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Warmly,
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Soraya Martínez Ferrada elected Mayor of Montreal

Chilean-born and now Canadian citizen, Soraya Martínez Ferrada has been elected mayor of Montréal in the municipal elections held on November 2, 2025. Martínez Ferrada, leader of the municipal party Ensemble Montréal, secured around 44% of the vote and defeated her main rival Luc Rabouin by approximately 17,000 ballots according to early returns, reports Global News.

Martínez Ferrada's campaign pledged to tackle pressing urban issues such as homelessness, housing affordability, and municipal infrastructure reform – notably committing within her first 100 days to audit the city's bike-lane network and to significantly expand the budget for homelessness services.

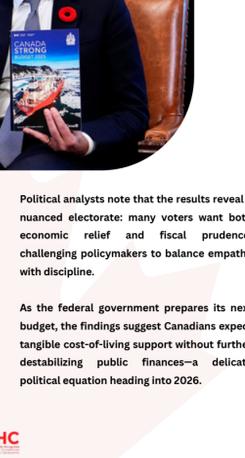
Her party also won a strong majority on the city council, securing 41 of the 65 seats. She arrives in office riding a wave of voter dissatisfaction after eight years under the outgoing mayor Valérie Plante and her party.

Her personal story enhances the symbolic weight of the victory. Born in Santiago, Chile, she arrived in Canada as a refugee at age eight, grew up in Montréal's East End, and built a career through municipal and federal politics. She becomes Montréal's 47th mayor and is the first Latin-American Canadian to hold the post.



Alberta Government Invokes Notwithstanding Clause to End Teachers' Strike

The Alberta government has taken the extraordinary step of invoking the Notwithstanding Clause (Section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms) to order striking teachers back to work under the new Back to School Act (Bill 2) reports CTV News. Under this legislation, over 51,000 teachers will be required to resume classes immediately.



The bill imposes a collective agreement, bans further strikes and lockouts until August 31, 2028, and enforces steep fines for non-compliance—up to CA\$500 per day for individuals and CA\$500,000 for unions, according to Canadian Press.

Government officials argue the move was necessary, claiming 740,000 students had been out of school and that negotiations had collapsed. Critics, including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, warn that using the Notwithstanding Clause to override freedom of association sets a dangerous precedent.

The decision highlights an ongoing national debate about the balance between labour rights and governmental authority in times of industrial conflict—testing the boundaries of Canada's constitutional protections.



Canadians Split on Budget Priorities, Nanos Poll Reveals

CTV News reports that a new Nanos Research poll shows Canadians are almost evenly divided on whether the federal government should prioritize new investments or deficit reduction in the upcoming budget.

Political analysts note that the results reveal a nuanced electorate: many voters want both economic relief and fiscal prudence, challenging policymakers to balance empathy with discipline.

About half of respondents support short-term spending to address the cost-of-living crisis, while the other half advocate fiscal restraint. The split reflects competing public concerns: affordability pressures—like rent, food prices, and inflation—versus long-term debt management and interest-rate exposure.

As the federal government prepares its next budget, the findings suggest Canadians expect tangible cost-of-living support without further destabilizing public finances—a delicate political equation heading into 2026.



Why Canada Is Seeing an Influx of U.S. Doctors

Canada is witnessing a notable increase in U.S.-trained physicians relocating north of the border, as provinces intensify recruitment to address chronic doctor shortages. The Medical Council of Canada reports a 718% jump in credential verification requests from U.S. medical graduates between late 2024 and mid-2025.



Motivations include better work-life balance, opportunities in underserved regions, and smoother immigration and licensing pathways compared to the U.S. health system. For Canadian provinces, the influx is a lifeline for filling gaps in rural and primary care services.

However, experts caution that credential recognition and integration remain challenges. Regulators must adapt to ensure quality and consistency across provinces. Some critics also question whether relying heavily on foreign-trained doctors is a sustainable long-term solution.

Still, policymakers view the trend as a sign of Canada's growing appeal as a destination for medical careers—and an opportunity to strengthen healthcare accessibility amid rising demand, says CTV News.



Prince Andrew Stripped of 'Prince' Title and Royal Estate



Prince Andrew is set to lose his royal titles and residence rights as the monarchy formally distances itself from years of scandal linked to his association with Jeffrey Epstein. Buckingham Palace confirmed that Andrew will forfeit the "Duke of York" title and vacate the Royal Lodge in Windsor.

Royal commentators describe the move as unprecedented in modern times—reflecting both the monarchy's desire to modernize and society's diminished tolerance for scandal. While Andrew will retain personal security and limited privileges, his public role within the royal family is effectively over.

The decision follows mounting public pressure and a renewed outcry over the royal's past conduct. Legal settlements, reputational damage, and declining public trust have forced the Crown to act decisively to safeguard institutional integrity, reports CBC News.

The reckoning underscores a broader debate within the British establishment about accountability, privilege, and transparency in the post-Elizabeth II era, reports CBC News.



Toronto Doctor Speaks Out After Caring for Dying Baby Without Pay



A Toronto-area physician has spoken publicly after spending 10 days caring for a terminally ill infant—only to have her Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) claim rejected.

She ultimately went unpaid for her services, according to CBC News.

Her story has sparked debate over administrative failures and the financial vulnerabilities faced by healthcare professionals under Ontario's single-payer system. Although OHIP processes millions of claims successfully each year, this case highlights the human cost of bureaucratic errors. The doctor chose not to bill the grieving family directly, emphasizing compassion over compensation. Now, she's urging reforms to ensure practitioners aren't penalized for doing what's ethically right.

Health-policy experts are calling for greater transparency and modernization of billing infrastructure to prevent similar incidents. The case has reignited questions about how Canada's healthcare system values both patient dignity and physician labour.



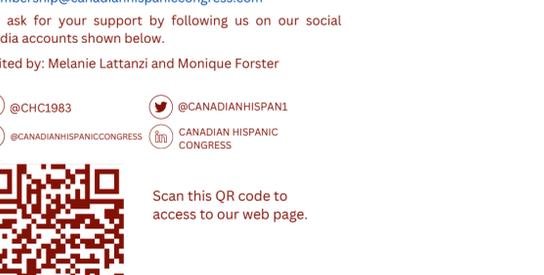
Ottawa Reveals Billion-Dollar EV Battery Deals with Stellantis and NextStar

The federal government has released details of multi-billion-dollar contracts with automaker Stellantis and battery manufacturer NextStar Energy for a new EV-battery plant in Windsor, Ontario—one of Canada's largest industrial-policy commitments to date.

Officials say the project will create thousands of direct and indirect jobs while anchoring regional development. However, critics warn of risks tied to corporate accountability, performance guarantees, and the sustainability of taxpayer-funded subsidies.

The agreements, worth an estimated \$15 billion in subsidies and tax incentives, are part of Ottawa's broader strategy to position Canada as a key player in the global clean-tech and electric-vehicle supply chain, as reported by CBC News.

As competition intensifies with the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, Canada's bet on domestic EV production will test whether generous industrial policy can deliver long-term growth—or turn into a costly gamble amid rapid technological shifts.



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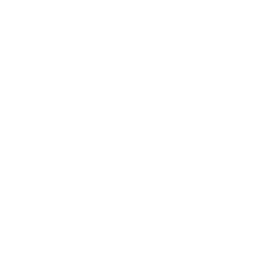
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