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Money

“Money grows on the tree of persistence.” ~ Japanese Proverb

Environment minister says consumer rebates for EVs will return

The federal government intends to bring back consumer rebates for electric vehicles but doesn't yet quite know what they'll look like, Environment Minister Julie Dabrusin said last week.

The federal government launched its rebate program — the Incentives for Zero-Emission Vehicles program or iZEV, — in 2019, but it ran out of funding earlier this year, leading Ottawa to pause the program.

Speaking to The Canadian Press while leaving the House of Commons — where she spent the better part of question period fending off Conservative criticisms of Ottawa's EV mandate — Dabrusin said a renewed consumer rebate is something being worked on.

“Will it be named, iZEV? That I can't tell you. But there will be a consumer rebate,” Dabrusin said.

The iZEV program offered up to \$5,000 off the cost of a new electric vehicle. Between May 2019 and January 2025, the federal government spent nearly \$3 billion on the EV rebate program for more than half a million new passenger vehicles.

The Liberal platform during the election suggested it would look for a way to reintroduce the \$5,000 rebate program.

Conservatives spent last week in Ottawa calling for the mandate to be scrapped, citing concerns about an auto sector threatened by U.S. tariffs, and debating an opposition motion to compel the government to “immediately end their ban on gas-powered vehicles.”

“Right now (the Liberals) have a mandate in place that makes it so that Canadians will have to buy EVs. But that does not fit the needs of Canadian families,” said Lethbridge MP Rachel Thomas during question period.

“If the Liberal government is truly going to stand with auto workers, then stop making the very vehicles that they're producing illegal.”

Canada's electric vehicle mandate requires all new light-duty passenger vehicles sold to be zero-emissions by 2035. Sales of used gas-powered vehicles will still be allowed after 2035. Plug-in hybrid vehicles would also be allowed for sale.



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"It's been in place since 2023. I don't see why the Conservatives believe we need to change it in the face of what we're facing with the U.S. tariffs on the auto industry," Dabrusin told The Canadian Press following question period.

Canada's auto manufacturers have grown on their calls for the government to repeal the mandate, as EV sales dropped in early 2025 as the rebates ended.

Electric vehicles remain more expensive than their gas-powered equivalents.

The first quarter of 2025 saw zero-emissions vehicles represent only 8.11 per cent of all new vehicle sales in Canada — a drop from the 16.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2024, according to data from Statistics Canada.

On a monthly basis through 2024, the share of EVs among new vehicle sales never dropped below 10.65 per cent and peaked at 18.29 per cent in December.

In April of 2025, the most recent data from StatCan, EV sales dropped to 7.53 per cent of all new vehicles off of Canadian lots.

Beginning in 2026, the government's EV mandate requires at least 20 per cent of new light-duty vehicles offered for sale in that year be zero-emission. That share rises each year until it reaches 100 per cent in 2035.

Bank of Canada weighed June rate cut but trade uncertainty kept it on hold

New meeting records show the Bank of Canada's top decision makers were weighing an interest rate cut earlier this month but didn't feel like they knew enough about how the tariff dispute with the United States would unfold to pull the trigger.

The central bank recently released the summary of deliberations behind its decision to hold its policy rate steady at 2.75 per cent roughly two weeks ago.

Those documents show Canada's trade war with the United States dominated conversation among the governing council.

"The primary source of uncertainty — and the biggest threat facing the Canadian economy — was the trade conflict initiated by the United States," the deliberations read.

Canada's tariff dispute with the United States kicked off in March, though the exact level of import duties has fluctuated since then.

Currently, there are some exemptions from tariffs and counter-tariffs for firms in each country, but the Canadian steel, aluminum and automotive industries remain under particular pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump's trade agenda.



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While monetary policymakers broadly agreed that there was some “cautious optimism” that risks of a severe global trade war had diminished, the deliberations noted U.S. trade policy “remains unpredictable.”

“This was underscored by President Trump’s announcement during deliberations that he would double tariffs to 50 per cent on steel and aluminum exports to the United States,” the meeting notes read.

Trump delivered on that threat a few days later — the morning of the Bank of Canada’s rate decision.

While the governing council noted the economy was showing “more resilience than expected” to date, expectations for the second quarter were “much weaker.” The deliberations signalled some concern about softness in the labour market and noted home sales were slowing, with Toronto and Vancouver in particular seeing weakness.

At the same time, monetary policymakers spent “considerable time” discussing inflation and noted how hard it could be to track the evolution of price pressures going forward.

While Ottawa’s removal of the consumer price on carbon was offering some temporary reprieve in the inflation figures, the governing council noted tariff impacts on prices could be stickier.

The records show trade uncertainty, combined with signs of stubbornness in underlying inflation, ultimately convinced the Bank of Canada’s decision makers to leave the policy rate unchanged.

There was a bit more debate over the path forward for monetary policy, depending on how the tariff dispute affected prices and the strength of the economy.

“The weaker the economy and the more downward pressure on inflation, the more there would be a need to lower the policy interest rate further. However, if the recent firmness in underlying inflation were to persist, it would be more difficult to cut the policy rate,” the deliberations read.

The Bank of Canada’s next interest rate decision is set for July 30.

Trump signals trade deal with Carney achievable

U.S. President Donald Trump said recently he thinks a trade deal with Canada is achievable — even if he and Prime Minister Mark Carney have “different concepts” of what that deal might look like.

“I think our primary focus will be trade, and trade with Canada, and I’m sure we can work something out,” Trump said as he sat down for a meeting with Carney at the G7 leaders summit in Kananaskis, Alta.

The pair met privately after weeks of exchanging phone calls and text messages in an ongoing attempt to resolve the economic conflict triggered by Trump’s tariffs.

Addressing media alongside Carney, Trump expressed his fondness for tariffs.



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"I'm a tariff person. I've always been a tariff (person). It's simple, it's easy, it's precise and it just goes very quickly, and I think Mark has a more complex idea, but also very good," Trump said.

In brief remarks, Carney welcomed Trump to the G7 and wished him a happy birthday. The president turned 79.

"This marks the 50th birthday of the G7," Carney said. "And the G7 is nothing without U.S. leadership."

Following their one-on-one meeting, Trump and Carney sat down with a wider group that included Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Dominic LeBlanc, U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer.

In an afternoon press conference, LeBlanc and Kirsten Hillman, Canada's ambassador to the U.S., said talks with their American counterparts have accelerated in recent weeks.

LeBlanc said both countries have agreed to keep the details of those talks private and to reconvene before the end of the week.

"The important thing is that we collectively think we're making progress in coming to a deal that would be in the economic interest of both countries, but we're not there yet," he said.

Hillman said she has a sense that the Americans are "understanding us better" as Canadian officials call for all the tariffs to be removed.

"We have a president who is very convinced of the policy that he has around tariffs in order to achieve some of his policy goals," she said.

"We are very convinced that applying that policy to Canada is actually detrimental to his overall goals, and we are trying to get there with him and his officials."

Trump said he and Carney have "a very good relationship."

The war in Ukraine is one of Canada's top priorities as host of this summit.

Carney invited Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to attend, along with a handful of other world leaders who are not part of the G7.



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Calgary's History

"Calgary, where the wild meets the city—prairie skies, mountain highs, and a heart that never stops growing." ~ *Unknown*

Celebrating Calgary 150 – Stampede City- *By Anthony Imbrogno, Calgary Heritage*

Initiative Society

3min read



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Calgary's first boom saw the population grow 10x during 1901 to 1911.

Inglewood developed a commercial street, including mixed-use blocks, Fire Hall No. 3, and National Hotel. The Calgary Brewery expanded, producing 450 barrels/day.

The Beltline became a bustling neighbourhood. There was Club Carousel, which housed Calgary's first coffeehouse, first gay club, and a venue for Joni Mitchell. Pryce-Jones

Department Store opened in 1910 followed by manufacturing buildings, like Biscuit Block.

After work, the King Eddy and St. Louis hotels were staples of Calgary's social scene. If you fell ill, Calgary's second general hospital opened in 1895, and the third opened in Bridgeland in 1910. Bridgeland-Riverside is located along the Old North Trail to Edmonton, with the DeWaal Block housing working class immigrants.

Alberta's first library, Memorial Park, was built in 1912. Westwards, Nimmons ranch house became Calgary's first to use brick, supplied by Brickburn (today's Edworthy Park).

The surrounding towns grew too. A railway siding called Airdrie became today's bedroom community. Canmore was a coal mining town in 1884. Bragg Creek was homesteaded in 1894 and hosted North America's first hostel. Okotoks is on the Calgary-to-Fort Macleod trail, with the US-bound railway arriving in 1892. Due east is Chestermere, a wetland turned lakeside community thanks to an irrigation canal, and Strathmore, a hamlet for workers and farmers.

Calgary also grew by annexation. Mount Royal was known as American Hill since Americans first built mansions along Royal Avenue. Ramsay was/is an industrial, commercial, and residential neighbourhood. Sunnyside was home for CPR and Eau Claire sawmill workers, while Hillhurst/Hounsfield



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became "Mount Royal of the North". Meanwhile, Calgary's third Chinatown was founded by Chinese owners.



Calgary's diversifying economy meant the cowboy life was fading away. Guy Weadick thought Calgary was perfect for an agricultural festival. The Big Four ranchers thought it could be one last sunset ride for Cow Town. Weadick invited Indigenous peoples to the first Stampede, held in 1912. It was a smashing success.

Another success in 1919 proved Weadick's point, and the annual Stampede tradition began in 1923. The city continues to embrace its roots every July, rightfully becoming Stampede City. Yahoo!

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8966194/calgary-stampede-past-present-photos/>

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"A Canadian is someone who knows how to make love in a canoe." ~ Pierre Berton



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Canada Day

“Canadian pride may not rest on our sleeves, but it resides deeply in our hearts!” ~ *Steve Miller*

Canada Day 2025 – *By The City of Calgary*

under 3 min read



On July 1, gather downtown to celebrate Canada Day. This year's free and family-friendly celebration features an Indigenous Spotlight and Powwow, live music and will end with a fireworks show above Stampede Park. Other attractions throughout the day include cultural activities, performances, face painting, a street fair and more.

Featured events

Canada Day Main Stage Show

Join us at The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland Main Stage with Emcee Megan Pierson for a free all-Canadian line-up of musical performances by Lu Kala, Aysanabee and headliner Sam Roberts Band. Show starts at 3:20 p.m. Join us at the Main Stage with Emcee Megan Pierson for an all-Canadian line-up of musical performances.

Performance Schedule:

- 3:20 p.m. - Opening Ceremony & National Anthem (Foxy Worthee)
- 3:50 p.m. - The Witching Hour
- 4:20 p.m. - Ginger Beef
- 5:30 p.m. - Lu Kala
- 6:55 p.m. - Big Sugar
- 8:20 p.m. - Aysanabee
- 9:45 p.m. - Sam Roberts Band

Event schedule

Be a good neighbour while celebrating Canada Day by parking only where permitted, putting garbage where it belongs and keeping noise levels down when walking to and from the fireworks show.

- Need help planning your day? With so many events and activities to choose from, use the events schedule to see the event locations, times and descriptions at <https://www.calgary.ca/events/canada-day.html>



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Event locations

Olympic Plaza will not be an event location for Canada Day 2025 due to the Olympic Plaza Transformation.

The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland

Home to the Indigenous Spotlight and Powwow and Canada Day main stage with a lineup of all-Canadian musicians.

- Canada Day Main Stage Evening Show
- Indigenous Spotlight and Powwow
- Indigenous Artisans Market
- Teaching Tipis and Trapper's Tent
- Cultural Carousel - Interactive activities
- Coke Canada Rest & Refresh Area
- Food vendors

St. Patrick's Island

Enjoy family-friendly entertainment and the beautiful park.

- Three stages with live music (Trout Beach, The Rise & Confluence Plaza)
- Face painting and airbrush tattoos
- Playground and picnic spots
- Food vendors

Municipal Building

Get ready to experience traditional cultural clothing! A variety of cultural groups will showcase authentic attire, giving you the chance to try them on and capture the moment at the photo booth.

- Cultural Carousel - Cultural clothing spotlight

Fireworks

Canada Day will end with a fireworks show at approximately 11 p.m. launched from Stampede Park.

- The best viewing location is at The Confluence Historic Site & Parkland (formerly Fort Calgary).
- You can also watch the fireworks from wherever you typically go to see Stampede fireworks. Onsite viewing at Stampede Park will not be available.



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Important Information

Road closures

East Village - July 1 at 6 a.m. - midnight

- 8th Ave. S.E. from 4th St. S.E. to 6th St. S.E.
- 6th St. S.E. from 9th Ave. S.E. to 8th Ave. S.E.
- 5th St. S.E. from 9th Ave. S.E. to 7th Ave. S.E.

Parking

On July 1, enjoy free parking in on-street ParkPlus zones and Calgary Parking parkades (with the exception of Arts Commons). Weekend rates apply at Arts Commons parkade and surface lots. Please note regular rates will be in effect at partner lots, such as TELUS Spark, University District, Calgary Zoo and Heritage Park.

We encourage Calgarians to consider transit, ride sharing, e-scooter or biking to come downtown for Canada Day festivities.

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Food

"Canada Day potlucks are where we share more than food—we share stories, laughter, and the pride of being part of something truly special." ~ *U n k n o w n*

Canada Day's Potluck

under 3min read

Canada's potluck game is strong—think cozy, crowd-pleasing, and often maple-kissed. Here are some beloved dishes that show up time and again at gatherings across the country :

- Butter Tarts – These gooey, flaky pastries are a national treasure and always disappear fast.
- Nanaimo Bars – No-bake layered bars from B.C. with a chocolate-coconut base and creamy custard middle.
- Slow Cooker Pulled Pork – Easy to prep and perfect for sandwiches or sliders. Get the Recipe: [Slow Cooker Pulled Pork](#)
- Fully Loaded Potato Salad – Like a baked potato in salad form, with bacon, cheese, and sour cream. Get the Recipe: [Fully Loaded Potato Salad](#)
- Maple Bacon Mini Cupcakes – Sweet, salty, and bite-sized—what's not to love? Get the Recipe: [Maple Bacon Mini Cupcakes](#)



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- BBQ Rib Potato Salad – A bold twist on the classic, with rib meat and BBQ sauce mixed in. Get the Recipe: [BBQ Rib Potato Salad](#)
- Sausage Rolls with Honey Mustard Dip – Flaky, savory, and totally addictive. Get the Recipe: [Sausage Rolls with Honey Mustard Dip](#)
- Maple Miso Chicken – A sticky-sweet main dish that brings the maple without being too sweet. Get the Recipe: [Maple Miso Chicken](#)
- Caprese Caesar Cocktail – Refreshing and easy, with a festive red-and-white vibe. Get the Recipe: [Caprese Caesar Cocktail](#)

These dishes aren't just tasty—they're also easy to transport and serve, which makes them potluck royalty.

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