Purpose

The Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action Sub-Committee was established to:

1. Evaluate the Recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action
2. Perform a Current State Analysis
3. Engage local indigenous communities and municipal neighbours
4. Develop an Action Plan by June 30, 2019

Background

On February 12, 2019, the Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action Sub-Committee Terms of Reference were approved by Council, and Councillors Jensen, Kobasiuk, and Hollands were appointed as sub-committee members.

The committee met in March, April, June, & October of 2019 to discuss options and draft a recommended course of action for Council. To inform this work, administration conducted an environmental scan including a review of:

- First Nations and Metis economic development entities and joint initiatives involving First Nations and or Metis communities in partnership with municipalities;
- Reconciliation work undertaken in other municipalities and regions, including Regina, Saskatoon, Heart of Treaty 6, Prairies Rivers, Winnipeg, Wood Buffalo, Spruce Grove, Calgary, and Whitehorse

On December 3, 2019 the proposed Action Plan was presented to Committee of the Whole.

Next Steps

At the presentation of the recommended Action Plan to Committee of the Whole on December 3, 2019 it was noted that the Sub-Committee had failed to complete items 1 and 3 to Council's satisfaction. Further, it was noted that the recommendations did not provide sufficient detail to give Council a good understanding of the cost and capacity impacts of their implementation. The report was tabled.

As a result of this feedback, the following next steps are recommended:

- Review each of the nine government recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- Discuss formal consultation with local indigenous communities on this topic and identify specific contacts, timing, and agendas for these meetings.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Recommendations

	Incremental Financial Cost	Incremental Capacity Required	Comments
1. (#40) Create adequately funded and accessible Aboriginal-specific victim programs and services			Not part of the municipality's jurisdiction. Potentially FCSS.
2. (#43) Fully adopt and implement the UN framework for reconciliation	$0	N/A	
3. (#47) Repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands	$0	N/A	Further investigation and analysis needed to determine how this can be applied to Parkland County
4. (#57) Provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples			There has been some work on this in PC in the past There are other resources (e.g., U of A online program) that could be promoted
5. (#64) Provide public funds to denominational schools to provide education on comparative religious studies including Aboriginal spiritual beliefs and practices developed in collaboration with Aboriginal Elders	$0	N/A	The Province has addressed this https://www.alberta.ca/education-for-reconciliation.aspx
6. (#75) Collaborate with other levels of government to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of cemeteries where residential school children were buried	$0	N/A	According to the TRC there were no residential schools in the County http://www.trc.ca/about-us/residential-school.html
7. (#77) Work collaboratively with other levels of government to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system and provide these to the National Centre for T&R	$0	N/A	According to the TRC there were no residential schools in the County http://www.trc.ca/about-us/residential-school.html
8. (#87) Provide public education to tell the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history			Need to explore with regional partners
9. (#88) Take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games			Need to explore with regional partners