



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake
Truth & Reconciliation Committee Meeting
August 25th, 2026 at 12:00 pm - Municipal Office

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Kaaren Dannenman	Member
Stacey Fleming	Member
Janet Hager	Deputy Mayor, Member
Fred Mota	Mayor, Member
Carolyn Spicer	Member
Trilbee Stirling-Kattler	Interim CAO
Monique Tougas	Member
Shawna Gauthier	Recording Secretary

Absent:

Lorna Kobelka	Member
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1. Welcome

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 12:07 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 July 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Stacey Fleming
Seconded by Kaaren Dannenman
(TR-12-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby approves the Minutes of a Meeting held July 14, 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.

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

Committee members reported that an initial meeting had been held with Trevor Osmond regarding the shared history brochure. Further meetings will be arranged in September following his return.

The committee discussed the proposed format, including the possibility of a professionally printed glossy booklet, and noted that the available budget will determine the scope, number of pages, design, and printing approach.

Municipal staff will confirm the remaining committee budget and any Heritage Centre grant funding that may be available. Karen Dannenman and another committee member will follow up with Trevor regarding the project.

4.3 National Indigenous Peoples Day – Sunday June 21, 2026

The committee reviewed the 2026 National Indigenous Peoples Day event. Members noted that the event went well, with approximately 50 attendees, although attendance was affected by the date and weather.

Municipal staff committed to advising the committee earlier in the planning process about available funding for future events.

The committee discussed sound and microphone challenges caused by limited electrical access in the park. Possible solutions included longer cables, an additional electrical connection closer to the activity area, or future hydro upgrades.

4.4 Film Showing Opportunities

The committee discussed film showings for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the challenge of encouraging community attendance at Heritage Centre programming. Red Power Rising remained an option, with age-appropriate alternatives to be considered for younger students.

Members discussed working with the schools and using municipal communications, posters, websites, the newsletter, and direct student invitations to promote the program. Janet Hager volunteered to contact the high school and elementary-school principals.

The committee directed Shawna Gauthier to speak with Trevor Osmond regarding an evening showing on September 29th and an afternoon matinee on September 30th at the Heritage Centre. The Friendship Centre's activities and possible school participation will be considered when confirming the schedule.

It was also noted that the Heritage Centre planned to show *The Moth* on September 25th. Details of the September 29th and 30th showings were to be confirmed and circulated by email.

4.5 Municipal Newsletter Truth & Reconciliation Feature

Carolyn presented a mock-up of a proposed recurring "Orange Paper" feature for the municipal newsletter. The feature could include the committee's mandate, Calls to Action, local initiatives, cultural teachings, Indigenous books and films, community history, and contributions from the Friendship Centre, schools, youth, and community members.

The committee supported the concept and discussed using student submissions as volunteer-hour opportunities. Content that does not fit in the printed newsletter may be shared through municipal Facebook posts.

Municipal administration and communications staff will establish the submission process, deadlines, contact information, available space, and municipal parameters, and will report back to the committee.

4.6 Pow Wow Update

The committee confirmed that the powwow had already been reviewed and that there were no additional updates under this item.

4.7 Christmas Ornaments Update

The committee confirmed that no further action has occurred since the previous meeting. Preparation for the call for artists for the following year's ornament will begin in November.

5. New Business

5.1 Student Councillor Opportunity for an Indigenous Student

The committee discussed the proposal for two student councillors to provide youth perspectives, with consideration given to an Indigenous student. Outreach to the school principal will proceed, and the committee will be kept informed.

5.2 Municipal Donations

The committee discussed simplifying the process for waiving municipal facility fees for significant Indigenous cultural events held in partnership with the municipality, the Friendship Centre, or the committee.

Members clarified that booking agreements and insurance requirements would remain in place. The intended change relates to the fee-waiver process, so organizations do not need to request a donation after each event.

Municipal staff will review options, including a significant community event policy or an automatic fee waiver for designated events, for consideration at the next meeting and possible recommendations to Council.

5.3 Representation at Events

The committee requested a designated municipal staff contact to assist with event coordination, facility paperwork, communications, and municipal representation at committee-supported events.

Municipal administration advised that staff roles were being clarified and that appropriate resources would be identified.

5.4 AMO Indigenous Relations Workshop Update

Janet Hager provided an overview of the Indigenous Relations workshop attended at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. The workshop emphasized the important role of Indigenous organizations, including Friendship Centres, in identifying and meeting the needs of growing Indigenous populations in municipalities.

The committee discussed building stronger partnerships, allowing communities to identify their own needs, and expanding their work beyond a checklist approach to The Calls to Action.

Members also discussed collaboration among Treaties 3, 5, and 9, the potential impact of the all-weather bridge and increased regional connectivity, access to services, and the importance of making Red Lake a welcoming and inclusive community.

5.5 Volunteer Hub

The committee received information about the new municipal Volunteer Hub, which allows organizations to post opportunities and connect with community volunteers.

Members noted that the Volunteer Hub could support activities such as the Blanket Exercise and pow wow. Staff will confirm whether the information has been shared with the high school.

6. Agenda items for next Meeting

- 6.1 Follow-up on Shared History Education Materials/Indigenous Welcome Package, including available funding, brochure format, scope, printing costs, and next steps with the Heritage Centre.
- 6.2 Follow-up on National Indigenous Peoples Day activities, including earlier confirmation of available funding and park sound-system/electrical requirements.
- 6.3 Follow-up on Film Showing Opportunities for September 30, 2026, including the Heritage Centre's September 25 showing of *The Moth*, film selection and confirmation for the September 29 evening showing and September 30 matinee, school outreach, and promotion.
- 6.4 Follow-up on Municipal Newsletter – Truth & Reconciliation education content and communication plan. "Orange Paper," including the submission process, deadlines, contact information, municipal parameters, content from the Friendship Centre, schools, youth, and community members, and use of Facebook for items that do not fit in the printed newsletter.
- 6.5 Follow-up on the Christmas Ornament Initiative, including Lions Club Partnership, preparation for the call for artists beginning in November for the following year (2027).
- 6.6 Follow-up on Student Councillor opportunity for an Indigenous student, including school outreach and consideration of an Indigenous student.
- 6.7 Follow-up on the Volunteer Hub, including promotion to the high school and use for committee-supported events.
- 6.8 Follow-up on Municipal Donations, including a streamlined fee-waiver process or policy for significant Indigenous cultural events while maintaining booking and insurance requirements.
- 6.9 Follow-up on Representation at Events, including designation of municipal staff support for event coordination, paperwork, communications, and municipal representation.

7. Next Meeting – September 22nd, 2026 at 12:00 noon

8. Adjournment

Moved by Carolyn Spicer
Seconded by Kaaren Dannenmann
(TR-13-26)

RESOLVED THAT the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hereby adjourns the Meeting of August 25th, 2026 at 1:11 p.m.

CARRIED

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Fred Mota

Recording Secretary