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POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN CANADA

Polish Heritage Month in
Windsor, Ontario – May 2026

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On May 31, 2026, we proudly concluded this year's Polish Heritage Month in Canada by celebrating and sharing our rich Polish heritage in Windsor, Ontario. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Polish community leaders, organizations, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose dedication and hard work made the many events and projects throughout the month possible. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed their time, talent, and resources to make Polish Heritage Month – May 2026 such a remarkable success. Together, we continue to preserve, celebrate, and promote our proud Polish heritage for future generations. We extend our special thanks to the Polish Canadian Centre Association of Windsor for covering the cost of this publication.



Thank You!



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is my great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Polish Heritage Month flag raising ceremony.

Since 1942, Canada and Poland have built a strong and lasting friendship focused on shared values, mutual respect, and a steadfast commitment to working together in addressing global challenges. This friendship is reinforced by nearly one million Canadians of Polish heritage, whose cultural and personal connections continue to strengthen the bonds between our nations.

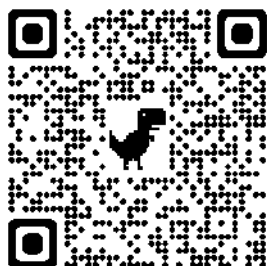


Polish Canadians continue every day to make significant contributions to Canada. These great Canadians are our artists, actors, athletes and cultural icons, and can be found across all areas of life and society.

As the Polish flag is raised today, we honour these contributions and celebrate the enduring bonds between Canada and the Polish community with pride and appreciation.

Please accept my best wishes as you mark this special occasion and the beginning of the Polish Heritage Month.

Ottawa
2026



Song "Tutaj po Polsku" created by Małgorzata Holec

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH IN CANADA WINDSOR, ONTARIO, MAY 2026 PROGRAMME



Please join us in celebrating Polish Heritage Month by displaying Polish flags on your homes throughout the month of May.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

2:00 PM-7:00 PM — Polonia Table Tennis Tournament, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polonia Sports Club, contact: Pawel Bochus — pbochus@yahoo.ca and Adrian Olchewier — AdrianOlchewier@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

12:00 PM — Ceremonial Raising of the Polish Flag (front of the Church), Holy Trinity Church, 1035 Ellis St. E., Windsor, ON, contact: Mariusz Zalewski — superlug66@hotmail.com
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SATURDAY, MAY 9 — SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

RADIO SERIES — WHAT'S UP WINDSOR (CAM 99.1 FM), Tuesdays (Live) 8:00 PM-9:00 PM | Saturdays (Encores): 12:00 PM-1:00 PM. Organized by: Polish Canadian Arts Institute, contact: Małgorzata Holec — polishartsinstitute@gmail.com
Tue May 5 | Sat May 9 — Roots and Identity: Over 100 Years of Polish Presence in Windsor
Tue May 12 | Sat May 16 — The May 3rd Constitution and Polish Democratic Values Today
Tue May 19 | Sat May 23 — Polish Cultural Heritage: Film, Art, and Community Expression
Tue May 26 | Sat May 30 — Polonia in Action: Intergenerational Engagement

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11:00 AM-4:00 PM — Mother's Day Brunch, 1:30 PM performance by "Taty" and "Polskie Nadzieje," Tickets \$35, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polish Peoples' Home Association, contact: Dorota Zalewska — mzalewski4@coogeo.ca and Maria Ginter — marysiag@hotmail.com

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

6:00 PM — Cabaret "Kabaret pod Banka - Gawenda z Gawenda", Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave, tickets \$30, available online or at the Polish Club ph.519 551 9160, contact: Halina — info@polishclubwindsor.ca or <http://www.kamniarski.com>

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FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

7:00 PM — Students and Young Professionals Social, Cuchina 360, 58 Chatham St W, Unit 100, Windsor, ON. Organized by: Polish Canadian Students & Young Professionals, RSVP by May 15. Contact: Suzie Sawicki — psaw.contact@gmail.com

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

2:45 PM - 5:00 PM — Bike Ride (mandatory helmets for participants under 18, Stop 26 ice cream break) - Tecumseh Arena, 12021 McNorton St, Tecumseh, ON. Organized by: Polish Scouting Association Windsor, contact: Ewa Jagielski - druzyna.harcerek.windsor@zhp.ca

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

4:00 PM "Legacy of Courage - A tribute to our Polish Veterans" Banquet - Celebration of Polish Heritage in Windsor, Dom Polski, 1275 Langlois Ave, Windsor, ON (by invitation only). Organized by Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc., contact: Barbara Koczwarra — bakoczwarra@outlook.com or Mario Kulesza — mrkulesza@hotmail.com Elzbieta Stepiak — emlepiak@gmail.com

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A tribute to the Polish veterans of World War II, presented in an exhibit prepared by Rafał Kosek.



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The Organizing Committee Meetings at the Polish Club, Windsor- 2026



April 29th, 2026 – Radio 7 Toronto. Interview promoting the Polish Heritage Month in Windsor. From left: Tomasz Piwowarek, Stanisław Beben, and Jerry Barycki. May 9th, 2026 - Radio What's Up Windsor?: From left: Suzie Sawicki and Malgorzata Holec.



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