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Dear friends of the Canadian Hispanic Congress,
On this Canada Day, we celebrate the values that unite us, freedom, diversity, resilience, and hope. From coast to coast, we honour the people, cultures, and communities that make our nation strong and vibrant. Canada Day 2026 is an opportunity to reflect on our shared history, recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples, and embrace the promise of a brighter future built on respect, inclusion, and opportunity for all. As we gather with family, friends, and neighbours, may we take pride in all we have achieved together and look ahead with confidence. Wishing everyone a joyful, safe, and memorable Canada Day.

Monique Forster
President
Canadian Hispanic Congress

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History Made: Canada's World Cup Breakthrough Sparks Joy Across Vancouver

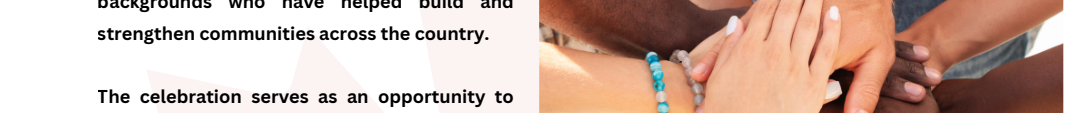
Reports Reuters that Canada opened its World Cup campaign on the west coast with a commanding 6-0 victory over Qatar at a sold-out BC Place in Vancouver, earning the men's national team its first-ever win at a World Cup final. The historic triumph sparked jubilant celebrations among home supporters, whose enthusiasm transformed the stadium into a vibrant display of national pride.



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Goals from Cyle Larin and Jonathan David set the tone early, while Qatar's hopes faded after Homam Ahmed was sent off before halftime. A second red card for Assim Madibo, following a reckless challenge that left Canadian midfielder Ismael Kone with a suspected broken leg, reduced Qatar to nine players and allowed Canada to dominate possession and create relentless attacking pressure.

Despite concern over Kone's injury, this emphatic victory overshadowed recent uncertainty surrounding Vancouver's soccer landscape, including speculation about the future of the Whitecaps. Fans hailed the result as a defining moment for Canadian soccer, believing it would inspire greater interest and investment in the sport nationwide. The win also lifted Canada to the top of Group B on goal difference ahead of its final group-stage match against Switzerland, with the opportunity to remain in Vancouver for the knockout rounds if successful.



Celebrating Canada Day 2026 Across the Country

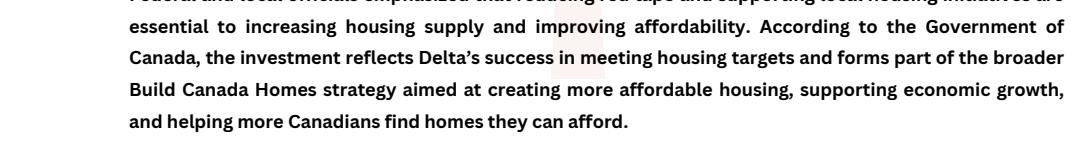
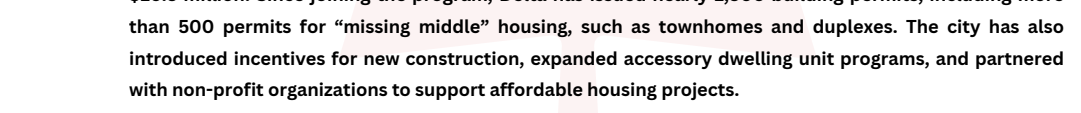
Canada Day 2026 featured a wide range of celebrations designed to bring together people from all backgrounds and communities across the country. The national festivities included live concerts, cultural performances, family-friendly activities, official ceremonies, and elevated events that highlight Canadian identity, diversity, and unity.

The celebrations took place in major cities and local communities alike, offering opportunities for Canadians and newcomers to participate in activities that reflect the country's multicultural character. The government emphasized that Canada Day is not only a celebration of the nation's history and achievements, but also a recognition of the people and cultures that contribute to Canadian society today.



Special programming showcased artists, performers, and community leaders from diverse backgrounds, reinforcing Canada's commitment to inclusion and cultural exchange. Organizers hope the events will encourage residents and visitors to connect with one another while celebrating shared values such as diversity, respect, and belonging.

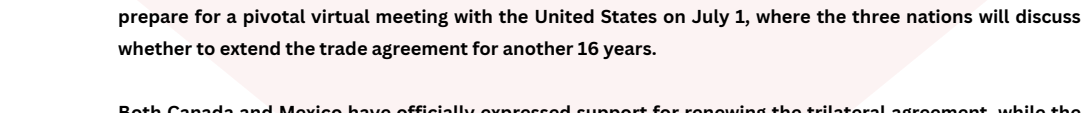
According to the Government of Canada, Canada Day 2026 aims to create meaningful experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds, strengthening community spirit and fostering a sense of pride in Canada's multicultural heritage.



Canada Celebrates Canadian Multiculturalism Day

Canadian Multiculturalism Day, is celebrated annually on June 27, recognizes the cultural diversity that shapes Canadian society. The day highlights the contributions of people from different ethnic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds who have helped build and strengthen communities across the country.

The celebration serves as an opportunity to acknowledge Canada's multicultural heritage and promote understanding, inclusion, and respect among all residents. Community organizations, cultural groups, schools, and local governments often organize events, performances, and educational activities that showcase traditions from around the world.



For immigrants and newcomers, the day carries particular significance because it recognizes the important role they play in Canada's economic, social, and cultural development. It also reinforces the country's commitment to providing equal opportunities and fostering a society where diversity is viewed as a strength.

According to the Government of Canada, Canadian Multiculturalism Day encourages Canadians to learn about different cultures, celebrate shared values, and build stronger connections across communities. The observance reflects Canada's ongoing efforts to create an inclusive environment where people of all backgrounds feel welcomed, respected, and empowered to contribute to society.



Canada highlights more funding to build homes faster in Delta

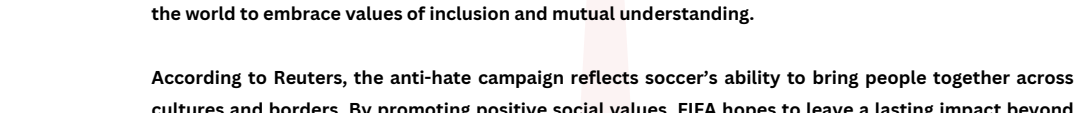
The federal government has announced an additional \$2.3 million in funding through the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) to help the City of Delta, British Columbia, accelerate housing development and address Canada's ongoing housing affordability challenges.



The funding will support Delta's efforts to streamline development processes, reduce administrative barriers, and make housing construction more efficient. Planned improvements include simplifying development permit guidelines to provide greater clarity for builders and updating environmental protection requirements to reduce the need for costly, project-specific studies. These measures are intended to speed up approvals and encourage the construction of new housing.

The additional investment increases Delta's total Housing Accelerator Fund agreement to approximately \$16.5 million. Since joining the program, Delta has issued nearly 1,500 building permits, including more than 500 permits for "missing middle" housing, such as townhomes and duplexes. The city has also introduced incentives for new construction, expanded accessory dwelling unit programs, and partnered with non-profit organizations to support affordable housing projects.

Federal and local officials emphasized that reducing red tape and supporting local housing initiatives are essential to increasing housing supply and improving affordability. According to the Government of Canada, the investment reflects Delta's success in meeting housing targets and forms part of the broader Build Canada Homes strategy aimed at creating more affordable housing, supporting economic growth, and helping more Canadians find homes they can afford.



Mexico and Canada Present a United Front Ahead of CUSMA Talks



According to CBC News, Mexico and Canada are strengthening their relationship and coordinating their positions ahead of key discussions on the future of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA). Mexican Prime Minister Claudia Sheinbaum stated that both countries have formed a "common front" as they prepare for a pivotal virtual meeting with the United States on July 1, where the three nations will discuss whether to extend the trade agreement for another 16 years.

Both Canada and Mexico have officially expressed support for renewing the trilateral agreement, while the United States has sent mixed signals regarding its intentions. President Donald Trump has alternated between questioning the future of the deal and suggesting that it could still be renewed.

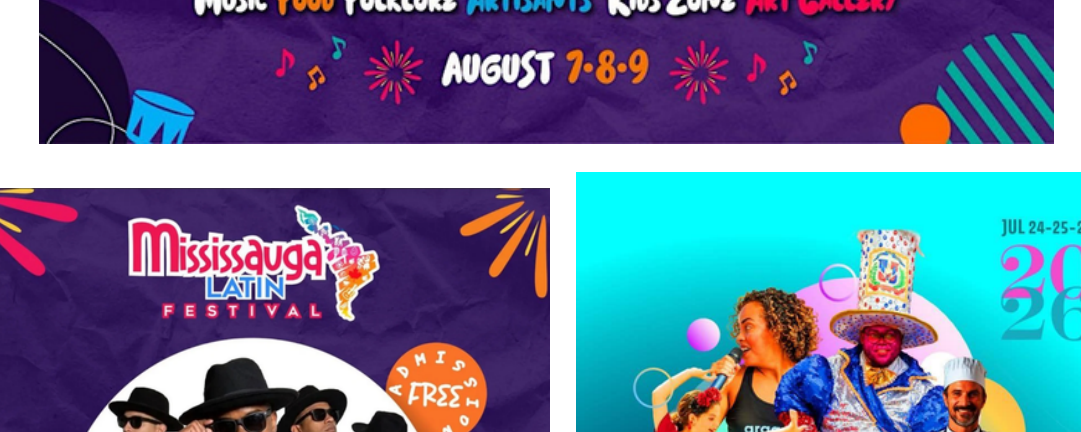
Sheinbaum emphasized that economic and commercial ties between Canada and Mexico continue to grow, supported by increasing trade volumes and Canadian investment in Mexico. Trade between the two countries reached record highs, with Canada's exports to Mexico valued at \$62 billion in 2025, reflecting significant growth since the original North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into effect in 1994.

The July 1 meeting marks the first formal trilateral discussion on the agreement's future. According to CBC News, both Canada and Mexico view CUSMA as essential for economic stability, regional competitiveness, and continued growth in trade and investment across North America.



Canada pledges to boost food sector as grocery costs rise

According to Reuters, the Government of Canada announced a new investment of more than C\$1 billion aimed at strengthening the country's food sector and improving competition within the grocery industry. Prime Minister Mark Carney stated that the initiative seeks to help Canadians cope with rising food prices while enhancing Canada's long-term food security.



The funding will support the development of food terminals, distribution hubs, and infrastructure that will allow independent grocers to purchase products more directly from farmers and food processors. By improving access to supply chains, the government hopes to increase competition in a market currently dominated by a small number of large grocery companies.

Officials noted that Canada has experienced some of the highest food inflation rates among G7 countries, making affordability a growing concern for many households. The investment is intended not only to address rising grocery costs but also to strengthen domestic food production and reduce vulnerabilities in the national food system.

Prime Minister Carney emphasized that food security is closely linked to economic resilience and national sovereignty. According to Reuters, the initiative reflects Canada's broader strategy of supporting local businesses, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring that families across the country have access to affordable and reliable food sources.



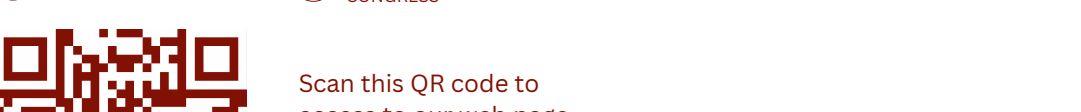
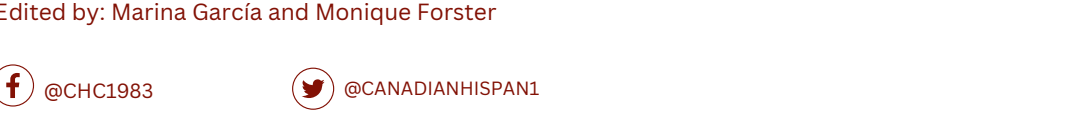
FIFA Launches Anti-Hate Campaign During the World Cup

According to Reuters, FIFA has launched a global anti-hate initiative during the 2026 World Cup to promote inclusion, respect, and unity among players and supporters. The campaign, titled "We Play Together. We Stand Against Hate," encourages participants to reject discrimination and celebrate diversity both on and off the field.

As part of the initiative, team captains exchanged special messages before matches, reinforcing the importance of respect and sportsmanship. FIFA officials stated that the campaign aims to use the global reach of soccer to address issues such as racism, discrimination, and intolerance.

The initiative aligns with broader efforts to ensure that the World Cup remains a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds. Organizers hope the campaign will encourage fans around the world to embrace values of inclusion and mutual understanding.

According to Reuters, the anti-hate campaign reflects soccer's ability to bring people together across cultures and borders. By promoting positive social values, FIFA hopes to leave a lasting impact beyond the tournament and contribute to stronger, more inclusive communities worldwide.



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Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with all those who have lost loved ones, as well as the families and communities affected.

In moments like these, compassion and solidarity remind us of the strength of our shared humanity.

Donation Center: Aunt Flor
1698 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto

Hours:
12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
• Rice
• Pasta
• Beans
• Flour
• Grains
• Canned goods (thins, soups, vegetables, etc.)
• Powdered milk
• Formula and baby food
• Jarred foods
• Long-life crackers and cereals
• Drinking water (if possible)

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR
• Clothing for children and adults in good condition
• Shoes in good condition
• Coats and blankets

OTHER GREAT HELP ITEMS
• Flashlights
• Batteries
• Power banks
• Chargers
• Candles and matches
• Blankets
• The food

WE ARE ALSO IN NEED OF:
• Small or Medium Heavy Duty Home Depot boxes to pack donations.
• Volunteers to classify, organize, and pack the supplies.
• Support from companies, organizations, or government entities in Canada that can collaborate.

Every donation counts. Each box, each medicine, and each item can make the difference for a Venezuelan family.

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