

## Expanded Calendar – November 2024

**Lebanese Heritage Month:** Lebanese Heritage Month was officially designated by the Parliament of Canada in 2023 as a time to recognize and honour the contributions of Lebanese Canadians.

**Adoption Awareness Month:** November is Adoption Awareness Month in British Columbia and celebrates the loving families created when people open their hearts and commit to sharing their lives with a vulnerable child or youth.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
October 31 to November 1	Cultural Faith-based	<b><u>Diwali</u></b> A festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, and Sikhs. The festival usually lasts five days and is celebrated during the Hindu lunisolar month Kartika (between mid-October and mid-November).
November 1	Indigenous	<b><u>Musqueam Day</u></b> An important day recognized by Musqueam Nation to celebrate their ancestor’s determination to seek justice and protect their inherent rights. On November 1, 1984, Musqueam won Guerin v. The Queen, the landmark Supreme Court of Canada case regarding the Shaughnessy Golf Course lease. The case, led by Musqueam Chief Delbert Guerin, fundamentally changed Canadian law.
November 7	Indigenous	<b><u>Inuit Day</u></b> An opportunity to celebrate, listen to, and learn from Inuit from across the North. It is a day to honour the rich contributions and vibrant ways of knowing and being of Inuit across the globe.
November 8	Indigenous	<b><u>Indigenous Veterans Day</u></b> An important day of remembrance that honours the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who participated in Canada’s military efforts.
November 11		<b><u>Remembrance Day</u></b> Canadians recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every 11 November at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World

		War and an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defence. Please refer to district messaging through RLT bulletin regarding Remembrance Day considerations.
November 15	Faith-based Sikhism	<a href="#"><u>Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib</u></a> A Sikh holiday that celebrates with a procession of songs and hymns.
November 16	Anti-oppression	<a href="#"><u>International Day for Tolerance</u></a> A day to recognize that people are diverse and only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.
November 16	Indigenous	<a href="#"><u>Louis Riel Day</u></a> A day that recognizes the anniversary of Riel's execution in 1885. This day is an opportunity to learn more about the life and importance of Louis Riel, leader of the Métis.
November 18-22	Anti-racism	<a href="#"><u>Multiculturalism Week</u></a> A time to celebrate the contributions of our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity enriches British Columbia.
November 20	SOGI	<a href="#"><u>Transgender Day of Remembrance</u></a> An annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.
November 20	Health	<a href="#"><u>National Child Day</u></a> Celebrated in Canada in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.
November 23	Anti-oppression	<a href="#"><u>Holodomor Memorial Day</u></a> A day to remember and honour the millions of victims of the Holodomor, the famine genocide deliberately inflicted on Ukrainian people in 1932 and 1933 by Joseph Stalin's totalitarian regime.
November 24	Faith-based Sikhism	<a href="#"><u>Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur</u></a> A Sikh day of observance for the death and impact of the ninth Sikh Guru.