

## Federal News and Important Announcements

(March 16-April 5)

### This week's top news

1. **Fighting auto theft:** [598 Vehicles recovered as a result of Project Vector](#) (Apr 3)
2. **Budget 2024 focuses on Gen-Z and Millennials:** [Unlocking housing construction and launching Canada Builds](#) (Apr 3) and [Federal government pledges \\$6B for housing in new infrastructure fund](#) (Apr 3)
3. **National School Food Program:** [A National School Food Program to set kids up for success](#) (Apr 1)
4. **Funding for the Canada Music Fund:** [Canada's music creators to benefit from \\$32 million in funding for the Canada Music Fund](#) (Mar 24)
5. **Federal minimum wage increasing on April 1:** [Federal minimum wage rising to \\$17.30 per hour on April 1](#) (Mar 21)
6. **Legislation introduced to strengthen Canada's electoral process:** [Minister LeBlanc introduces legislation to further strengthen Canada's electoral process](#) (Mar 20)
7. **Canada Carbon Rebate this month:** [Keep the cash, care for climate: Canada Carbon Rebates being paid next month](#) (Mar 19)

### Health and Safety

1. **Next step to universal access to free contraceptives:** [Government highlights next step to universal access to free contraceptives](#) (Mar 30)
2. **Message from Health Canada on World Bipolar Day:** [Message from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – World Bipolar Day](#) (Mar 30)
3. **Response to the Final Report from the Mass Casualty Commission:** [Statement from Minister LeBlanc on the Government Response to the Final Report from the Mass Casualty Commission](#) (Mar 28)
4. **Statement on the overdose crisis:** [Statement from the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on the Overdose Crisis](#) (Mar 27)
5. **Joint statement on opioid crisis:** [Joint Statement from the Co-Chairs of the Special Advisory Committee on the Epidemic of Opioid Overdoses – Latest National Data on Substance-Related Harms](#) (Mar 27)
6. **Update on measles and risk to Canadians:** [Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada Update on Measles and Risk to Canadians](#) (Mar 27)

7. **Investment in public health research:** [Government of Canada makes significant investment in the future of applied public health research](#) (Mar 26)
8. **Investing in research to transform health systems:** [Government of Canada invests in research to transform health systems](#) (Mar 26)
9. **Grants to promote healthy living for high school students:** [Grants to promote healthy living for high school students across Canada](#) (Mar 26)
10. **Preventing and addressing violence against 2SLGBTQI+ youth:** [Government of Canada Supports Projects to Prevent and Address Violence Against 2SLGBTQI+ Youth](#) (Mar 25)
11. **Statement on World Tuberculosis Day:** [Joint Message from the Ministers of Health, Indigenous Services and Northern Affairs – World Tuberculosis Day – March 24, 2024](#) (Mar 24)
12. **Legislative review of the Cannabis Act:** [Government of Canada Tables Final Report of the Legislative Review of the Cannabis Act](#) (Mar 21)
13. **Reimbursements and deductions under the Canada Health Act:** [Government of Canada Announces Reimbursements and Deductions under the Canada Health Act](#) (Mar 21)
14. **Support for families in official language minority communities:** [Government of Canada supports young children and families in official language minority communities across Canada](#) (Mar 21)
15. **Statement on nicotine replacement therapies:** [Statement from the Minister of Health on nicotine replacement therapies](#) (Mar 20)
16. **Health services for Canadian Armed Forces members:** [Minister Blair announces \\$100 million investment to renew agreement with Hôpital Montfort and provide quality health services to Canadian Armed Forces members](#) (Mar 20)
17. **Combating Fraudulent Activities Announcement:** [Combating Fraudulent Activities Announcement](#) (Mar 20)
18. **Poison Prevention Week:** [Message from the Minister of Health - Poison Prevention Week](#) (Mar 18)

## Environment and Natural Resources

1. **Investments to support energy and cost saving efforts across Ontario:** [Canada and FCM Invest \\$655,000 to Support Energy and Cost Saving Efforts in Communities Across Ontario](#) (Mar 22)
2. **Canada and Germany secure early market access for clean Canadian hydrogen:** [Government of Canada and Germany Land Agreement Securing Early Market Access for Clean Canadian Hydrogen](#) (Mar 18)

## Economic and Social Development

1. **Launch of Maïa Inclusive Growth Project:** [Minister Valdez announces launch of Maïa Inclusive Growth Project to support hundreds of women entrepreneurs across Canada](#) (Mar 26)
2. **Temporary Foreign Workers program adjustments:** [Government of Canada to adjust temporary measures under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program Workforce Solutions Road Map](#) (Mar 21)
3. **Childcare Act established into law:** [New federal law helps ensure families will benefit from affordable early learning and child care for generations to come](#) (Mar 20)
4. **Interim Chief Statistician appointment:** [Government of Canada appoints interim Chief Statistician](#) (Mar 19)

### Canadian Heritage and Arts & Culture

1. **Modernization of National Film Board:** [NFB modernization initiative will increase documentary and animation production budgets](#) (Apr 4)
2. **Statement on Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month:** [Statement by Minister Khera on Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month](#) (Apr 1)
3. **Statement on Sikh Heritage Month:** [Statement by Minister Khera on Sikh Heritage Month](#) (Apr 1)
4. **Statement on Easter:** [Statement by Minister Khera on Easter](#) (Mar 31)
5. **Online launches to National Film Board website:** [April brings three online launches to nfb.ca and a wealth of arts and science topics](#) (Mar 28)
6. **Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival – April 25-May 5:** [Hot Docs to feature evocative new works by Toronto directors, two world premieres and a tribute to Charles Officer. Seven powerful and personal NFB documentaries showcased at Hot Docs 2024](#) (Mar 27)
7. **1972 Summit Series:** [Government of Canada honours national historic significance of the 1972 Summit Series](#) (Mar 27)
8. **Happy Holi:** [Happy Holi to all Hindu communities throughout Canada](#) (Mar 18)
9. **Statement on Purim:** [Statement by Minister Khera on Purim](#) (Mar 22)
10. **Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:** [Statement by Minister Khera on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#) (Mar 21)

### Global Affairs

1. **NATO's 75th anniversary:** [Statement from Ministers Joly and Blair on NATO's 75th anniversary](#) (Apr 4)
2. **Ottawa condemns killing of aid workers:** [Canadian killed in Israeli air strike identified as Ottawa condemns attack](#) (Apr 2)

3. **Minister Joly to travel to France:** [Minister Joly to travel to France to strengthen Canada-France relationship](#) (Mar 28)
4. **National action plan on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda:** [Statement on release of Foundations for Peace: Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security - 2023 to 2029](#) (Mar 27)
5. **2024 Team Canada trade missions:** [Minister Ng kicks-off the 2024 Team Canada Trade Missions in Malaysia and Vietnam](#) (Mar 22)
6. **Statement on Hong Kong's new national security law:** [Statement regarding Hong Kong's adoption of a new national security law](#) (Mar 20)
7. **Mark Millar on the International Day of La Francophonie:** [Minister Miller marks the International Day of La Francophonie](#) (Mar 20)
8. **Modernized Canada-Ukraine free trade agreement:** [Statement by Minister Ng on modernized Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement](#) (Mar 19)
9. **Funding for development projects in Iraq:** [Canada announces funding for development projects in Iraq](#) (Mar 19)
10. **Statement on Nowruz:** [Statement by Minister Khera on Nowruz](#) (Mar 19)
11. **Minister Ng meets with trade ministers:** [Minister Ng meets with Americas Partnership for Economic Prosperity trade ministers](#) (Mar 18)
12. **Minister Joly on NDP opposition motion:** [Speech by Minister Joly regarding the motion on "Canada's actions to promote peace in the Middle East"](#) (Mar 18)
13. **International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children:** [Canada and Ukraine provide update on International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children](#) (Mar 18)
14. **Development projects in Mozambique:** [Minister Hussen announces \\$65.8 million in funding for international development projects in Mozambique and concludes trip to southern Africa](#) (Mar 18)
15. **Minister Joly on Russia's presidential election:** [Statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs on Russia's sham presidential election](#) (Mar 18)
16. **Iraq's Foreign Affairs Minister welcomed in Ottawa:** [Minister Joly welcomes Iraq's Foreign Affairs Minister to Ottawa](#) (Mar 17)

## National Defence

1. **Statement on the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force:** [Statement by Minister Blair and Minister Petitpas Taylor on the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force](#) (Apr 1)
2. **Canadian Armed Forces members deployed to Jamaica:** [Canadian Armed Forces members deploy to Jamaica to train CARICOM troops for Multinational Security Support mission in Haiti](#) (Mar 28)

3. **Appointment of new Chief Military Judge:** [Defence Minister Bill Blair Announces Appointment of New Chief Military Judge](#) (Mar 27)
4. **2024 RCAF run:** [The RCAF laces up for the 2024 RCAF Run](#) (Mar 22)
5. **Modernizing the military justice system:** [The National Security Review of Investments Modernization Act receives royal assent](#) (Mar 27)
6. **Artillery ammunition for Ukraine:** [Minister Blair announces \\$40 million to provide Ukraine with artillery ammunition at the 20th meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group](#) (Mar 18)

#### Agriculture and Agri-food

1. **Interest-free limit of Advance Payments Program raised to \$250,000:** [Minister MacAulay raises interest-free limit of the Advance Payments Program to \\$250,000 for 2024](#) (Mar 25)
2. **New sustainable agriculture research network:** [Government of Canada partners with civil society organizations to create new sustainable agriculture research network](#) (Mar 18)

#### Infrastructure and Finance

1. **Building more \$10-a-day child care spaces:** [Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister on building more \\$10-a-day child care spaces](#) (Mar 28)
2. **Support for mineral exploration:** [Government extending support for mineral exploration in Canada](#) (Mar 28)
3. **Fairness for every generation:** [Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister on fairness for every generation](#) (Mar 27)
4. **Adjustment to merger review filing fees:** [Competition Bureau announces adjustment to merger review filing fees, effective April 1, 2024](#) (Mar 27)
5. **Examination into delays in Canada child benefit payments for temporary residents:** [Taxpayers' Ombudsperson launches systemic examination into delays in Canada child benefit payments for temporary residents](#) (Mar 26)
6. **The Canada Growth Fund's third investment:** [Deputy Prime Minister welcomes the Canada Growth Fund's third investment](#) (Mar 25)
7. **Deputy Prime Minister on Fall Economic Statement:** [Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister at the Standing Committee on Finance regarding Bill C-59, the Fall Economic Statement Implementation Act, and Main Estimates](#) (Mar 21)
8. **Federal government invests in transportation:** [More connected futures: Federal government invests in planning and design of active transportation projects](#) (Mar 19)
9. **Improving services for air passengers with disabilities:** [Improving services for air passengers with disabilities: Transport Canada and Employment and](#)

[Social Development Canada to hold National Air Accessibility Summit](#) (Mar 18)

## Women and Gender Equality

1. **Transgender Day of Visibility:** [Government of Canada highlights International Transgender Day of Visibility](#) (Mar 30)
2. **Calls for nominations for Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case:** [Women and Gender Equality Canada launches Call for Nominations for 2024 Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case](#) (Mar 26)
3. **Key findings of State of Women Entrepreneurship annual report:** [Minister Valdez announces key findings of the State of Women Entrepreneurship annual report and reaffirms support for women entrepreneurs across Canada](#) (Mar 18)

## Indigenous

1. **ᑭᐱᑦᐱᐱ receives settlement for historical injustices:** [ᑭᐱᑦᐱᐱ, formerly known as the St. Mary's Indian Band, receives settlement for Canada's historical injustices](#) (Apr 4)
2. **National Indigenous Languages Day:** [Joint statement by Ministers St-Onge, Anandasangaree, Hajdu and Vandal on National Indigenous Languages Day](#) (Mar 31)
3. **Federal government promises \$20M to search Prairie Green Landfill:** [Manitoba, federal governments promise \\$20M each to search Prairie Green landfill for human remains](#) (Mar 22)
4. **CRTC consultation:** [CRTC launches consultation to co-develop Indigenous broadcasting policy and creates Indigenous Relations Team](#) (Mar 22)
5. **World Water Day 2024:** [Statement on World Water Day 2024 - Water for Peace](#) (Mar 22)
6. **First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP) performance audit report:** [Government of Canada responds to Auditor General of Canada's Report on the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program](#) (Mar 19)
7. **Improving First Nations housing:** [Indigenous Services Canada and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation further commit to improve First Nations housing](#) (Mar 19)
8. **Funding for the Indigenous Screen Office:** [Supporting Indigenous-led storytelling through permanent funding for the Indigenous Screen Office](#) (Mar 14)

## Other



1. **Solar eclipse:** [Once-in-a-lifetime event: Total solar eclipse](#) (Apr 5)
2. **Laboratories to support science:** [Government of Canada invests in laboratories to support science in Canada](#) (Mar 26)
3. **Judicial appointments in Ontario:** [Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada announces judicial appointments in the province of Ontario](#) (Mar 26)
4. **Protecting integrity of contracts leading up to FIFA World Cup 26:** [Competition Bureau seeks to protect the integrity of contracts leading up to the FIFA World Cup 26](#) (Mar 22)
5. **Modernized agreement with St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation:** [Transport Canada announces a modernized agreement with the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation](#) (Mar 22)
6. **Announcement related to temporary residents:** [Speaking notes for the Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship: Announcement related to Temporary Residents](#) (Mar 21)
7. **Statement on an issue regarding data transfer to Veterans:** [Statement by the Public Service Commission of Canada on a data transfer issue](#) (Mar 21)
8. **Recommendations to strengthen competition in financial sector:** [Competition Bureau provides recommendations to strengthen competition in Canada's financial sector](#) (Mar 21)
9. **Restorative engagement program panel reports:** [Statement by Minister Anand on the publication of the restorative engagement program panel reports and tabling of the Employment Equity in the Public Service of Canada annual report](#) (Mar 21)
10. **Countdown to 80th anniversary of D-Day:** [Government of Canada counts down to 80th anniversary of D-Day](#) (Mar 18)
11. **CubeSats launching to International Space Station:** [Three Canadian student CubeSats to launch to the International Space Station](#) (Mar 18)