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**World Bank to assist Sri Lanka buy 5mn Coronavirus vaccines.**

World Bank has informed that it is funding 800,000 Pfizer vaccines as part of a program to help Sri Lanka get 5 million doses of Coronavirus vaccines.

It will be done by the year end and is also funding oxygen generating machines.

Sri Lanka has informed that it received the first batch.

"The delivery of this first batch of vaccines reflects the joint work of the government of Sri Lanka and its partners to ensure fair access to safe and effective vaccines for Sri Lankans," Faris H. Hadad-Zervos, World Bank Country Director for Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka said in a statement.

"More vaccines are under review and will arrive by year's end."

The World Bank gives money for vaccines that received regular or emergency license or authorization from at least one of several

stringent regulatory authorities identified by the World Health Organization for vaccines procured and/or supplied under the COVAX facility, and vaccines that received WHO prequalification or WHO emergency use listing.

The lender has helped set up molecular biology laboratories and provided laboratory and biomedical equipment and is supporting oxygenator purchases. "Patient treatment capacity will be improved through the planned district-level oxygen generating plants, ensuring oxygen supplies are available to patients," the agency said. "New isolation units and ICU/High Dependency Unit facilities have been set up in secondary and tertiary hospitals. World Bank funds have also helped provide essential supplies and services to 70 COVID-19 treatment centers."

World Bank is giving Sri Lanka 298.07 million dollars through its COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Project, including an additional 80.5 million for vaccines.

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# US RESOLUTION 413: A SHARP REMINDER TO SRI LANKA TO UPHOLD ACCOUNTABILITY & JUSTICE.



**By: Thambu Kanagasabai LLM.**



The recently tabled US 413 Resolution in the US Congress led by Ms. Ross breathes fresh air, confidence and hopes for the Tamils, particularly the victimized Tamils whose grievances which commenced in 1948 reached the climax with the genocidal war crimes committed during the war [2006-2009].

However, structural genocide has now taken a strong hold on their lives compounded with denial of accountability and non-dispensation of justice and reparations for the victims.

The UNHRC Resolutions of 31/1, 34/1, 37/1, and 40/1, sponsored by core members including USA, UK and Germany were met with contempt, rejection and denials of Sri Lankan Governments which consider accountability and justice as anathemas, irrelevant and interference with Sri Lanka's sovereignty and integrity which are exploited as convenient shields of impunity for defying the Resolutions.

Under these circumstances when the victimized Tamils are living pessimistically and desolately without hopes for remedies, USA'S 413 Resolution in the Congress has sprung like an oasis in the desert for the victims in the Tamil community as a whole.

This Resolution has highlighted the 12 years grievances of Tamils, exposed the sinister design, malignant motives and hidden agenda of Sri Lankan Governments to gloss over, delay, deny, defeat and discard those Resolutions slapping the faces of UN, UNHRC and the International community. The Resolutions' salient features are as follows:- [1] For 12 years, Sri Lanka has failed to take any simple action on those Resolutions successfully employing the dilly dallying deceptive tactics.

[2] Sri Lanka has even failed to implement its own commitments, Recommendations like the LLRC of 2012 and Paranagama Commission Report on Enforced Disappearances - 2014.

[3] Sri Lanka has failed to initiate any local independent impartial investigation including offering reparations, thereby has buried the values of accountability and justice.

[4] Sri Lanka excels in doling out occasional promises meant for instant consumption, but without any good faith for compliance and implementation.

[5] It is high time that the hollow promises and time buying tactics of Sri Lanka are exposed for suitable actions by the UN, UNHRC and the International Community.

[6] The promised accountability and justice have been thrown overboard while Sri Lanka's system of entrenched impunity is boosted and nourished infusing more flesh and blood. The April 19, 2021 Resolution tabled in Parliament by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakshe has elevated impunity at its highest pedestal where the Security Forces and State Officials involved in the alleged commission of war crimes etc. including bribery, corruption and money laundering are out of the reach of the

long arm of the law shielding any prosecution. Adding insult and compounding miseries of victimized Tamils, those convicted and jailed for the massacres of innocent Tamil civilians like the TRINCO MASSACRE OF 5 STUDENTS, are pulled out of the jails to walk free, an act of insult and a blot on the judiciary and legal system.

[7] The US Resolution 413 has hit hard at the Government's dereliction of obligations to implement and enforce the provisions of Enforced Disappearances Act of 2011 including the Office of the Missing Persons [OMP] which are almost archives and forgotten.

[8] The Resolution has also slammed the Sri Lankan Government's denial of democratic rights to the people living in the North and East by postponing the Provincial Council elections, the only semblance of power sharing mechanism half-heartedly granted to the North and East under the much criticized Indo/Sri Lanka Accord of 1987.

[9] Sri Lanka's open challenge and defiance of UN, UNHRC and the International Community is fully exposed with its blatant breaches of several promises made to the world organizations particularly pledging to repeal the dreaded draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act of 1978 [PTA]. On the contrary, PTA has now become the Government's main weapon to hunt down the media, and anyone opposing or daring to criticize the Government and its top Officials. There is no iota of doubt that the PTA will remain as the frontal armoury to advance the dictatorial agenda by intimidation and threats of violence against peaceful protesters like the threats made against the families of the disappeared who have been protesting day and night in the North and East for more than four years.

[10] Increased surveillance, intimidation and threats against Muslims including arbitrary arrests like the arrest of a Muslim Poet Ahnaf Jazeem like the arrest of a Muslim Poet Ahnaf Jazeem

[11] The 20A Amendment to the constitution has placed the President above the laws of Sri Lanka by granting full impunity from prosecutions for any civil and or any criminal acts committed by him in his official capacity as President during the term of his office.

Coupled with the US Resolutions is the European Union's Resolution which is calling for the immediate repeal of PTA and implementation of its own promises. There is no doubt that the President has assumed supremacy over the legislature, judiciary and executive aided by his family members who are holding several Ministerial and sub Ministerial positions controlling about 16 Ministries and Departments. Undoubtedly Sri Lanka's fate of the mangled democracy's survival hangs at the whims and fancies of Rajapaksas and it appears there is little hope it will emerge unscathed during Rajapaksas' reign unless and until UN and International community take the necessary punitive measures against Sri Lanka without delay.

The gleaming feature of the UN Resolution 413 is the recognition of North and East as traditional homeland of the Tamils implying their inhabitation in the North and East for more than 2000 years and as a Nation. Better late than never, it is a historical recognition of the Tamil Nation in the North and East which is entitled to exercise full rights and powers over those living in the North and East subject to Central Government's control over defence, exercise, customs, postal service and immigration. In summary, Sri Lanka has abysmally failed to respect its undertakings and international obligations, paid scant respect to recognize the roles of UN and UNHRC thereby becoming an outcast.

In the face of these breaches, lapses and failings displayed by Sri Lankan Government, The Tamils hope that the UN and the International Community will rally together to back this important UN Resolution 413 and make it a successful one, by also cooperating with US to initiate and enforce the required measures to force Sri Lanka to comply with the wills and recommendations of UN, UNHRC and the International Community commencing with the honoring and implementing the UNHRC Resolutions Nos. 30/1, 34/1, 37/1, 40/1 and 46/1.

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உயர்ந்த குறிகோள் இருந்தாலே போதும், வாழ்க்கையில் ஜெயித்து விடலாம் என்று நினைக்கிறீர்களா? அது தவறு. உயர்ந்த குறிகோள் மட்டும் ஒருவனை வெற்றிக்கு ஈட்டுச் செல்லாது. அத்துடன் உங்களுடைய நல்ல பழக்கவழக்கங்களும் சேர்ந்துதான் உங்களை வெற்றிப் பாதைக்கு அழைத்துச் செல்லும். உங்களுடைய நடை, உடை, பாவனைகள், பிறரிடம் பேசும் முறை போன்றவைக்கு உங்களின் வெற்றியில் மிகப்பெரிய பங்கு உண்டு. ஐபிஎல் கிரிக்கெட் போட்டிகளுக்கு மட்டும் 20-20 கான்செப்ட் பொருந்தமா? உங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் வெற்றி பெற ஷாட் அண்டு ஸ்விட்டா 20 பழக்கங்களை வளர்த்துக்கொள்ளுங்கள். வெற்றி உங்களை தேடி வரும்.

**சிறந்த தொடர்புகள்!**

உங்கள் பக்கத்து வீட்டு ஜடி நண்பர் முதல் பக்கத்துத் தெரு பலசரக்குக் கடைக்காரர் வரை அனைவரிடமும் ஒரு நல்ல தொடர்பை வைத்துக் கொள்ளுங்கள். நாம் எதிர்பார்க்காத நேரத்தில் அவர்களிடமிருந்து பெரிய உதவிகள் கிடைப்பதற்குக் கூட வாய்ப்புள்ளது.

**சிறந்ததையே செய்யுங்கள்!**

உங்கள் பலமும் பலவினமும் உங்களுக்கு நன்றாகத் தெரியும். எந்த விஷயமாக இருந்தாலும், உங்களுடைய பெஸ்ட்டை எப்போதும் கொடுங்கள். ஆனால், இதில் கிடைக்கும் வெற்றியில் உங்களுக்குத் “தலைக்கனம்” வந்துவிடக் கூடாது என்பதை மனதில் வைத்துக்கொள்ளுங்கள்

**திட்டமிடுங்கள்!**

நீங்கள் மேற்கொள்ளும் காரியங்கள் அனைத்தையும் திட்டமிட்டு செய்யுங்கள். உங்களுக்கு நல்ல என்ஜி இருக்கும்போது கடினமான காரியங்களை முதலில் செய்து முடியுங்கள். சிறிய, எளிதான காரியங்கள் அட்பறும் தானாகவே முடியும்.

**அசை போடுங்கள்!**

ஒரு நாள் முழுவதும் நீங்கள் செய்த பணிகள் அனைத்தையும் அன்று இரவு சிறிது நேரமாவது அசைபோட்டுப் பாருங்கள். நீங்கள் மண்மையை உடைத்துக் கொண்டிருக்கும் பிரச்சனைக்கு அருமையான தீர்வு கிடைக்க வாய்ப்புள்ளது.

**துணிவே துணை!**

எதையும் சாதாரணமாக எடை போட்டுவிடக் கூடாது. அதே நேரத்தில் எவ்வளவு பெரிய பிரச்சனைக்குரிய விஷயமாக இருந்தாலும் உங்கள் துணிச்சல்தான் உங்கள் வெற்றிக்கு ஆணைவே.

**சவாலே சமாளி!**

எந்தப் பணியிலும் உங்கள் அனுபவம் அதிகரிக்க அதிகரிக்க, உங்களுடைய பொறுப்புகள் அதிகரிக்கின்றன. கூடவே, நிறைய சவால்களும் காத்திருக்கும். இந்த சவால்களை எதிர்கொண்டால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்

**அன்றே செய்!**

“ஒன்றே செய் அதை நன்றே செய் அதையும் இன்றே செய்!” என்று சொல்வார்கள். எந்த வேலையையும் தள்ளிப் போடாதீர்கள். அன்றைக்குள்ளாகவே செய்து முடித்து விடுங்கள்.

**வெற்றிக் கூட்டணி!**

உங்களுக்கு முன் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்களுடனேயே கூட்டு வைத்துக் கொண்டு செயல்படுங்கள். அப்போதுதான் அவர்களுடைய நேர்மையும் கரும் உழைப்பும் உங்களுக்குப் புரியும். உங்கள் வெற்றிக்கும் கை கொடுக்கும்.

**கடும் உழைப்பு!**

நீங்கள் எவ்வளவு தூரம் உழைக்க முடியும் என்பது உங்களுக்குத் தெரியும். உங்கள் போட்டியாளர்களைவிட அதிகமாக உங்கள் உழைப்பைக் கொட்டினால் வெற்றி என்பது கைகூடி வரும் விஷயம்தான்.

**இடைவேளை!**

உங்களுடைய பணிகளுக்கிடையில் கொஞ்சம் இடைவேளை விட்டுக் கொள்ளுங்கள். அந்த இடைவேளையையும் நல்லவிதமாகப் பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும். இடைவேளைக்கப்பறும் சுறுசுறுப்பாகப் பணிகளைத் தொடர வேண்டும்.

வேகமாக எழவும் அதிகாலையிலேயே எழுந்திருக்கும் பழக்கத்தைக் கடைப்பிடிப்பது நல்லது. வாழ்க்கையில் பெரும் வெற்றி பெற்றவர்கள், தாமதமாக எழுந்ததாக சரித்திரம் கிடையாது.

**உடல் நலம்!**

ஒரு நல்ல வெற்றியாளராக வேண்டுமானால், உங்கள் ஆரோக்கியத்தையும் நன்றாக வைத்துக் கொள்ளுங்கள். தினமும் தவறாமல் உடற்பயிற்சி செய்வது நல்லது.

**நல்ல விஷயங்கள்!**

நல்ல நல்ல விஷயங்களை புதிது புதிதாகத் தெரிந்து கொள்ளுங்கள். கலை, அறிவியல், இலக்கியம், உணவு என்று எல்லாவற்றிலும் கவனம் செலுத்துங்கள். வெற்றி உங்கள் தோளைத் தொற்றிக் கொள்ளும்!

**பயணம்!**

புதிதாக ஏதாவது ஒரு இடத்திற்குப் பயணம் செய்யுங்கள். புதிய ஊரும், அங்குள்ள கலாச்சாரமும், அந்த ஊர் மக்களின் வாழ்க்கை முறையும் உங்களுடைய உங்கள் மனத்தையும் சுறுசுறுப்பாக மாற்றும். உங்கள் வெற்றிக்கும் வழி வகுக்கும்!

**தன்னம்பிக்கை!**

வாழ்க்கையில் எதற்காகவும் கவலைப்படக் கூடாது. எதைப்போ பாஸ்ட்டிடிவ்வாக எடுத்துக் கொள்ள வேண்டும். தன்னம்பிக்கையே தன்னம்பிக்கை!

**தியாகம்!**

ஒரு வெற்றிகரமான மனிதன், தன் வாழ்க்கையில் நிறையத் தியாகங்களைக் கண்டிப்பாகச் செய்திருப்பான். எனவே, எதைப்போ விட்டுக் கொடுப்பதற்கும் தியாகம் செய்வதற்கும் தயாராக இருங்கள். வெற்றிக் கணிகளை நீங்கள் கணக்கலாம்!







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# Rediscover the great outdoors and explore Canada's hidden gems



(NC) Canada is known for its natural beauty and stunning landscapes, and this country has long been a favourite destination for tourists from around the world. With the pandemic changing many of our international travel plans this summer, now might be the perfect time to explore the beauty right here in the great white north.

In fact, 65 per cent of Canadians are re-discovering the joy of domestic travel, and nearly half are planning to take at least one road trip this summer according to new poll conducted by Toyota Canada.

Get some ideas for your summer road trip by learning about our country's lesser-known-but- incredibly-picturesque drives:

### Mighty Fraser Circle Route

Follow this tour through the lower mainland, from Vancouver to Lillooet and back, discovering ancient traditions, historic sites and outdoor adventures. You'll get to visit the small communities that call BC's largest river home.

### Crowsnest Highway

Stretching from Southern Alberta to Vancouver, the Crowsnest Highway route is full of mining history and beautiful scenery. The Alberta portion starts a couple hours south of Calgary, with the charming towns of Bellevue, Hillcrest, Blairmore and Coleman offering opportunities to explore the area's coal mining history. You'll also find picturesque hikes and quaint mom-and-pop shops along the way.

### The shores of Lake Winnipeg

Did you know that Lake Winnipeg is even larger than Lake Ontario? This means it has a lot of shoreline to explore. One great route takes you from Gimli to Riverton along the gravel Highway 222, passing through Camp Pemberton and Hnausa Beach Provincial Parks, both of which both offer stunning views.

### The Loyalist Parkway

This provincial highway hugs the shores of Lake Ontario, offering many scenic rest stops and picnic areas at the roadside. Throughout the 94 kilometres of the parkway, you can experience recreational activities that range from swimming, fishing and boating to exploring historical homes and museums as well as nature trails abundant with wildlife.

### St. Lawrence Route

Enjoy a unique view of the St. Lawrence River and discover the beautiful Charlevoix region of Quebec on this 78-kilometre road. In addition to art and history museums, original watermills and windmills can be discovered on this road trip. You'll also have the opportunity to board the ferry to wander around L'Isle-aux-Coudres, a 23-kilometre island in the middle of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

### Sunrise Trail

This awesome summer road trip will take you along Nova Scotia's North Shore, with views of sandy beaches and the scenic Northumberland Strait. Begin your journey in Amherst and wind along the shore, making stops in Tatamagouche, Pictou, New Glasgow and Auld's Cove along the way.

## 7 tips and tricks for greening your summer road trip

(NC) While many of us have always enjoyed the open road, the pandemic has fuelled a newfound love for the outdoors and a greater desire to explore more of Canada on a road trip.

But before you head out this summer, Philippe Crowe, product education at Toyota Canada, has a few tips to make sure your next road trip has minimal impact on the environment:

### 1. Stay hydrated while reducing waste.

Bring a reusable water bottle that you can fill up at rest stops as well as reusable bags, straws, cutlery and containers.

### 2. Eat local and sustainably.

With the economy re-opening, you can support local businesses by stopping for a bite. To save on travel time, check their menus and make a reservation or call ahead to avoid any delays. You can also prep and bring meals from home to help minimize food waste.



### 3. Keep your vehicle well maintained.

The more you stick to a regular service schedule, the more fuel efficient your car will be — and that means fewer carbon emissions. Along with regular service, be sure your tires are properly inflated to safeguard everyone on the road.

### 4. Make recycling a priority.

This might sound like an obvious one, but recycling on your road trip is crucial. It's not always easy to find a bin, so keep a separate bag or container for your recyclables and drop them off in the appropriate receptacles when you find one.

### 5. Plan your route.

Map out your journey in advance to avoid getting lost and having to use extra fuel to get yourself back on track. For safety, always use hands-free features to safely use your phone or adjust music while driving.

6. Pack light. The more stuff in your car, the less fuel efficient it is. Avoid overpacking to help both your wallet and the environment.

### 7. Upgrade your wheels.

Choose a hybrid or plug-in hybrid vehicle to save on fuel and reduce carbon emissions. Electrified models by Toyota are more affordable than you think, come with great mileage and fuel savings.



## How to maximize fuel efficiency on your next road trip

(NC) Many of us developed a newfound love for the outdoors during the pandemic and are keen to stay green this summer. That means we'll be spending more time behind the wheel for day trips to the beach, weekend visits with family or road trips to explore our beautiful country.

In fact, a new poll conducted by Toyota Canada revealed that nearly half of Canadians are planning to take a road trip this season, with 76 per cent saying the pandemic has given them a new appreciation for the great outdoors.

Whatever your reason for hitting the road, maximizing your fuel economy will not only reduce your carbon emissions but also save you some money at the pump. Here, Philippe Crowe, product education at Toyota Canada, shares his top tips for using less gas this summer:

- Choose an electrified vehicle such as a hybrid or plug-in hybrid.
- Don't carry unnecessary weight and remove roof or bicycle racks when not needed.
- Map out your route ahead of time and listen to local traffic reports or use a driving app to avoid accidents, construction and other trouble spots while on the road.
- Avoid routes that travel through major cities with frequent stops.
- Use four-lane highways when you can and use cruise control where possible.
- Avoid idling your vehicle.
- Accelerate gently, maintain a steady speed and then, if traffic patterns permit, allow your speed to drop when you travel uphill, then regain momentum as you roll downhill.
- Use a fuel consumption display and learn how to track it.



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**TRREB UPDATES ITS SALES FORECAST & AVERAGE LIST PRICE UPWARDS**

**New Research Shows Potential Land Transfer Tax Hike Would Hurt All Buyers and Sellers.**



represented an all-time monthly record. Taking into account the record Q1 2021 sales result, but still accounting for sales trending below record levels for the remainder of this year, TRREB is revising its 2021 sales forecast upward to 115,000 transactions.

With year-over-year sales growth continuing to outpace new listings growth, the forecast average selling price has also been revised upward to \$1,070,000. "Home sales soared at the start of the year, with a huge sales record in the first quarter. However, the record pace of sales has run its course as pent-up demand has increasingly been satisfied in the absence of normal population growth.

With this said, a persistent lack of inventory across most segments of the market will keep competition between buyers strong, resulting in an average selling price well above \$1 million through the end of 2021," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

June home sales were up compared to last year, but remained below the March 2021 peak and were lower than the number of transactions reported for May 2021, consistent with the regular seasonal trend.

The average selling price in June increased by double digits compared to last year as well, but the annual rate of increase moderated compared to the previous three months. Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 11,106 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in June 2021 – up by 28.5 per cent compared to June 2020.

Looking at the GTA as a whole, year-over-year sales growth was strongest in the condominium apartment segment, both in the City of Toronto and some of the surrounding suburbs. On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted sales continued to trend lower in June.

"We have seen market activity transition from a record pace to a robust pace over the last three months. While this could provide some relief for home buyers in the near term, a resumption of population growth based on immigration is only months away. While the primary focus of policymakers has been artificially curbing demand, the only long-term solution to affordability is increasing supply to accommodate perpetual housing needs in a growing region," said TRREB President Kevin Crigger. In all major market segments, year-over-year growth in sales well outpaced growth in new listings over the same period, pointing to the continuation of tight market conditions characterized by competition between buyers and strong price growth.

On a month-over-month basis, both actual and seasonally adjusted average prices edged lower in June. The June 2021 MLS® Home Price Index composite benchmark was up by 19.9 per cent year over year. The average selling price for all home types combined was up by 17 per cent over the same time period to \$1,089,536.

While price growth continued to be driven by the low-rise segments of the market, it is important to note that the average condominium apartment price was up by more than eight per cent compared to June 2020, well outstripping inflation.

**TRREB Forecast**

Update TRREB released its initial forecast for 2021 at the beginning of February in conjunction with its annual Market Year in Review and Outlook report. The outlook for 2021 called for 105,000 transactions reported through TRREB's MLS® System with an average selling price of \$1,025,000. The reasoning underlying the sales forecast was that an improving regional economy and very low borrowing costs would continue to fuel strong demand, but this demand would ebb somewhat in 2021 because of stalled population growth due to pandemic-related border closures. While sales do appear to have peaked this year and TRREB is no longer reporting record months in terms of home sales, first quarter activity was higher than expected. March home sales, at over 15,000,

**New MLTT Research.**

TRREB's market update comes as new public opinion polling, conducted by Ipsos Public Affairs for TRREB, found public opposition to a potential increase in Toronto's Municipal Land Transfer Tax.

Last winter, City of Toronto Council directed City staff to report back in July regarding a possible increase to the land transfer tax for properties priced over \$2 million.

"Any MLTT increase has a ripple effect on ALL market segments, and would further constrain inventory, making it an even more challenging environment for buyers. Recent polling by Ipsos shows a majority of residents understand this risk and more than half oppose a potential increase to the land transfer tax. Housing affordability is one of Toronto's most serious challenges and City Council should be doing everything it can to make it more affordable, not less," said TRREB CEO John DiMichele. The poll found more than half of respondents are against this potential MLTT hike.

The online poll surveyed 801 Toronto residents, between June 15 and 21 (with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 per cent), and showed:

- 54 per cent oppose a potential MLTT increase on \$2 million plus properties
  - 63 per cent believe a potential MLTT increase on \$2 million plus properties will result in a tighter supply of homes for sale across all price points.
- Source: TRREB, July 6, 2021



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# Toronto Zoo

The Toronto Zoo is a zoo located in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Encompassing 287 hectares (710 acres),[1] the Toronto Zoo is the largest zoo in Canada.[7] It is divided into seven zoogeographic regions: Indo-Malaya, Africa, Americas, Tundra Trek, Australasia, Eurasia, and the Canadian Domain. Some animals are displayed indoors in pavilions and outdoors in what would be their naturalistic environments, with viewing at many levels. It also has areas such as the Kids Zoo, Waterside Theatre, and Splash Island. It has one of the most taxonomically diverse collection of animals on display of any zoo; it is currently home to over 5,000 animals (including invertebrates and fish) representing over 500 species. The zoo is open to the public every day of the year except December 25.

The zoo is a corporation owned by the municipal government of Toronto.[8] Founded by John Cameron Egan and business partner, Hugh A. Crothers, an industrialist who became the first Chairman of the Metro Toronto Zoological Society in 1966, the zoo opened on August 15, 1974, as the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo. The word "Metropolitan" was dropped from its name when the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto was amalgamated into the current city in 1998. The zoo is located near the Rouge River on the western border of Rouge Park in the city's east end district of Scarborough.

In 1888, the Riverdale Zoo opened in Toronto, as a typical example of a zoo during this time, with animals displayed as curiosities in dark cages and cramped enclosures. Animals for Piper's zoo moved to this site.

In 1963, a private citizen's brief to build a new zoo was introduced by Hugh Crothers to the Chairman of the Council of the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, William Allen. Allen asked Crothers to head up a committee to investigate the feasibility of a new zoo. By 1966, a group of eleven people became The Metro Toronto Zoological Society with Crothers as the first Chairman.

Original plans were to have the park located at the Leaside area, but the site was later used to create the E.T. Seton Park. In 1966, Mr. Crothers and the 10 other citizens met at City Hall to form the Metropolitan Toronto Zoological Society. In 1967, the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto approved the Rouge Park site in Scarborough for a new zoo. The following year, a feasibility study on the new zoo was produced by architect Raymond Moriyama. In 1969, a master plan was created by Johnson Sustronk Weinstein and Associates[13] that was approved by the Zoological Society. Construction of the new zoo began in 1970. On August 15, 1974, the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo was open to the public. The zoo increased from the original Riverdale Zoo's 3 hectares (7.4 acres) to 287 hectares (710 acres), and is now one of the largest zoos in the world. The Zoo introduced some designs to enhance the public's viewing experience and the animals' living comfort. Animals were displayed in naturalized environments and grouped according to their zoogeographic region. The old zoo was converted into an urban farm called Riverdale Farm, which opened in 1978.



# CN Tower

The CN Tower (French: Tour CN) is a 553.3 m-high (1,815.3 ft) concrete communications and observation tower located in the downtown core of Toronto, Ontario, Canada.[3][8] Built on the former Railway Lands, it was completed in 1976. Its name "CN" originally referred to Canadian National, the railway company that built the tower. Following the railway's decision to divest non-core freight railway assets prior to the company's privatization in 1995, it transferred the tower to the Canada Lands Company, a federal Crown corporation responsible for real estate development.

The CN Tower held the record for the world's tallest free-standing structure for 32 years until 2007 when it was surpassed by the Burj Khalifa, and was the world's tallest tower until 2009 when it was surpassed by the Canton Tower.[9][10][11][12] It is now the ninth tallest free-standing structure in the world and remains the tallest free-standing structure on land in the Western Hemisphere. In 1995, the CN Tower was declared one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. It also belongs to the World Federation of Great Towers.[1]

The original concept of the CN Tower was first conceived in 1968 when the Canadian National Railway wanted to build a large television and radio communication platform to serve the Toronto area, and to demonstrate the strength of Canadian industry and CN in particular. These plans evolved over the next few years, and the project became official in 1972.

The tower would have been part of Metro Centre (see CityPlace), a large development south of Front Street on the Railway Lands, a large railway switching yard that was being made redundant by newer yards outside the city. Key project team members were NCK Engineering as structural engineer; John Andrews Architects; Webb, Zerafa, Menkes, Housden Architects; Foundation Building Construction; and Canron (Eastern Structural Division).[3][4][8]

As Toronto grew rapidly during the late 1960s and early 1970s, multiple skyscrapers were constructed in the downtown core, most notably First Canadian Place. The reflective nature of the new buildings reduced the quality of broadcast signals requiring new, higher antennas that were at least 300 m (980 ft) tall.

At the time, most data communications took place over point-to-point microwave links, whose dish antennae covered the roofs of large buildings. As each new skyscraper was added to the downtown, former line-of-sight links were no longer possible. CN intended to rent "hub" space for microwave links, visible from almost any building in the Toronto area.

The original plan for the tower envisioned a tripod consisting of three independent cylindrical "pillars" linked at various heights by structural bridges. Had it been built, this design would have been considerably shorter, with the metal antenna located roughly where the concrete section between the main level and the SkyPod lies today. As the design effort continued, it evolved into the current design with a single continuous hexagonal core to the SkyPod, with three support legs blended into the hexagon below the main level, forming a large Y-shape structure at the ground level.[8][18]

The idea for the main level in its current form evolved around this time, but the Space Deck (later renamed SkyPod) was not part of the plans until some time later. One engineer, in particular, felt that visitors would feel the higher observation deck would be worth paying extra for, and the costs in terms of construction were not prohibitive. It was also some time around this point that it was realized that the tower could become the world's tallest structure, and plans were changed to incorporate subtle modifications throughout the structure to this end.





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