



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake
Truth & Reconciliation Committee Meeting
June 8, 2026 at 12:00 pm - Municipal Office

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Kaaren Dannenman	Member
Janet Hager	Deputy Mayor, Member (virtual)
Michelle Hendry	CAO, Member
Lorna Kobelka	Member (arrived at 12:06 p.m.)
Fred Mota	Mayor, Member
Carolyn Spicer	Member
Monique Tougas	Member
Trevor Osmond	Museum Director
Shawna Gauthier	Recording Secretary

Absent:

Tamara Baldwin	Member
Stacey Flemming	Member

1. Welcome

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement Statement

We, the Municipality of Red Lake acknowledge that our foundation and the spaces in which we live and maintain are on the lands of the Anishinaapek of Red Lake; the traditional lands of Lac Seul and Wabauskang First Nations, and Treaty 3 Territory. As we are all Treaty people, we will continue to cherish the reciprocity of all our relationships on these sacred Lands and Waters.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None at this time.

3. Review/Approval of May 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Carolyn Spicer
Seconded by Kaaren Dannenman
(TR-08-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby approves the Minutes of a Meeting held May 12, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Old Business

4.1 Goals for Calls to Action

The Committee reviewed ongoing work related to its Goals and Calls to Action Document, attached hereto as Appendix A. It was noted that several items remain in progress.

Call to Action #57, Shared History Education Materials / Indigenous Welcome Package

The Committee discussed developing Shared History Education materials and an Indigenous Welcome Package to support public education, municipal orientation, events, schools, the Heritage Centre, and newcomer information.

Members noted the importance of including Indigenous place names and ensuring content is accurate and guided by Elders and Knowledge Keepers. Trevor Osmond will assist by reviewing existing Heritage Centre resources, while Michelle Hendry will share a sample brochure as a starting point. Janet Hger will look for previously purchased Indigenous place-name maps, and the Committee will continue exploring local content and partnership opportunities.

5. New Business

5.1 Upcoming Pow Wow's

The Committee discussed upcoming Pow Wow events scheduled for Friday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the high school and Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 a.m. at Keesic Beach. Council has been made aware of the events, and municipal representatives have been invited to participate as flag bearers and to provide remarks.

Michelle Hendry advised that municipal communications would be issued during the week and that she would check with Christine Goulet regarding communication plans. The Committee noted that the events are open to the public and that a feast will be held on Saturday evening. A poster is available and will be sent electronically to Michelle for municipal promotion.

Pow Wow organizers will send the event poster to Michelle Hendry. Michelle Hendry will confirm municipal promotion through communications staff.

5.2 Indigenous Peoples Day – Sunday June 21, 2026

Monique Tougas provided updates regarding activities planned for June 21st at Centennial Park, including information booths, teachings, and drumming.

Further discussions regarding the possibility of hosting a film showing on June 22nd as part of the Indigenous Peoples Day Programming. Trevor Osmond will review potential film options, including licensing requirements, and share recommendations with Michelle for Committee input.

5.3 Film Showing Opportunities

The Committee revisited discussion about showing a film as part of Indigenous Peoples Day or National Day for Truth and Reconciliation programming. The film *Red Power Rising* was discussed as a possible option for September 30th, given its significance and the potential for stronger promotion closer to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of hosting a different Indigenous film on Monday, June 22nd, following National Indigenous Peoples Day. Trevor Osmond explained that film licensing requirements vary and that one-time public screenings may involve costs, depending on the film. It was noted that some National Film Board films may be suitable and that shorter films could also be considered.

Trevor will review potential film options for June 22nd, including licensing requirements and costs, and share recommendations with Michelle Hendry. Michelle Hendry will determine the best way to circulate options to the Committee for input. Trevor will also explore permission to show *Red Power Rising* again for September 30th.

5.4 Municipal Newsletter Truth & Reconciliation Feature

Caroline Spicer suggested creating a regular Truth and Reconciliation feature in the municipal newsletter to share updates on Committee work, pow wow planning, local Indigenous and First Nations initiatives, and related community events. The Committee discussed the importance of sharing information throughout the year, not only around June 21st or September 30th.

Michelle Hendry supported the idea and advised that the newsletter could likely include a regular section, possibly one-quarter page, with flexibility depending on available space and content. She noted that information would need to be submitted by established deadlines.

Michelle Hendry will speak with staff responsible for the municipal newsletter about including a regular Truth and Reconciliation feature. The Committee will discuss content sources, deadlines, and responsibilities at a future meeting.

5.5 Committee Membership Update

The Committee had been advised that Tamara Baldwin withdrew her membership due to family circumstances. The Municipality will look for another person to join the Committee.

6. Agenda items for next Meeting

- 6.1 Review of Truth and Reconciliation Committee Goals and Calls to Action.
- 6.2 Follow-up on Shared History Education Materials/Indigenous Welcome Package, including brochure content and maps.
- 6.3 Follow-up on National Indigenous Peoples Day activities and municipal support.
- 6.4 Follow-up on Film Showing Opportunities for September 30, 2026.
- 6.5 Follow-up on Municipal Newsletter – Truth and Reconciliation Feature.
- 6.6 Follow-up on Pow Wow.
- 6.7 Follow-up on Christmas Ornaments.
- 6.8 Student Councilor opportunity for an indigenous student.

7. Next Meeting – July 14, 2026 at 12:00 noon

8. Adjournment

Moved by Lorna Kobelka
Seconded by Monique Tougas
(TR-09-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby adjourns the Meeting of June 8, 2026 at 12:51 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Fred Mota

Recording Secretary