



MEDIA ADVISORY | November 24, 2017

HONOURING SYILX INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS WITH UNVEILING OF NATION MONUMENT

snpíntktn (Penticton), Syilx Territory: On November 28, 2017, the Okanagan Nation Alliance will hold an official public unveiling ceremony for the new *Syilx* Indian Residential School monument. All Syilx Nation members and the general public are invited to attend this significant ceremony.

This monument is dedicated to all *Syilx* people who went to Indian Residential School, especially to those who did not make it home. With this monument, we commemorate the survivors and the legacy of the Indian Residential School era and we celebrate the fact that we are still here and growing stronger every day – Our Nation is travelling the healing path.

The monument is located on the Penticton Indian Band reserve, next to the *kt c̓p̓álk̓ stím̓* Hatchery. The location was chosen as it is where the train and the cattle trucks came to gather *Syilx* children and take them away to Indian Residential Schools.

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 11 am

Location: 155 En'owkin Trail, next to the *kt c̓p̓álk̓ stím̓* Hatchery

Directions: From Hwy 97 N (Kelowna) - Continue on Hwy 97 into Penticton until you get to Green Mountain Rd and take a right. Continue on this road for 650 meters where you will see a sign for the ONA Hatchery (155 En'owkin Trail Rd).

From Hwy 97 S (Keremeos/Oliver) - Continue on Hwy 97 north when you start to get into Penticton until you get to Green Mountain Rd and take a left. Continue on this road for 650 meters where you see a sign for the ONA Hatchery (155 En'owkin Trail Rd).

ONA staff will be on-site to direct traffic for parking. Closest to the En'owkin Centre on En'owkin Trail will be reserved for Elder parking. General parking will go in towards the Ball Field.

The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) was formed in 1981 as the inaugural First Nations government in the Okanagan, which represents the 8 member communities of the Okanagan Nation.

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[Map to Unveiling Ceremony](#)

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