

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)

*new addition for 2026

Date	Name
January	Tamil Heritage Month
January 4	National Ribbon Skirt Day
January 8*	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Air Disasters
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)
February 21	International Mother Language Day
March	Irish Heritage Month
March	Hellenic Heritage Month
March	Persian Heritage Month
March	Bangladeshi Heritage Month
March 8	International Women's Day
March 11*	National Day of Observance for COVID-19
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
March 31	National Indigenous Languages Day
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	Armenian Heritage Month
May	Jewish Heritage Month
May	Polish Heritage Month
May 5	Dutch Heritage Day
May 5	South Asian Arrival Day
April/May (determined by the Jewish lunar calendar)	Yomha-Shoah Holocaust Remembrance Day
May 12–18	Tamil Genocide Education Week
May 17	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
May 18	Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day
May 21	Ontario Flag Day
Starting the last Sunday of May	National Accessibility Week
June	National Indigenous History Month

June	Italian Heritage Month
June	Filipino Heritage Month
June	Portuguese History and Heritage Month
June	Launch of Pride Season
June 1	Ontario Day
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
June 25-July 1	Somali Heritage Week
July	Egyptian Heritage Month
July	Tibetan Heritage Month
July 1	Canada Day
July 10	Nikola Tesla Day
July 28	Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval
August*	Emancipation Month
August 1	Emancipation Day
August 15	National Acadian Day
Third Week of August	Public Service Pride Week
September*	Ukrainian Heritage Month
Second Week of September	Mennonite Heritage Week
September 7	Ukrainian Heritage Day
September 11	Provincial Day of Service
September 25	Franco-Ontario Day
September 28	British Home Child Day
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Fourth Week of September	Gender Equality Week
October	Hungarian Heritage Month
October	Korean Heritage Month
October	German Heritage Month
October	Canadian Islamic History Month
October	Islamic Heritage Month
October	Women's History Month
Starting on the first Saturday in October*	Ontario Cadets Week
October 1	National Seniors Day
October 11	International Day of the Girl
the day following Thanksgiving Day	German Pioneers Day
October 18	Persons Day
November	Hindu Heritage Month
November*	Lebanese 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	Trans Day of Remembrance
November 20-26	Canada History Week
Fourth Sunday of November	Holodomor Memorial Day
November 25-December 10	16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence
November 30	Scottish Heritage Day
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

The list of Major Holy Days recognized by the City primarily reflects observances from the top five religions in Brampton as indicated by the 2021 Census Data. However, select additional days will be included to acknowledge significant observances outside of these groups, including days of commemoration that reflect Indigenous spiritual traditions.

In 2021, Christianity was the most reported religion in Brampton, representing 35.7% of the population, with Catholicism accounting for 17.3%. This was followed by Sikhism (25.1%), Hinduism (18.1%), Islam (9.1%), and Buddhism (1.1%).

Please note that some religious observances are based on lunar calendars or moon sightings, and therefore, their exact dates may vary from year to year.

Resource: [Profile table, Census Profile, 2021 Census of Population - Brampton, City \(CY\) \[Census subdivision\], Ontario \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/92-627-x/2021001/article/00001-eng.htm)

Date	Name	Religion
January		
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day	Christianity
January 20, 2026	Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Sikhism
January 6, 2026	Epiphany	Christianity
January 7, 2026	Orthodox Christmas	Orthodox
January 13, 2026	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu (Punjabi)
January 13, 2026	Maghi	Sikhism
January 14, 2026	Orthodox New Years	Orthodox
January 14, 2026	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
January 14, 2026	Thai Pongal	Tamil
January 16, 2026	Isra'a and Mi'raj	Islam
February		
February 2, 2026	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism
March 3, 2026	Latern Festival	Buddhism
March 3, 2026	Magha Puja (Sangha Day)	Buddhism
February 2, 2026	Nisfu Sha'ban	Islam
February 15, 2026	Parinirvana Day	Buddhism
February 15, 2026	Mahashivaratri	Hinduism
February 17/18- March 20, 2026	Ramadan	Islam
February 17, 2026	Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse)	Buddhism
February 17, 2026	Shrove Tuesday	Christianity
February 18, 2026	Ash Wednesday	Christianity
February 18- April 2, 2026	Lent	Christianity
February 23-April 11, 2026	Great Lent	Orthodox Christianity
March		
March 3, 2026	Holi	Hinduism/ Sikhism
March 3, 2026	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism
March 14, 2026	Sikh New Year	Sikhism
March 15, 2026	Lailat al-Qadr	Islam
March 19/20, 2026	Ugadi / Yugadi	Hinduism
March 20, 2026	Eid Al-Fitr	Islam

March 20, 2026	Spring Equinox	Indigenous Spirituality
March 20, 2026	Nowruz	Iranian/Persian Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
March 23, 2026	Clean Monday	Orthodox
March 26, 2026	Shri Ram Navami	Hinduism
March 29, 2026	Palm Sunday	Christianity
March 29- April 5, 2026	Holy Week	Orthodox Christianity
April		
April 1-9, 2026	Pesach (Passover)	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
April 2, 2026	Theravada (New Year)	Buddhism
April 2, 2026	Holy Thursday	Christianity
April 3, 2026	Good Friday	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 5, 2026	Easter	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 6, 2026	Easter Monday	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 7, 2026	Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's Birth	Sikhism
April 14, 2026	Khalsa Sajna Diwas/Vaisakhi	Sikhism
May		
May 1, 2026	Wesak/Buddha Day	Buddhism
May 14, 2026	Feast of Ascension	Christianity
May 24, 2026	Birthday of Buddha	Buddhism
May 24, 2026	Pentecost	Christianity
May 27, 2026	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
May 31, 2026	Pentecost	Orthodox Christianity
June		
June 16, 2026	Islamic New Year (Muharram) – Muslim New year	Islam
June 16, 2026	Matrydom of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikhism
June 21, 2026	Summer Solstice	Indigenous Spirituality
June 25-26, 2026	Ashura	Islam
July		
July TBD (confirm date in 2026)	Jalsa Salana	Islam
July 29, 2026	Guru Purnima	Hinduism
August		
August 25, 2026	Milad-un-Nabi	Islam
August 28, 2026	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
September		
September 4, 2026	Shri Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
September 14, 2026	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
September 20, 2026	Yom Kippur	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
September 22, 2026	Fall Equinox	Indigenous Spirituality
September 25, 2026	Ananta Chaturdashi	Hinduism

October		
October 11- 20, 2026	Navratri	Hinduism
October 17-21, 2026	Durga Puja	Hinduism
October 20, 2026	Dussehra	Hinduism
October 29, 2026	Karva Chauth	Hinduism
November		
November 1, 2026	All Saints' Day	Christianity
November 2, 2026	All Souls Day	Christianity
November 8, 2026	Diwali	Hinduism
November 8, 2026	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
November 24, 2026	Guru Nanak GURPURAB (Birth of Guru Nanak)	Sikhism
November 24, 2026	Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur	Sikhism
November 29-December 19, 2026	Advent	Christianity
December		
December 8, 2026	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
December 8, 2026	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Christianity
December 4-12, 2026	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Judaism Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list
December 21, 2026	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Spirituality
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day	Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2027	Kwanzaa	(Pan-Africanism) Please note this date of observance is grandfathered into this list

City Recognized Awareness Days

City-recognized awareness days are observances that hold significance for various City departments and support community engagement, education, and inclusion efforts across Brampton. This list is reviewed annually by City departments to ensure it remains relevant and reflective of the community's diversity and priorities

*new addition for 2026

Date	Name	Department/Division Lead
January 28, 2026	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	Responsible Pet Owners Month	Animal Services
February 11*	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Economic Development Office
February 22	Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Day	Equity Office
March	Epilepsy Awareness Month	Human Resources
March 1-5	Black Mental Health Week	Equity Office
March 2*	World Teen Mental Wellness Day	Recreation
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 21	World Poetry Day	Cultural Services
March 22	World Water Day	Environment and Development
March 23-March 29*	International Cleaning Week	Public Works and Engineering
March 26*	Purple Day	Human Resources
March 27	World Theatre Day	Cultural Services
March 28, 2026- 8:30pm-9:30pm	Earth Hour	Energy Management and Environment and Development Engineering
March 29*	National Mom & Pop Business Owners Day	Economic Development Office
April	National Poetry Month	Cultural Services
April*	Vietnamese Journey to Freedom Month	Council
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day	Accessibility
2 nd full week of April	Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week	Animal Services
April 15	World Art Day	Cultural Services
April 19- April 25, 2026	National Volunteer Week	Recreation
April 22	Earth Day	Environment and Development Engineering, Parks Maintenance and Forestry, Community Safety & Well-

		Being Office/
April 28	National Day of Mourning	Human Resources and Strategic Communications
April 30	Journey to Freedom Day	Council Resolution
May*	Polish Heritage Month	Council
May*	Guyanese Independence Day	Council
May	Brampton Awards Season	Events and Protocol
May (dates announced early April annually)	Economic Development Week	Economic Development Office
May 1	First Responders Day	Fire and Emergency Services
May 1-7	National Youth Week	Recreation/ Youth Program & Initiatives team
May 1 – 7	North American Occupational Health and Safety Week	Human Resources
May 4-10	Mental Health Week	Human Resources
First Tuesday in May	Occupational Safety and Health Day	Human Resources
May 4	International Firefighters Day	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
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 4-10 (first full week in May)	Emergency Preparedness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
Second Tuesday in May*	Provincial Day of Action on Litter	Strategic Communications, Events, and Tourism
May 6	Occupational Safety and Health Day	Human Resources
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 12 – 18, 2026*	Canada Road Safety Week	Legislative Services
May 18-22, 2026*	Business Continuity & Resilience Awareness Week	Emergency Management- Brampton Fire and Emergency Services
May 19-23 (short week of May)	National Public Works Week	Public Works and Engineering
Starts last Sunday of May	National AccessAbility Week	Recreation/ Accessibility
May (last week of May)	National Tourism Week	Tourism
1st week in June*	Crossing Guard Appreciation Week	Public Works and Engineering
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 21	World Music Day	Cultural Services
June 23	National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism	Equity Office
June 27*	International Micro-, Small & Medium-sized Enterprises Day (MSMEs)	Economic Development Office
July	Somali Heritage Month	Council Resolution
Third Week of July	National Drowning Prevention Week	Recreation
July 30	Bill Davis Day	Council
August*	Black Business Month	Economic Development Office
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 21-27*	National Forest Week	Parks Maintenance & Forestry
September 25	Franco-Ontarian Day	Events and Protocol
September 28	Test Your Smoke Alarm Day	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
September 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Equity Office/Events and Protocol
October*	Small Business Month	Economic Development Office
October*	Cybersecurity Awareness Month	Economic Development Office
October	Healthy Workplace Month	Human Resources
October 1	Treaty Day	Equity Office
October 4-10	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 10*	World Homeless Day	Community Safety & Well-Being Office/
October 11*	National Coming Out Day	Equity Office
October 14-18 (pending final date)	Waste Reduction Week	Environment and Development Engineering
October 3 rd week (pending new dates for 2026)*	Small Business Week	Economic Development Office
October 31	World Cities Day	Tourism
November 1-7	Sikh Genocide Awareness Week	Council
November 1-7	Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week	Brampton Fire & Emergency Services
1 st full week of November	National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week	Animal Services
November 2-6, 2026*	Community Safety and Crime	Community Safety & Well-Being

	Prevention Week	Office
November 4	Take Our Kids to Work Day	Human Resources
November 8	World Town Planning Day	Planning, Building, and Growth Management
November 13	World Kindness Day	Equity Office
November 14	World Diabetes Day	Human Resources
November 19*	National Women's Entrepreneurship Day	Economic Development Office
November 10-16, 2026*	Global Entrepreneurship Week	Economic Development Office
November 25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Community Safety & Well-Being Office
	World AIDS Day	Equity Office
December 1*		
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Equity Office/Accessibility Office
December 10	Human Rights Day	Equity Office
December 21	Winter Solstice	Equity Office

Cultural Expressions for Bus Destination Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2026	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2026	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2026	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 16, 2026	Family Day	Provincial Observance
February 17, 2026	Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 17/18- March 20, 2026	Ramadan Mubarak	Islam
March 18, 2026	Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day	Transit
March 20, 2026	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Islam
April 5, 2026	Easter	Christianity
April 14, 2026	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
May 27, 2026	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 2026	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2026	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 21, 2026	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2026	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2026	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 12, 2026	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
November 8, 2026	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2026	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 4-12, 2026	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism
December 21, 2026	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2026	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2027	Kwanzaa	Holy Day-(Pan-Africanism)

Cultural Expressions for Recreation Signage

Date	Observance	Category
January 1, 2026	New Year	Holiday
January 7, 2026	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day
February 2026	Black History Month	Federal Observance
February 16, 2026	Family Day	Provincial Observance
February 17, 2026	Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse)	Holy Day - Buddhism
February 17/18- March 20, 2026	Ramadan Mubarak	Islam
March 20, 2026	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Islam
April 5, 2026	Easter	Christianity/ Orthodox Christianity
April 14, 2026	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism
May 27, 2026	Eid-al-Adha	Islam
June 2026	Indigenous History Month	Federal Observance
June 2026	Pride Month	Federal Observance
June 21, 2026	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance
July 1, 2026	Canada Day	Federal Observance
September 30, 2026	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation	Federal Observance
October 12, 2026	Thanksgiving Day	Federal Observance
November 8, 2026	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism
November 11, 2026	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance
December 4-12, 2026	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism
December 21, 2026	Winter Solstice	Indigenous Observance
December 25, 2026	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity
December 26 - January 1, 2027	Kwanzaa	Holy Day-(Pan-Africanism)

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
September 11	Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks
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

* The Clock Tower will be dimmed on the above dates unless a lighting request is submitted by the community.

Clock Tower Lightings

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.

Date	Observance	Category	Colour
January 1, 2026	New Year	Holiday	Gold and Silver
January 7, 2026	Orthodox Christmas	Holy Day	White
February 17, 2026	Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse)	Holy Day - Buddhism	Red
February 2026	Black History Month	Federal Observance	Red, Yellow, and Green
February 17/18- March 20, 2026	Ramadan Mubarak	Holy Day - Islam	Green
March 20, 2026	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Fitr)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
April 5, 2026	Easter	Holy Day – Christianity/Orthodox	Pastel colours, yellow, pink, blue
April 14, 2026	Vaisakhi	Holy Day - Sikhism & Hinduism	Orange
June 2026	Pride Month	Federal Observance	Rainbow
May 27, 2026	Eid Mubarak (Eid-ul-Adha)	Holy Day - Islam	Green
June 21, 2026	National Indigenous Peoples Day	Federal Observance	Orange
June 26, 2026*	Somali Heritage Month	Council	Blue and White
July 1, 2026	Canada Day	Federal Observance	Red and White
September 6, 2026	Jaswant Singh Khalra Day	Council	Orange
September 30, 2026	National Truth and Reconciliation Day	Federal Observance	Orange
November 8, 2026	Diwali	Holy Day - Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism	Yellow
November 11, 2026	Remembrance Day	Federal Observance	Red
December 4-12, 2026	Hanukkah (Chanukah)	Holy Day - Judaism	Blue and white
December 25, 2026	Christmas	Holy Day - Christianity	Red and Green
December 26 - January 1, 2027	Kwanzaa	Other	Red, Black and Green

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