

## Important News and Federal Announcements

(April 19-May 3)

### This week's top news

1. **Report shows Canada is successfully reducing emissions:** [Canada's 2024 National Inventory Report shows Canada is successfully reducing emissions](#) (May 2)
2. **Workshops on Recognizing and Reporting Hate Crimes:** [Federal Organizations Launch Workshops on Recognizing and Reporting Hate Crimes](#) (May 2)
3. **Mandatory in-office workdays for public servants:** [Government confirms more details of return-to-office plan](#) (May 1)
4. **Seniors can now access services under the Canadian Dental Care Plan:** [1 million seniors can now access services under the Canadian Dental Care Plan](#) (May 1)
5. **INC-4 (Roadmap to end plastic pollution):** [Canada helps chart roadmap toward an ambitious global deal to end plastic pollution](#) (Apr 30)
6. **International students able to work 24 hours per week:** [International students will be allowed to work 24 hours a week starting in September](#) (Apr 29)
7. **Thousands of jobs available through Canada Summer Jobs:** [Thousands of great summer job opportunities for youth available now through Canada Summer Jobs](#) (Apr 22)

### Health and Safety

1. **National Physicians' Day:** [Message from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health on National Physicians' Day](#) (May 1)
2. **Enhancing Access to Pediatric Palliative Care:** [Government of Canada Supports Roger Neilson Children's Hospice's Project: Enhancing Access to Pediatric Palliative Care](#) (Apr 25)

### Environment and Natural Resources

1. **Where Canada's emissions come from:** [Where Canada's greenhouse gas emissions come from: 2024 National Greenhouse Gas Inventory](#)
2. **G7 Ministers' Meeting concludes:** [Minister Guilbeault concludes G7 Ministers' Meeting with strong outcomes on clean energy, clean air, and a nature-positive future](#) (May 2)
3. **Canada's first prospective net-zero community:** [Town of Shediac plans to be Canada's first net-zero community](#) (May 1)

4. Reports from Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development: [Government of Canada welcomes reports from the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development](#) (Apr 30)
5. Supporting Canadian innovators to reduce plastic pollution: [Government of Canada invests to support Canadian innovators to find ways to reduce plastic pollution](#) (Apr 23)
6. New Federal Plastics Registry: [The Government of Canada requires producers to take more responsibility for the plastic they put on the market](#) (Apr 22)
7. Recipients of the grants and contributions funding for advancing a circular economy for plastics in Canada: [Recipients of the grants and contributions funding for advancing a circular economy for plastics in Canada](#)
8. Statement on INC-4: [Minister Guilbeault issues statement on high-level meeting as INC-4 begins](#) (Apr 19)

#### Economic and Social Development

1. Canada as partner country for HANNOVER MESSE 2025: [Canada taking the reigns as partner country for HANNOVER MESSE 2025](#) (May 1)
2. Telecom service prices continue to decline: [Prices for telecom services continue to decline](#) (Apr 30)
3. 11th Anniversary of the Rana Plaza Collapse: [11th Anniversary of the Rana Plaza Collapse](#) (Apr 25)
4. United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent: [Minister Khera wraps up her participation in the United Nations Permanent Forum on People of African Descent](#) (Apr 22)

#### Canadian Heritage and Arts & Culture

1. Statement on first-ever Polish Heritage Month: [Statement by Minister Khera on the first-ever Polish Heritage Month in Canada](#) (May 1)
2. Statement on Jewish Heritage Month: [Statement by Minister Khera and Special Envoy Lyons on Canadian Jewish Heritage Month](#) (May 1)
3. Statement on Asian Heritage Month: [Statement by Minister Khera on Asian Heritage Month](#) (May 1)
4. Statement on Passover: [Statement by Minister Khera on Passover](#) (Apr 22)

#### Global Affairs

1. Humanitarian assistance funding for Lebanon: [Canada announces \\$65 million in humanitarian and development assistance funding for Lebanon](#) (May 3)

2. **Flight PS752 Commemorative Scholarship Program now open for applications:** [Second edition of Flight PS752 Commemorative Scholarship Program now open for applications](#) (May 1)
3. **Sanctions against Iran:** [Canada imposes further sanctions against Iran](#) (Apr 25)

### National Defence

1. **75th Anniversary of Canada's NATO Membership:** [Statement of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association on the 75th Anniversary of Canada's NATO Membership](#) (May 3)
2. **Military assistance for Ukraine:** [Minister Blair announces additional military assistance for Ukraine at the 21st meeting of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group](#) (Apr 26)

### Infrastructure and Finance

1. **G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement:** [G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Statement](#) (May 3)
2. **Helping provinces deliver universal public health care:** [Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister on helping provinces and territories deliver better universal public health care](#) (May 1)
3. **Attracting investment to boost innovation:** [Remarks by the Deputy Prime Minister on attracting investment to boost innovation and create good-paying jobs](#) (Apr 30)
4. **Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB):** [Federal government invests in retrofitting the Wawiskas Community Hall in Bella Bella](#) (Apr 25)
5. **Ulkatcho First Nation to house largest off-grid solar project in Canada:** [Ulkatcho First Nation to house largest off-grid solar project in Canada](#) (Apr 19)

### Indigenous

1. **National Council for Reconciliation Act becomes law:** [National Council for Reconciliation Act becomes law, a positive step toward fulfilling Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) (Apr 30)
2. **Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation's Child and Family Services Law:** [Coming into Force of Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation's Child and Family Services Law, Nigig Nibi Ki-win](#) (Apr 19)
3. **Preliminary findings on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation:** [Statement from the Minister of Indigenous Services on the preliminary findings from the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation](#) (Apr 19)

## Other

1. **AI and the testing of mPersona:** [Statement from Public Services and Procurement Canada regarding artificial intelligence and the testing of mPersona](#) (May 2)
2. **Federal government supports Holocaust education:** [Government of Canada supports Holocaust education in Hamilton](#) (May 2)
3. **Pam Damoff leaving politics over disrespectful dialogue, threats, misogyny:** [Liberal MP says she's leaving politics over disrespectful dialogue, threats, misogyny](#) (May 1)
4. **Statement on interpretation services:** [Statement from Public Services and Procurement Canada's Translation Bureau on interpretation services](#) (Apr 30)
5. **Protecting and promoting competition:** [Competition Bureau to focus on leveraging new enforcement and promotion tools in 2024-2025](#) (Apr 30)
6. **Sanctions on Canada Life:** [Government hits Canada Life with financial sanctions](#) (Apr 26)
7. **Investigation into alleged dumping of certain pea protein from China:** [The CBSA launches investigations into the alleged dumping and subsidizing of certain pea protein from China](#) (Apr 22)
8. **Environmental assessment for Ontario nuclear project:** [Independent Commission determines environmental assessment for Ontario Power Generation's Darlington New Nuclear Project is applicable to the selected reactor technology](#) (Apr 22)
9. **CBSA phasing in CARM:** [CBSA phasing in CARM: launching internally for CBSA use as planned in May and later in the fall for trade chain partners](#) (Apr 19)