich history and cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples.

National Indigenous Peoples Day has its roots in the 1982 call for the establishment of National Aboriginal Solidarity Day; 1995 call for a national holiday to honour the contributions of Indigenous Peoples; and 1995 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommendation for the proclamation of a National First Peoples Day. These calls for action led to the 1996 designation of National Aboriginal Peoples Day by then Governor General Romeo LeBlanc.

In 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issued a statement that officially marked the renaming of National Aboriginal Day to National Indigenous Peoples Day. According to the statement by the Prime Minister, the name change was done in cooperation with Canada's Indigenous Peoples.

The Municipality of the County of Kings recognizes the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the social, economic and political growth of the Kings Region. Further, through the Strategy for Belonging, the Municipality formally commits to truth, reconciliation, advocacy and action development for the holistic well-being of Indigenous Peoples and all people of the County of Kings.

The Municipality is committed to continuous relationship building with Indigenous communities, especially Glooscap First Nation and Annapolis Valley First Nation, in the County of Kings.

The Municipality encourages everyone to reflect on the longstanding legacy, language and cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples.

Happy Indigenous Peoples Day.