

IMPORTANT DATES

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CUPE BC Women's Committee

1	1831 Emily Howard Stowe , first female doctor to practise medicine in Canada and an activist for women's rights and suffrage.	16	<p><i>Until all of us have made it, none of us have made it.</i></p> <p>Rosemary Brown 1930-2003 New Democrat MLA, first Black Canadian woman elected to a provincial legislature (1972 in B.C.)</p>
2	1927 Budge Marjorie Wilson , author of books for young readers and winner of numerous awards including first prize in CBC Literary Competition.	17	
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4	1957 Kathy Kreiner , World Cup alpine ski racer and Canadian Olympic Gold medallist at the 1976 Olympics in Innsbruck.	19	1955 Sue Holloway , first Canadian to compete in Summer and Winter Olympics in the same year – cross-country skiing and canoe sprint (1976).
5		20	1856 Eliza Ritchie , educator, feminist and strong suffragist. The first Canadian woman to earn her PhD (Cornell).
6	1950 Louise Portal , Canadian actress, film director, singer and writer won the Genie Award for best supporting actress in 1987 and a Gemini in 2011.	21	1884 Frances Marion Beynon , journalist, feminist and social reformer, worked in advertising and as a journalist in Winnipeg.
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9	1928 Barbara Ann Scott , Canadian figure skater, won Olympic Gold in 1948, two-time World Champion and four-time Canadian national champion.	24	1794 Frances Anne Stewart , true pioneer of Upper Canada, her letters are treasured.
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11	1918 Sheila Burnford , Scottish author of <i>The Incredible Journey</i> , a children's story about three pets who travel 300 miles through the Canadian wilderness.	26	
	MOTHER'S DAY	27	1919 Frances Georgina Halpenny , Canadian editor and professor, edited the <i>Dictionary of Canadian Biography</i> .
12	1966 Anne Ottenbrite , Canadian breaststroke swimmer. Won gold, silver and bronze medals at 1984 Summer Olympics.	28	1947 Lynn Johnson , creator and cartoonist, <i>For Better or For Worse</i> , whose characters aged in real time.
13		29	1895 Esther Marjorie Hill , first woman to graduate with an architecture degree and to be registered as an architect in Canada, despite gender discrimination.
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15	1941 Vivienne Poy , came to Canada as a university student. The first woman of Chinese descent appointed to the Canadian Senate, appointed in 1998.	31	