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McDavid's Overtime Heroics Secure Canada's 3-2 Victory Over U.S. in 4 Nations Face-Off Final

In a thrilling conclusion to the inaugural 4 Nations Face-Off tournament, Canada edged out the United States with a 3-2 overtime victory on Thursday night in Boston. Connor McDavid delivered the decisive goal at 8:18 into the extra period, clinching the championship for Team Canada.

The atmosphere at TD Garden was electric, with Canadian players and fans celebrating as "O Canada" resonated throughout the arena. The tournament, featuring teams from Canada, the U.S., Finland, and Sweden, served as a prelude to the upcoming 2026 Winter Olympics and intensified the storied rivalry between the North American neighbors.

The game was not only a showcase of elite hockey talent but also a reflection of current geopolitical tensions. Recent political discourse, including discussions about annexation and national pride, added an extra layer of intensity to the matchup. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau remarked on social media, "You can't take our country—and you can't take our game," in response to provocative statements about Canada's sovereignty.

Nathan MacKinnon, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, opened the scoring for Canada early in the first period. The U.S. responded with goals from Brady Tkachuk and Jake Sanderson, taking a 2-1 lead. However, Sam Bennett equalized for Canada in the second period, setting the stage for a tense and scoreless third period.

The tournament garnered significant attention, partly due to the political undertones surrounding the games. Fans from both nations were deeply invested, with passionate displays of national pride throughout the event. The success of the 4 Nations Face-Off has set the stage for heightened anticipation as teams prepare for the 2026 Winter Olympics, where the rivalry between Canada and the United States is expected to reach new heights.





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City of Brampton Introduces Gateless Parking System in Downtown Garages

The City of Brampton is modernizing its downtown parking garages by introducing a new gateless parking system designed to enhance security, improve efficiency, and reduce congestion at entry points. As part of this upgrade, the City will also reinstate paid parking in these garages, effective March 3, 2025.

First two hours free for all users Affordable rates: \$1 per half-hour, with a daily maximum of \$9 Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 9 AM – 7 PM Free parking on weekends and holidays



The upgraded system will be implemented across the following City-owned parking garages:

John Street Parking Garage (16 John St.)
West Tower Parking Garage (41 George St. S.)
City Hall Parking Garage (2 Wellington St. W.)
Market Square Parking Garage (1 Theatre Ln.)
Nelson Square Parking Garage (2 Diplock Ln.)

These garages offer accessible parking spaces, electric vehicle charging stations, and bike racks to accommodate a variety of users.

When contacted for his comments, Regional Councillor Paul Vicente praised the initiative, emphasizing the benefits for residents and businesses.

"The modernization of downtown Brampton's parking garages is a necessary step in improving accessibility, security, and overall user experience. This new gateless system will reduce congestion at entry points and provide a seamless parking experience for residents, businesses, and visitors. Said Vicente.

He further added that "with the first two hours free and competitive rates, this system balances affordability with innovation while ensuring that our downtown remains a vibrant and welcoming destination,"



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Sunwing Cancels Multiple Flights from Pearson, Citing Weather and Crew Shortages



Toronto Pearson International Airport saw several Sunwing Airlines flights grounded on Wednesday as the airline cited weather disruptions, crew shortages, and limited hotel availability as reasons for the cancellations.

According to a travel advisory issued by Sunwing, the decision was made to prioritize returning stranded passengers from vacation destinations back to Canada.

Sunwing assured affected passengers that they will receive a full refund within 21 business days. Customers booked through Sunwing Vacations for flights scheduled between February 13 and 19—who experienced delays of more than 24 hours—have been given options to:

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Make a one-time change to their departure date, or
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At Pearson Airport, departure boards showed 30 scheduled Sunwing flights for the day, of which 14 were canceled and three others were delayed.

With ongoing operational challenges, travelers are advised to check their flight status and plan accordingly.

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Poll Shows Liberal-Conservative Race Tightens with Carney as Leader

A new Angus Reid survey reveals that voter support between the Liberal and Conservative parties narrows significantly if Mark Carney were to lead the Liberals, bringing the race to a near deadlock.

According to the poll, Conservatives hold 40% support, while Liberals climb to 37% under Carney's hypothetical leadership. The NDP sees a significant drop, losing nearly half its support from 21% to 10%, as left-leaning voters shift toward the Liberals.

Key Findings:

Ontario Remains a Battleground: Liberal and Conservative support is neck-and-neck, with 45% backing the Conservatives and 44% supporting the Liberals.

Quebec Vote Split: The Liberals (31%) and Bloc Québécois (30%) are tied, with the Conservatives trailing by nine points.

Poillievre's Rising Unfavourability: Conservative leader Pierre Poillievre is viewed unfavorably by 56% of Canadians, marking his highest negative rating since taking over leadership.

Jagmeet Singh's Struggles: The NDP leader holds the lowest net favorability rating (-25), with support remaining positive only among young women.



Top Issues for Canadians: The cost of living (52%), health care (39%), and relations with the United States (34%) dominate voter concerns. With the next federal election cycle approaching, the hypothetical candidacy of Mark Carney appears to shake up the political landscape, raising questions about potential shifts in voter loyalty.

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Delta Offers \$30,000 to Passengers After Fiery Crash Landing in Toronto

Delta Air Lines is offering \$30,000 in compensation to each passenger aboard the flight that crash-landed at Toronto Pearson International Airport earlier this week. A company spokesperson confirmed Wednesday that the payout comes with “no strings attached” and will not affect passengers’ legal rights.

The Delta Flight 4819, operated by subsidiary Endeavor Air, was carrying 76 passengers and four crew members when it made a hard landing at Pearson on Monday. Video footage shows the aircraft tipping over, its wing scraping the ground before bursting into flames and coming to a stop in a cloud of smoke. Passengers scrambled to evacuate as emergency crews rushed to the scene.

Investigators are still working to determine what caused the crash. The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) confirmed Wednesday that the aircraft’s black box has been recovered and that the wreckage will be moved to a hangar for further examination. Officials will also inspect the runway before reopening it.

Two of Pearson’s five runways—including Canada’s busiest—remain closed, contributing to flight cancellations and delays. Sunwing Airlines alone canceled 13 departures on Wednesday, prioritizing the return of stranded passengers.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian praised the swift response of first responders and reassured travelers that air travel remains the safest mode of transportation. He emphasized that pilots regularly train for emergency scenarios like Monday’s crash.



Though 21 passengers were hospitalized, all but one had been discharged by Wednesday morning. Some passengers, however, are now seeking legal action. A Toronto-based aviation law firm confirmed it is representing two Canadian passengers who sustained injuries, including one with a possible head injury. The firm is also collaborating with U.S. lawyers representing American passengers.

Experts speculate that gusty winds and possible landing gear failure may have played a role in the crash, but the TSB has cautioned that it is too early to draw conclusions.

For now, as crews work to clear the wreckage and restore operations, delays at Pearson Airport are expected to continue.

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PSB Seniors Club Canada Commemorates National Flag Day with Unity, Culture, and Community Engagement

The PSB Seniors Club Canada marked National Flag Day with a spirited celebration, bringing together over 100 seniors for a day of patriotism, cultural pride, and community wellness. The event highlighted Canada's core values of diversity, unity, and peace, reinforcing the deep admiration and respect the community holds for the nation.

The celebration featured vibrant cultural performances, including Gidha and Bhangra dances, along with engaging activities and a feast of traditional cuisine. Seniors actively participated in discussions emphasizing the significance of the Canadian flag as a unifying symbol that fosters a harmonious and inclusive society.

National Flag Day commemorates the historic adoption of Canada's iconic Maple Leaf flag on February 15, 1965—a powerful emblem of the nation's commitment to diversity, inclusivity, and democracy.

"Our flag represents more than just a national symbol—it embodies our collective spirit of resilience, peace, and progress. This event not only celebrates our pride in Canada but also strengthens the bond among seniors, reminding us that together, we are stronger," said Gian Paul, Vice President of PSB Seniors Club Canada.

MP Shafqat Ali (Brampton Centre) commended the seniors' dedication to community engagement in a special message:

"National Flag Day is a time to reflect on the strength of our great nation and the principles of freedom, equality, and peace that define us as Canadians. The PSB Seniors Club embodies these values through its unwavering commitment to senior welfare, community participation, and cultural preservation"

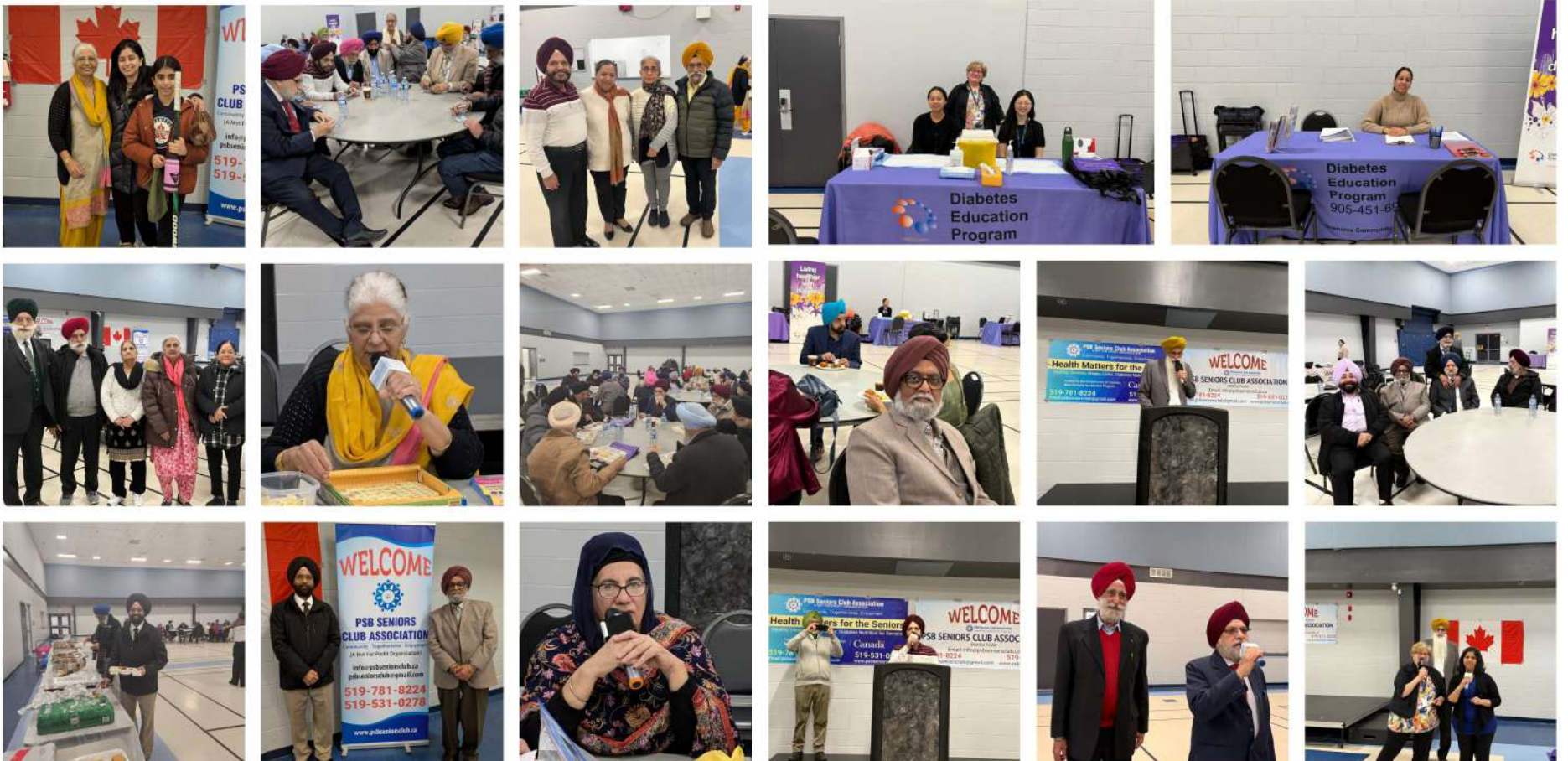


G.S. Khakh, Chairperson of PSB Seniors Club Canada, emphasized the unity the flag represents:

"Our flag is more than a national emblem—it is a reflection of the values of inclusivity, peace, and togetherness. Today, as we celebrate National Flag Day, we recognize the opportunities Canada provides and the strength of our diverse communities."

Beyond celebrating patriotism, the event also focused on senior health and well-being. A special health seminar was conducted by WellFort Community Health Services on foot care therapy and diabetes management, equipping seniors with essential health education.

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PSB Seniors Club Canada Commemorates National Flag Day

Ram Singh Daind, Director of PSB Seniors Club, expressed his gratitude for the club's ongoing initiatives:

"PSB Seniors Club continues to provide a meaningful space for seniors to celebrate their culture, stay informed about health and wellness, and actively engage in the community. It is heartening to see such enthusiastic participation in events that honor both our heritage and our commitment to well-being."

The event concluded with cultural performances, music, and a festive meal, creating an atmosphere of joy, camaraderie, and national pride.

Harcharan Singh, President of PSB Seniors Club Canada, extended his heartfelt appreciation:

"We are grateful to all our members, sponsors, and healthcare providers, especially WellFort Community Health Services, for their invaluable support in making this celebration a success. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next grand event—Multicultural Heritage Day on April 20, 2025. Further details will be shared soon, and we encourage all to join us in



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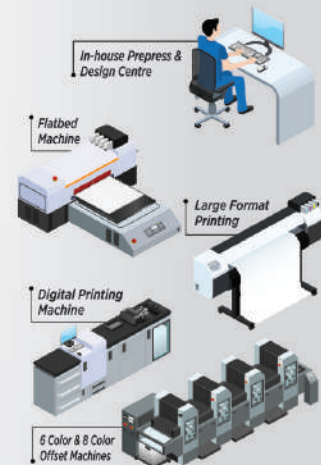
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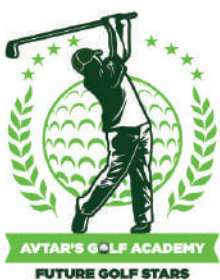


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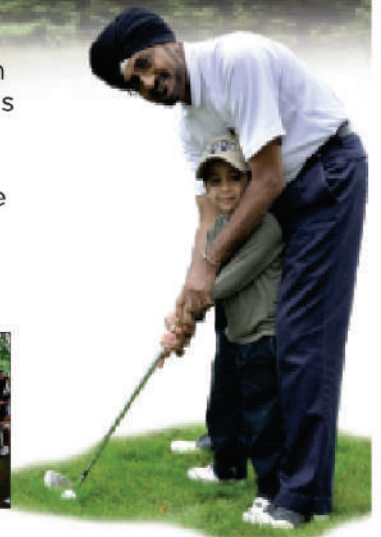
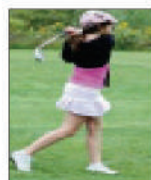
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