

Something's Missing.



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**Call on the Government to Issue a
Commemorative Medal for the 150th
Anniversary of Confederation**

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Add your voice to the movement to respect an established tradition and recognize deserving Canadians by having a commemorative medal issued for the 150th Anniversary of Confederation.



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Respecting an Established Tradition

Commemorating Confederation

Canada has had a long history of issuing medals to commemorate the Confederation of Canada and recognize deserving Canadians across the country. The first uniquely-Canadian commemorative medal produced at the direction of the Government of Canada occurred shortly after Confederation in 1867. This special Confederation medal, "the first honour of the Dominion" was issued and awarded to the Fathers of Confederation, as well as other dignitaries for their part in establishing the Dominion of Canada.

Although no commemorative medal was issued on the fiftieth anniversary due to the First World War in 1917, a commemorative medal was subsequently created for the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation in 1927, as part of celebrations that saw nearly 50,000 people come to Parliament Hill.

As part of the celebrations of Canada's centennial in 1967 (the 100th anniversary of Confederation) a commemorative medal was issued by the Government of Canada and awarded to 29,500 Canadians "in recognition of valuable service to the nation."



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This tradition continued in 1992, when the Government of Canada issued a commemorative medal to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. This medal was awarded to 42,000 Canadians for their "contribution to compatriots, community, and to Canada," and greatly enhanced national unity and pride.

The Medals



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- The first medals produced in 1867 feature Queen Victoria on one side and on the other a symbolic image of Britannia and four maidens, representing the founding provinces. It was primarily struck in bronze.
- The medals produced in 1927 feature King George V on one side and on the other a robed woman with arms spread, accompanied by maple leaves and wheat at her feet. It was primarily struck in bronze.
- The 1967 Centennial medals featured the Royal Arms of Canada on the front, and on the other side a stylized maple leaf superimposed with the Royal Cipher. It was struck in sterling silver and had a red & white ribbon.
- The medals produced in 1992 feature the Royal Arms of Canada surrounded by the crest of Canada, and on the other side a natural maple leaf with the Royal Crest. It was produced with copper and zinc alloy, and featured a blue, white, and red ribbon.

Recognizing Deserving Canadians

Significant Contributions

Commemorative medals are awarded to deserving Canadians who have demonstrated significant contributions to Canada, their community, or to their fellow Canadians.

These contributions vary, but often include volunteerism, military service, charitable work, public service, professional distinction, and community involvement.

Such contributions are of great benefit to the country as a whole, as well as to individual communities and the lives of others. In the past, commemorative medals have been utilized as a means to recognize these contributions and the efforts of exceptional Canadians.

Exceptional Canadians

Canadians awarded commemorative medals have been recognized from across Canadian society, including:

- Aboriginal organizations
- Arts and Cultural organizations
- The Canadian Forces and protective services
- Charitable organizations and community groups
- Health and Education organizations
- Industrial and Professional organizations
- Veterans groups
- Youth and Sports organizations



Commemorative medals recognize the extraordinary contributions of Canadians



In order to recognize distinguished Canadians from a variety of fields, partner organizations have typically been asked by the Government of Canada to recommend deserving candidates from their community or organization to receive a commemorative medal.

These include notable organizations such as the Métis National Council, the Canadian Museums Association, the Canadian Police Association, the YMCA, the ALS Society of Canada, Engineers Canada, the Royal Canadian Legion, and the Boys and Girls Club of Canada.

Thousands of deserving Canadians from coast to coast have been awarded a commemorative medal over the years, as a lasting recognition of their contributions to Canada.

Why the Commemorative Medal is Important



The Government of Canada has announced that there will not be a commemorative medal issued for the 150th Anniversary of Confederation.

Despite the completion of plans and designs for a commemorative medal over a year ago, the new Government has determined that issuing such a medal is not an important part of the celebrations for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Respecting an Established Tradition

Commemorative medals have been issued to mark Confederation and each significant milestone of Canada's 149-year history. Although the design, ribbon, manufacture, certificates, and distribution of these medals has changed over time, the role of commemorative medals as an important part of the celebrations of Confederation has remained.

By not issuing a medal for the 150th anniversary of Confederation, the Government of Canada is not respecting an established Canadian tradition.

Recognizing Deserving Canadians

Commemorative medals honour and recognize deserving Canadians for their significant contributions to their country, community, and fellow Canadians. These medals have great meaning to recipients, their families, and their community, who appreciate the official recognition of exemplary achievements and service.

There is no better way to celebrate extraordinary Canadians than by awarding a commemorative medal for the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

