



Orange Shirt Society Highlights February 2020

Board Meeting

The Board met on February 18th, 2020. Among the reports received was an update from Executive Director, Phyllis Webstad, advising that on February 13th, in Saskatoon she attended a meeting called Treaty Education, organized by The National AFN with participants from across Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a resolution from July 2019 called “Developing a Ten-Year Education Implementation Plan” that will ensure every school, grade and class has access to Treaty Education resources and training. Discussions at the meeting defined Treaty Education as Indigenous Education because it encompasses history, language, and cultural teachings. Phyllis’s purpose in attending was to network and to inform about her work, and that of the Orange Shirt Society.

While in Toronto recently, Phyllis attended an Ontario Libraries Association conference with Teddy Anderson, Medicine Wheel Education. She did a book signing and met many people in the library industry while there. Also, while in Toronto she met with Rogers television and the Downie Wenjack Foundation. She did an interview with Rogers that will air in September 2020.

Orange Shirt Society/Royal Canadian Geographical Society Partnership

The Pathways to Reconciliation tour continues, with Phyllis presenting to schools in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Calgary this year, sharing her story as a residential school survivor and educating students about the intergenerational impacts of the schools.

As part of the Partnership with Royal Canadian Geographical Society/Canadian Heritage, well-known filmmaker Sean Stiller has been hired to do the documentary. Sean is a member of the Williams Lake Indian Band and lives in Toronto, Ontario. Filming will begin soon.

New Book

The Society’s new book, “Orange Shirt Day”, is currently in presales and due to be launched September 1st. If you would like to pre-order your copy, please visit <http://medicinewheel.education/store/>.

Bookings/Donations

If you would like to book a presentation, please email bookings@orangeshirtday.org. If you’re interested in making a donation, you can make an e-transfer to: donations@orangeshirtday.org or by cheque payable to the Orange Shirt Society and mailed to PO Box 4240, Williams Lake, BC V2G 2V3.

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