

## Appendix A:

### Important and Commemorative days

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/important-commemorative-days.html>

[Ontario's celebrations and commemorations | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)

Date	Name
January	Tamil Heritage Month
January 4	National Ribbon Skirt Day
January 17	Raoul Wallenberg Day
January 21	Lincoln Alexander Day
January 24	World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
February	Black History Month
February 15	National Flag of Canada Day
(Third Monday in February)	Family Day (Ontario)
March	Irish Heritage Month
March	Bangladeshi Heritage Month
March 8	International Women's Day
March 14	Commonwealth Day
March 15*	International Day to Combat Islamophobia
March 17	Irish Heritage Day
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
March 31	International Transgender Day of Visibility
April	Sikh Heritage Month
April	Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month
April 9	Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
Second Wednesday of April	International Day of Pink
May	Asian Heritage Month
May	Dutch Heritage Month
May	South Asian Heritage Month
May	Jewish Heritage Month
May 5	Dutch Heritage Day
May 5	South Asian Arrival Day
May 5-May 6, 2024	Yomha-Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
May 18	Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
May 21	Ontario Flag Day
June	National Indigenous History Month
June	Italian Heritage Month
June	Filipino Heritage Month
June	Portuguese History and Heritage Month
June	Launch of Pride Season
First Friday of June*	National Day Against Gun Violence
June 10	Portugal Day
June 19	United Empire Loyalists' Day
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
June 24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day

June 27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day
July*	Egyptian Heritage Month
July 1	Canada Day
July 10	Nikola Tesla Day
July 28	Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
August 1	Emancipation Day
August 15	National Acadian Day
Third Week of August	Public Service Pride Week
Second Week of September	Mennonite Heritage Week
September 7	Ukrainian Heritage Day
September 25	Franco-Ontario Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October	German Heritage Month
October	Canadian Islamic History Month
October	Islamic Heritage Month
October	Women's History Month
October 1	National Seniors Day
October 11	International Day of the Girl
October 18	Persons Day
November	Hindu Heritage Month
November*	Albanian Heritage Month
November 5-11	Veterans' Week
November 8	Indigenous Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
November 20	National Child Day
November 20	Transgender Day of Remembrance
November 20-26 (check date)	Canada History Week
Fourth Sunday of November	Holodomor Memorial Day
November 25-December 10	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
December	Christian Heritage Month
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
December 10	Human Rights Day
December 11	Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster

## Major Holy Days

Based on Brampton's top 5 religions

In 2021, the most reported religion among the population was [Christianity](#) (35.7%), with [Catholicism](#) (17.3%) making up the largest denomination. This was followed by [Sikhism](#) (25.1%), [Hinduism](#) (18.1%), [Islam](#) (9.1%), and [Buddhism](#) (1.1%). 10.3% of the population did not identify with a particular religion.

[Profile table, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population - Brampton, City \(CY\) \[Census subdivision\], Ontario \(statcan.gc.ca\)](#)

Date	Name	Religion
January 1, 2024	New Year's Day	Christianity
January 1, 2024	Temple Day	Buddhism
January 5, 2024	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikhism
January 6, 2024	Epiphany	Christianity
January 7, 2024	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox
January 13, 2024	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu (Punjabi)
January 13, 2024	Maghi	Sikhism
January 14, 2024	Orthodox New Years	Orthodox
January 14, 2024	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
January 15, 2024	Thai Pongal	Tamil
January 18, 2024	Nirvana Day	Buddhism
January 18, 2024	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
January 19, 2024	Timkat/Theophany	Orthodox
February 7, 2024	Lailat al Miraj	Islam
February 8, 2024	Isra'a and Mi'raj	Islam
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year (year of the Dragon)	Buddhism
February 13, 2024	Shrove Tuesday	
February 14, 2024	Lent	Christianity
February 14, 2024	Basant Panchami	Hinduism
February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
February 24, 2024	Latern Festival	Buddhism
February 24, 2024	Magha Puja	Buddhism
February 24, 2024	Chötrul Düchen	Buddhism
February 25, 2024	Nisfu Sha'ban	Islam
March 8, 2024	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism
March 11- April 9, 2024	Ramadan	Islam
March 14, 2023	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
March 18, 2024	Clean Monday	Orthodox
March 18, 2024	Great Lent	Orthodox Christianity
March 20, 2024	Nowruz	Iranian/Persian Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
March 24, 2024	Palm Sunday	Christianity
March 24- March 30, 2024	Holy Week	Orthodox Christianity
March 25, 2024	Holi	Hinduism/ Sikhism
March 26, 2024	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism
March 28, 2024	Holy Thursday	Christianity
March 29, 2024	Good Friday	Christianity
March 31, 2024	Easter	Christianity
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday	Christianity

April 5, 2024	Laylat al-Qadr	Islam
April 9, 2024	Ugadi / Yugadi	Hinduism
April 10, 2024	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam
April 13, 2024	Khalsa Sajna Diwas/Vaisakhi	Sikhism
April 17, 2024	Shri Ram Navami	Hinduism
April 23-30, 2024	Passover	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
April 24, 2024	Theravada (New Year)	Buddhism
May 2, 2024	Maundy Thursday	Orthodox Christianity
May 3, 2024	Holy Friday	Orthodox Christianity
May 5, 2024	Pasha/Easter	Orthodox Christianity
May 6, 2024	Easter Monday	Orthodox Christianity
May 9, 2024	Feast of Ascension	Christianity
May 15, 2024	Birthday of Buddha	Buddhism
May 19, 2024	Pentecost	Christianity
May 23, 2024	Wesak/Buddha Day	Buddhism
May 23, 2024	Saga Dawa Düchen	Buddhism
June 10, 2024	Matrydom of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism
June 17, 2024	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 21, 2024	Poson	Buddhism
June 23, 2024	Pentecost	Orthodox Christianity
July 5-7, 2024	Jalsa Salana	Islam
July 9, 2024	Chokhor Düchen	Buddhism
July 11, 2024	Imamat Day	Islam
July 16, 2024	Ashura	Islam
July 21, 2024	Wassana /Dhamma Day	Buddhism
July 21, 2024	Guru Purnima	Hinduism
August 13-15, 2024	Obon	Buddhism
August 15, 2024	Assumption	Christianity
August 19, 2024	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
August 26, 2024	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
September 1, 2024	Installation of the Holy Scriptures of the Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
September 7, 2024	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
September 15, 2024	Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi	Islam
September 16, 2024	Anant Chaturdash	Hinduism
October 3, 2024	Navratri	Hinduism
October 10, 2024	Durga Puja	Hinduism
October 12, 2024	Yom Kippur	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
October 12, 2024	Dussehra	Hinduism
October 16, 2024	Kathina Ceremony/Pavarana Day	Buddhism
October 20, 2024	Conferment of the title of Guru on the Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Sikhism
October 20, 2024	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
October 31, 2024	Diwali	Hinduism
October 31, 2024	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
November 1, 2024	All Saints' Day	Christianity
November 2, 2024	All Souls Day	Christianity
November 15, 2024	Guru Nanak GURPURAB (Birth of Guru	Sikhism

	Nanak)	
November 22, 2024	Lha Bab Düchen	Buddhism
November 24, 2024	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	Sikhism
December 1-24, 2024	Advent	Christianity
December 8, 2024	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
December 9, 2024	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christianity
December 25, 2024	Christmas Day	Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	(Pan-Africanism) Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
December 26-January 2, 2025	Hanukkah	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list

## City Recognized Awareness Days

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Department/Division Lead</b>
January 25	Bell Let's Talk Day	Human Resources
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia	Equity Office
February	Black History Month	Equity Office/Protocol
February 22	Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Day	Equity Office
March 1-5	Black Mental Health Week	Equity Office
*March 8	International Women's Day	Equity Office
March 18	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Equity Office
March 22	World Water Day	Environment and Development
March 23, 8:30pm-9:30pm*	Earth Hour	Energy Management and Environment and Development Engineering
March 27	World Theatre Day	Cultural Services
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Accessibility
April 15	World Art Day	Cultural Services
April 16-22	Volunteer Week	Recreation
April 22	Earth Day	Environment and Development Engineering, Parks Maintenance and Forestry
April 30	Journey to Freedom Day	Council Resolution
May	Brampton Awards Season	Events and Protocol
May 1	First Responders Day	Fire and Emergency Services
May 1-7	National Youth Week	Recreation
May 1 – 7	North American Occupational Health and Safety Week	Human Resources
May 1-7	Mental Health Week	Human Resources
May 5*	Red Dress Day, also known as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirit People	Equity Office
May 7-13 (first full week in May)	Emergency Preparedness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
May 14*	Day of Action (Litter reduction and the environment)	Parks Maintenance & Forestry and Environmental & Development Engineering
May 17	The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOTB)	Equity Office
May 21-27	National Public Works Week	Public Works and Engineering
May (last week of May)	National Tourism Week	Tourism

*June	Indigenous History Month	Equity Office
June	Pride Month	Events and Protocol
June	Parks and Recreation Month	Recreation
June	Seniors Month	Recreation
June 17 – 23*	International Pollinator Week	Parks Maintenance & Forestry and Environmental & Development Engineering
*June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Equity Office
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Equity Office
July*	Somali Heritage Month	Council Resolution
July 17-23	National Drowning Prevention Week	Recreation
August 1-5	Emancipation Day	Events/Equity Office
September*	Latino Heritage Month	Council Resolution
September 1*	Tree Month	Parks Maintenance & Forestry
September 6	Jaswant Singh Khaira Day	Council Resolution
September 18*	National Tree Day	Parks Maintenance & Forestry
September 25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Events and Protocol
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Equity Office/Events and Protocol
October	Healthy Workplace Month	Human Resources
October 1*	Treaty Day	Equity Office
October 1-7	Mental Illness Awareness Week	Human Resources
October 4	National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirit+	Equity Office
October 8-14	Fire Prevention Week	Fire and Emergency Services
October 10	World Mental Health Day	Community Safety & Well-Being Office/Human Resources
October 11	National Coming Out Day	Equity Office
October 14-18 (pending final date)*	Waste Reduction Week	Environment and Development Engineering
October 31	World Cities Day	Tourism
November 1-7	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week	Council
November 5-11	Crime Prevention Week	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
November 13	World Kindness Day	Equity Office
November 14	World Diabetes Day	Human Resources
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Equity Office
December 10	Human Rights Day	Equity Office
*December 21	Winter Solstice	Equity Office

\*new addition for 2024

## Cultural Expressions for Bus Destination Signage

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Category</b>
January 1, 2024	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2024	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2024	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 19, 2024	Family Day	Provincial Observance
March 11 – April 10, 2024	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam
March 18, 2024	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 31, 2024	Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 10, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam
April 13, 2024	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
May 5, 2024	Orthodox Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
June 2024	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2024	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 17, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam
June 21, 2024	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2024	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2024	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
October 31, 2024	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 21	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	Other
December 26-January 2, 2025	Hanukkah	Holy Day - Judaism



## Cultural Expressions for Recreation Signage

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Category</b>
January 1, 2024	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2024	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2024	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 19, 2024	Family Day	Provincial Observance
March 11 – April 10, 2024	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam
March 31, 2024	Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
April 10, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam
April 13, 2024	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
May 5, 2024	Orthodox Easter	Holy Day - Christianity
June 2024	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2024	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 17, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam
June 21, 2024	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2024	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2024	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 14, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
October 31, 2024	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 21	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	Other
December 26-January 2, 2025	Hanukkah	Holy Day - Judaism

## Listing of Mandatory City-Wide Half Mastings

Date	Name
January 8	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action against Islamophobia
March 11	National Day of Observance for COVID-19
April 9	National Day of Remembrance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge
April 28	National Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace (Workers' Mourning Day)
June 6	D-Day
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism
Second Sunday in September	Firefighters' National Memorial Day
Last Sunday in September	Police and Peace Officers National Memorial Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
November (first seven days)	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week
November 8	National Aboriginal Veterans Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

\*Clock Tower will be dimmed for the above dates unless otherwise requested by the community via the Community Recognition Program.

## Clock Tower Lightings

*\*new addition for 2024*

The City of Brampton Clock Tower will conduct lightings for the listing below, this list reflects days of cultural and religious significance recognized by City of Brampton’s recreation signage, transit buses, and precedents developed by repeat Council requests.

As the Clock Tower remains one of the most popular community recognition programs, the intent remains to encourage community organizations to use the Clock Tower to highlight eligible causes or events, within the City of Brampton. The lighting recommendations were developed with feedback from the Equity Office.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Colour</b>
January 1, 2024	New Year	Holiday	Gold
January 7, 2024	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day	White
February 2024	Black History Month	Federal Observance	Red, Yellow, and Green
February 10, 2024	Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon)	Holy Day - Buddhism	Red
March 11 – April 10, 2024	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam	Green
March 31, 2024	Easter	Holy Day - Christianity	Pastel Colours- yellow, blue, pink, purple
April 10, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
April 13, 2024	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism	Orange
May 5, 2024	Orthodox Easter	Holy Day - Christianity	White and Yellow
June 1, 2024	Pride Month	Federal Observance	Rainbow
June 17, 2024	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
June 21, 2024	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance	Orange
July 1, 2024	Canada Day	Federal Observance	Red and White
September 6, 2023	Jaswant Singh Khalra Day	Council	Orange
September 30, 2024	National Truth and Reconciliation Day	Federal Observance	Orange
October 31, 2024	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism	Yellow
November 11, 2024	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance	Red
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity	Red and Green
December 26, 2024 - January 1, 2025	Kwanzaa	Other	Red, Black and Green
December 26-January 2, 2025	Hanukkah	Holy Day - Judaism	Blue and white