

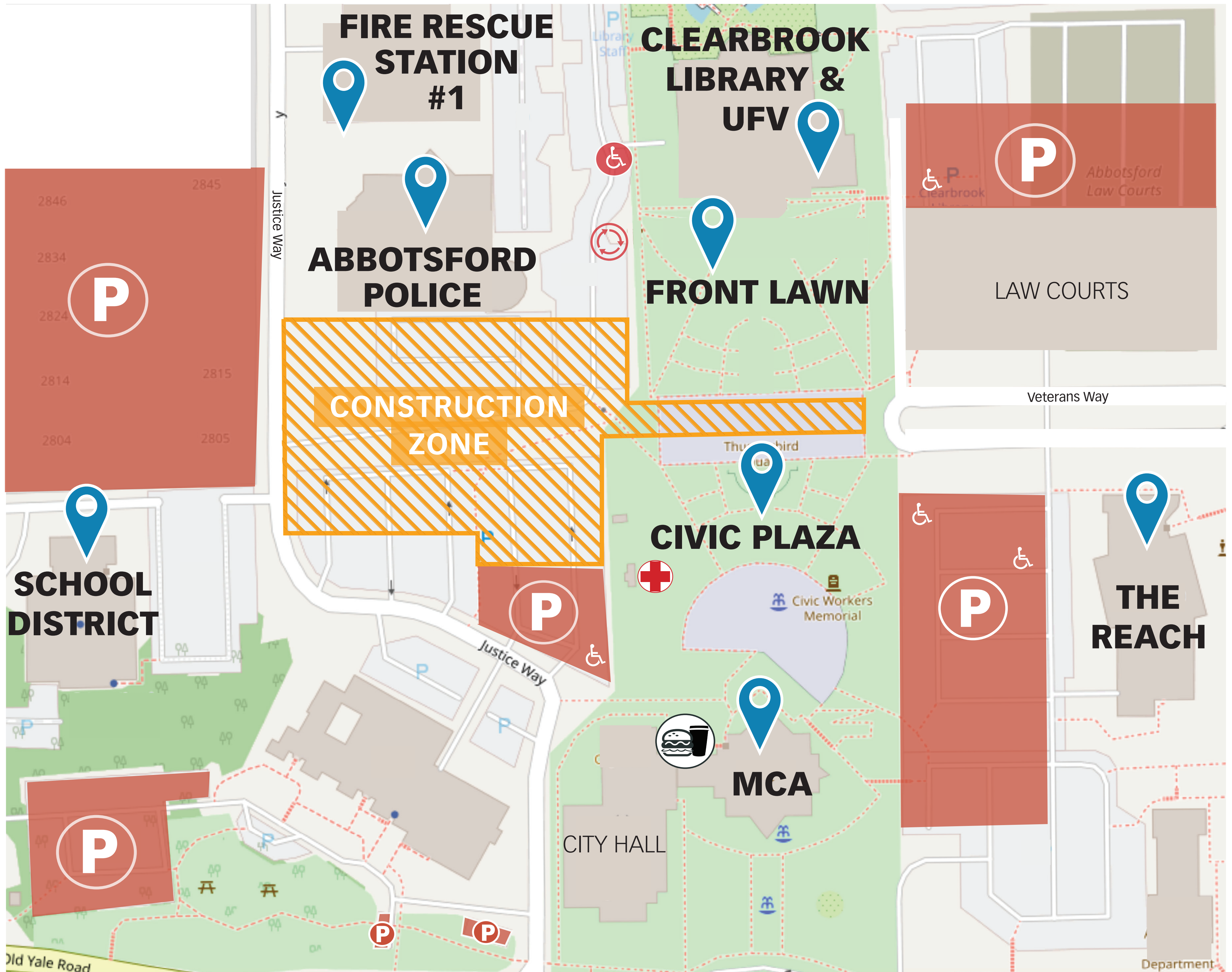


# STETÍS ÍMEXSTOWX: WALK BESIDE US

September 30, 10am - 2pm  
Civic Plaza (32388 Veterans Way)

Join in the events and activities to gain a stronger understanding of our responsibilities towards Reconciliation.

*Stetís ímexstowx means  
"walk beside us" in Halq'eméylem.*



#### STORIES OF THE BEAVER & FIRE

**Presented by Abbotsford Fire & Rescue Services**  
Discover the significance of the beaver and fire to the Stó:lō people from a Máthxwi elder. Learn how the beaver acts as "nature's own firefighter", and its influence in the history of firefighting in North America. Speak to firefighters, enter the colouring contest, win prizes, and much more!  
**LOCATION: Fire Rescue Station #1**

#### LEXÉYWA ART ACTIVISM ARTWORK & STORIES

**Presented by Indigenous Education**  
Lexéywa Art Activism invites you to hear Beatrice Silver's personal story about residential school while viewing students' artwork that was created to help show this powerful story.  
**LOCATION: Abbotsford School District Office**

#### INDIGENOUS YOUTH BADGE ART COMPETITION

**Abbotsford Police Department**  
Visit the AbbyPD to enjoy an ice-cream and vote on your favorite rendition of the AbbyPD badge from talented local Indigenous youth. The badge contest winner will have their artwork commemorated on a sanctioned 2024 AbbyPD uniform badge.  
**LOCATION: Abbotsford Police Department**

#### YOUTH RECONCILIATION DISCUSSION PANEL

**Abbotsford Senior Secondary, Yale Secondary & UFV Center for Peace and Reconciliation**  
We invite you to hear what our youth have to say about reconciliation. Listen as they tell us what they think we can do to move forward together in a way that inspires and empowers others to participate in the "walk beside us" journey toward reconciliation.  
**LOCATION: The Reach Gallery Museum - Atrium Gallery**

#### ART & JUSTICE EXHIBITION

**With Abbotsford Senior Secondary**  
View the temporary exhibition collaboratively created by students in the 2023 Abby Senior Art Activism class and citizens incarcerated in a federal institution in the Fraser Valley. This collaborative painting project investigates the colonial values embedded in Canadian criminal laws, policies, and practices, focusing on their negative impacts on Indigenous Peoples. The resulting paintings are an act of healing, learning, and reconciliation for both the students and incarcerated artists.  
**LOCATION: The Reach Gallery Museum - Event Gallery**

#### INTERACTIVE ART MAKING

**With City of Abbotsford Artist in Residence**  
Join the City of Abbotsford's 2023 Artist in Residence Alexandra Richards for interactive floral art making. Participants are invited to place flowers with the temporary public art piece to serve as a visual commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.  
**LOCATION: Civic Plaza - outdoor activity**

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES & LEARNING

**Fraser Valley Regional Library**  
Visit the lobby of the Library to engage in activities and discover FVRL and other community resources that help us "walk together" with Indigenous Peoples. Due to the holiday, regular library services will not be in operation.  
**LOCATION: Clearbrook Library**

#### STORY WALK LIVE - 'PHYLLIS'S ORANGE SHIRT'

**Abbotsford Children's Theatre & Literacy Matters**  
Meet on the front lawn of the library for a Story Walk Live. A static and interactive storytelling event where young narrators bring 'Phyllis's Orange Shirt' by Phyllis Webstad to life.  
**LOCATION: Front Lawn of Clearbrook Library - outdoor activity**  
**15 minute presentations every 1/2hr**

#### LUMINOUS WATERS

**Presented by The Reach Gallery Museum**  
A hauntingly beautiful performance inspired by the award-winning children's book Semáth Xó :tsa: Sts'ólemeqwelh Sxó :tsa/Great Gramma's Lake. Professional puppeteer Tamara Unroe and students from Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts (ASIA) - Sumas Mountain bring giant illuminated puppets to life, recalling the memory of Sumas Lake as it would have been before it was drained.  
**LOCATION: Matsqui Centennial Auditorium (MCA)**  
**40min performances, 11am and 1pm**

#### STÓ:LŌ STORIES, HISTORY AND CULTURE

**Presented by UFV Center for Peace & Reconciliation**  
Join David Guterrez from Chawathil First Nation for storytelling and learn about the various initiatives the PARC has that actively work towards reconciliation. David will be sharing stories about Stó:lō culture and history. Learn more about the PARC, the incredible programs they offer, and how to get involved.  
**LOCATION: Clearbrook Library**  
**10:30am - 11:30am**  
**12pm - 1pm**

#### BEADING AND FAMILY CRAFTS

**Presented by United Way BC**  
Artist Rebekah Brackett will be offering an Orange Shirt Day beaded pin activity for adolescents and adults. Enjoy a friendship bracelet craft available for children. Create a token that will help you to remember what you learned during the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.  
**LOCATION: The Reach Gallery Museum - Lobby**

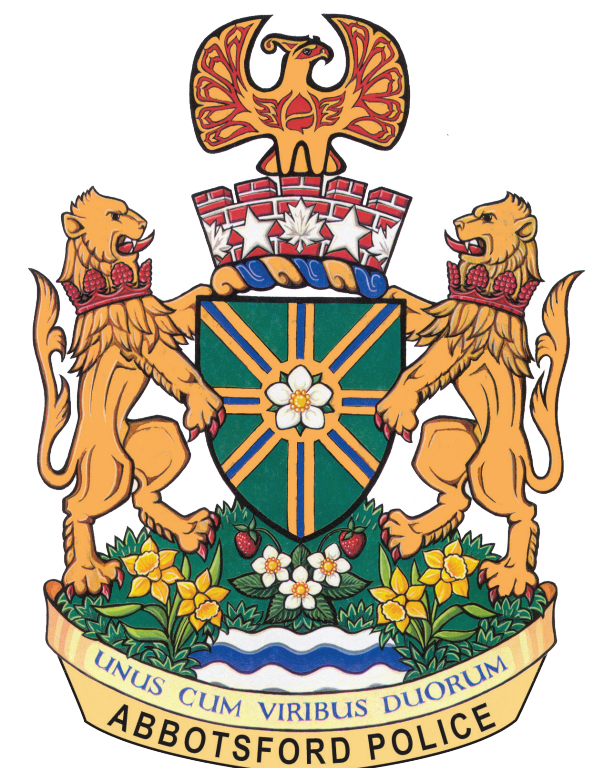




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