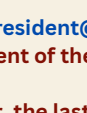


Dear friends of the Canadian Hispanic Congress,
We are delighted to share our September 2024 newsletter.
We are very grateful for your support.
Warmly,
Monique Forster
President
Canadian Hispanic Congress

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Join Us for the 40th Anniversary Gala of the Canadian Hispanic Congress!

The Canadian Hispanic Congress (CHC) invites you to celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a Gala on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Pearson Convention Centre, 2638 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton, Ontario. Join us for an evening of cultural celebration, history, and community.
We look forward to the pleasure of your company on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at the Pearson Convention Centre, located at 2638 Steeles Avenue East, Brampton, Ontario.

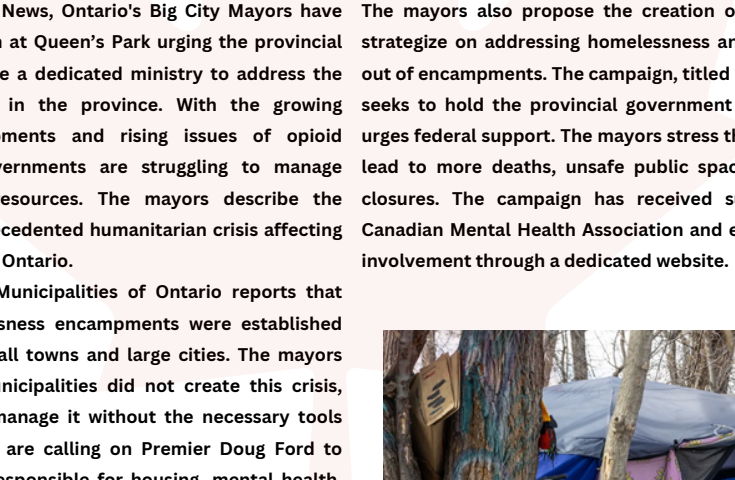
We are also inviting community partners to sponsor this event. For sponsorship details, contact Monique Forster at 905-767-5146 or Eidy Ampuero at 416-627-4694.
Don't miss this spectacular event—reserve your spot today!

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Purchase tickets via e-transfer to president@canadianhispaniccongress.com
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There are no ticket sales at the door, the last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 4.



Two scandals, 27 medals: How Canada performed at these Olympics

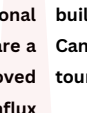


According to the National Post, Canada had a successful performance at the Paris 2024 Olympics, winning 27 medals across 15 sports, including nine golds, seven silvers, and 11 bronzes. This achievement exceeded the previous total from Tokyo 2020. Highlights included victories in hammer throw, pole vault, and relay races, with standout performances from athletes like Summer McIntosh, who won three golds and a silver in swimming. However, the games were also marred by two scandals: a soccer drone scandal involving unethical actions by the former coach Bev Priestman, and the revocation of accreditation for Andre De Grasse's coach, Rana Reider, due to safety concerns.

Shoemaker expressed hope that the games would inspire future generations and lead to increased government support for sports. While not all Canadians are focused on sports, many took pride in Team Canada's accomplishments. The focus now shifts to preparing for the next Olympics in Italy, just 544 days away.



The Canadian Olympic Committee CEO, David Shoemaker, acknowledged the negative impact of the scandals but praised the athletes for their resilience and performance. The committee aims to work with Canada Soccer to conduct an external review of the issues. Despite these challenges, the team was commended for their achievements, with Own The Podium's CEO, Anne Merklinger, highlighting Canada's ability to excel despite international funding discrepancies.

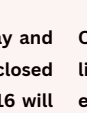


'Humanitarian crisis': Ontario cities beg province to create new ministry for homelessness

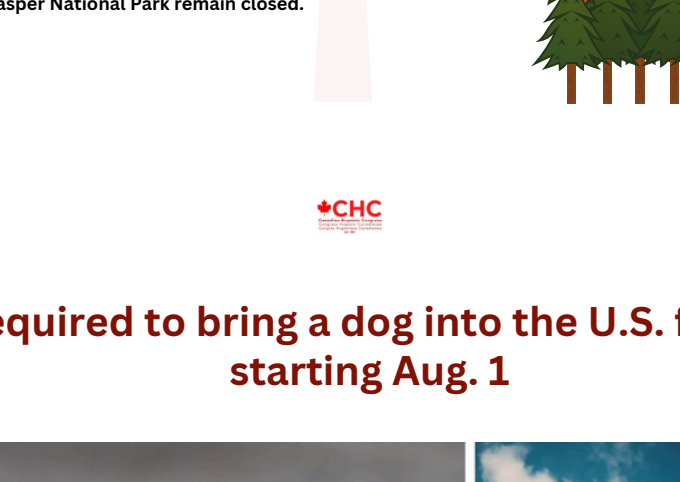


According to Global News, Ontario's Big City Mayors have launched a campaign at Queen's Park urging the provincial government to create a dedicated ministry to address the homelessness crisis in the province. With the growing number of encampments and rising issues of opioid addiction, local governments are struggling to manage without adequate resources. The mayors describe the situation as an unprecedented humanitarian crisis affecting municipalities across Ontario.

The mayors also propose the creation of a task force to strategize on addressing homelessness and moving people out of encampments. The campaign, titled "Solve the Crisis," seeks to hold the provincial government accountable and urges federal support. The mayors stress that inaction could lead to more deaths, unsafe public spaces, and business closures. The campaign has received support from the Canadian Mental Health Association and encourages public involvement through a dedicated website.



Canada wants to be in the top 10 global tourism destinations – but it's struggling to get there

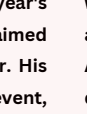


According to a CBC News report, Canada aims to be among the top ten global tourism destinations but faces significant challenges. Despite ambitious post-pandemic goals and a new strategy, the country is hindered by geopolitical tensions, high travel costs, and climate change. These factors complicate its recovery on the World Economic Forum's Travel and Tourism Development Index, where it fell to 13th place in 2021, improving slightly to 11th in 2024.

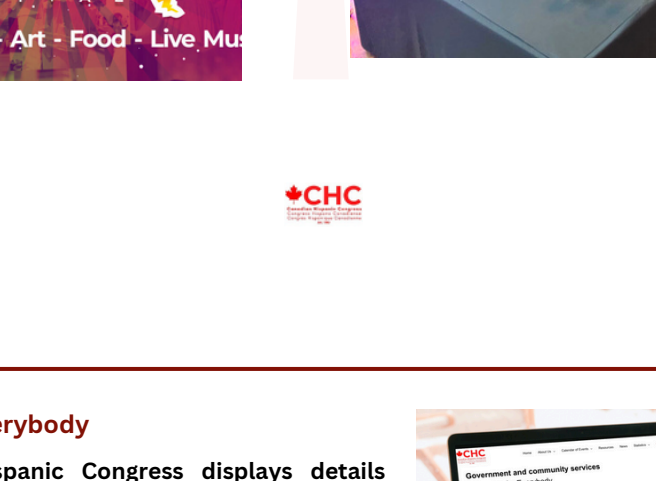
Additionally, domestic travel has rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, but foreign tourism has not. The government hopes to leverage Canada's rising immigration rates to encourage more visits from family and friends abroad and to tap into the growing interest in indigenous-based tourism. However, the cost of traveling within a vast country like Canada remains a challenge, especially given the lack of rapid rail options and competitive airline pricing.

The Canadian government aims to increase tourism revenue from \$140 billion to \$160 billion and boost the sector's contribution to the GDP by 40%. Experts like Frederic Dimanche, director of the Ted Rogers School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, emphasize that Canada needs to enhance its infrastructure, including transportation and accommodation, and focus on attracting more international visitors. Geopolitical tensions, particularly with China, are a major barrier, as Canada is not on China's list of approved tour destinations. This omission severely impacts the influx of tourists from East Asia, a crucial market for Canada's tourism growth strategy.

Tourism Minister Soraya Martinez Ferrada acknowledges these issues but stresses the importance of tourism as an economic driver that supports 1.9 million jobs nationwide. The government's strategy includes investing in transportation infrastructure and fostering better international relations to improve tourist numbers. Despite the obstacles, there is optimism that with focused efforts on building international relationships and showcasing Canada's unique attractions, the country can achieve its tourism ambitions.



Bank of Canada is now less concerned that rate cuts will drive up home prices



Global News states that The Bank of Canada is now less worried about a spike in home prices as it continues to lower its benchmark interest rate, according to minutes from the governing council's latest meeting on July 24. During this meeting, the bank delivered its second consecutive quarter-point rate cut. The central bank's policymakers discussed various risks to inflation and the broader Canadian economy, including immigration, wage pressures, and the housing market.

Despite hopes for increased residential building investment next year, the bank anticipates a persistent imbalance between housing demand and supply, particularly in urban rental markets. The governing council also noted the potential for continued upward pressure on rents if housing for affordability issues persist. The Bank of Canada expects the unemployment rate to remain elevated as the labor force grows faster than employment. Although wage growth remains a concern for inflation, the council is confident that wages will moderate as the job market slackens. The central bank indicated a consensus that further rate cuts would be appropriate if inflation trends towards the 2% target.

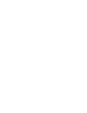


Alberta's Icefields Parkway, Highway 16 to partially re-open following wildfire closure



According to CBC News, Alberta's Icefields Parkway and Highway 16 are gradually reopening after being closed due to wildfires in Jasper National Park. Highway 16 will open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., but conditions may change without notice. Stopping on the highway is prohibited, and entry into the Jasper townsite remains restricted. The southern section of the Icefields Parkway will also partially reopen, allowing access between Saskatchewan Crossing and the Icefield Centre. The closures were initially implemented two weeks ago when massive wildfires threatened the park, leading to evacuations and the destruction of many structures in Jasper. While the fire still burns and continues to pose a threat, certain areas, like the Columbia Icefield, are reopening to visitors. However, most trails and campgrounds in Jasper National Park remain closed.

Officials urge visitors to exercise extreme caution due to limited safety resources and the potential for delayed emergency responses. Evacuees have been given limited access to the park to assess damage, with bus tours organized for residents and business owners. Efforts to allow residents to return are ongoing, but no date has been set for re-entry. The community mourns the loss of a firefighter from Calgary who died combating the blaze. Despite the challenges, there is hope and determination to rebuild and return home soon.



What is required to bring a dog into the U.S. from Canada starting Aug. 1



Global News reports that new strict border rules for bringing dogs into the U.S. from Canada will come into effect on August 1, 2024. These rules require that dogs entering the U.S. be at least six months old. Owners must complete paperwork for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) before their visit, which will confirm that the dog is healthy, has a valid microchip, and is vaccinated against rabies. The documentation varies depending on where the dog was vaccinated and the countries it has been in the last six months.

The CDC advises that the Import Dog Form be filled out online between two and ten days before arrival, though it can be completed closer to the border crossing if internet access is available. The form also requires a clear photo of the dog's face and body, taken within ten days of arrival for dogs under one-year-old. These measures aim to control the spread of rabies, as the U.S. eliminated dog rabies in 2007, but it remains uncontrolled in over 100 countries.

Celebrating 16 Years of Latin Culture: The Mississauga Latin Festival 2024

This year marks the 16th Anniversary of the Mississauga Latin Festival, a vibrant celebration that significantly impacts the Canadian community by promoting and honoring our rich Latin culture. The festival continues to grow, with attendance surpassing 50,000 people over the weekend, reflecting the community's ongoing interest and appreciation for Latin heritage. A highlight of this year's festival was the presence of Edgar Joel, an acclaimed American salsa musician, trombonist, and bandleader. His participation brought an exciting energy to the event, showcasing the depth of talent within the Latin music scene. The festival featured over 70 vendors, including food vendors, artisans, and exhibitors, offering diverse products and cultural experiences. Attendees enjoyed delicious Latin American cuisine, unique crafts, and various cultural displays.

The Art Gallery at the festival showcased the artistic talents of Latin American artists, providing a platform for them to exhibit their beautiful works. This initiative promotes art and creativity within the community, enriching the festival experience. Overall, the Mississauga Latin Festival was a wonderful event that brought together children, adults, and seniors in a family-friendly atmosphere. Attendees enjoyed a weekend filled with music, art, dance, and the best Latin American culture.

Resources for Everybody

The Canadian Hispanic Congress displays details about government and community services available to all. From health and employment to free language courses and immigration assistance.
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