



## Legislative Assembly of Alberta

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### Legislative Assembly of Alberta Commemorates 50th Anniversary of the National Flag of Canada

“The national flag of Canada stands for a nation that is peaceful and free and for a people who are compassionate, strong and welcoming to all. It’s important to take the time to honour this cherished symbol and to reflect on all that it means to us as Canadians.” – *His Honour Colonel (Ret’d) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta*

“Canada Flag Day is a great opportunity to honour this important symbol of our country. It is also a time to reflect upon our shared values and traditions that are fundamental to our identity as Canadians.” – *Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta*

Edmonton – On February 15, 2015, Canada’s maple leaf flag will turn 50 years old.

To mark the occasion, a flag-raising ceremony will take place on the Alberta Legislature Grounds.

National Flag of Canada 50th Anniversary  
Sunday, February 15, 2015, at 9:40 a.m.

Attendees will gather outside at the flagpoles located on the plaza beside the Edmonton Federal Building on the Legislature’s north grounds (108th Street and 99th Avenue).

This event is open to the public.

Remarks will be delivered by His Honour Colonel (Ret’d) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell and Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. Edmonton’s 395 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron will also participate in the celebration.

The national flag of Canada was officially adopted in 1965 and was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill, across Canada and at Canadian missions around the world. In 1996 February 15 was declared *National Flag of Canada Day*. Sunday’s event will closely mirror the original format followed in 1965.

Similar ceremonies are set to occur this week at various schools across Alberta.

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