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ONTARIO'S THREE STEP REOPENING PLAN

By Charles Devasagayam

Premier Doug Ford unveils a three step reopening plan on June 14, 2021, based on vaccinating rates. The plan to start with outdoor activities, to ease pandemic restrictions. The plan was announced by Premier Ford on May 20 th at the press meet.

Outdoor recreational amenities – like golf courses and tennis courts – will be allowed to reopen, from May 22nd the Ford government has said.

Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events will be expanded on that day, which will allow these amenities to be used by up to five people.

These amenities include driving ranges, soccer and other sports fields, tennis and basketball courts, and skate parks. No outdoor sports or recreational classes are permitted.

Today, we're seeing increasingly positive trends and key public health indicators, and Premier Doug Ford said. As a result, we're now in a position to look at a slow and measured reopening of the province, and working in lockstep with our public health officials.

To enter the step one, Ontario must wait at least two weeks after 80 per cent of adults have received one dose of the vaccine. According to Health Minister Christine Elliott, Ontario has reached 58 per cent to date.

on-essential retail stores will be allowed to reopen with 15 per cent capacity.

To enter the second step, 70 per cent of adults need to be vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent vaccinated with two doses.

Essential retail restrictions will be eased, with essential retailers allowed 50 per cent capacity and non-essential 25 per cent.



The step three would see life return mostly back to normal and will begin when 70 to 80 per cent of adults in Ontario have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 25 per cent have received both doses.

Premier Ford could not confirm if schools would be reopened in June, citing a need for a consensus among his public health advisors.

"I want to thank Premier Ford and the Cabinet for opening up door recreation amenities starting this weekend. City staff are working now to open those amenities for this weekend," tweeted John Tory, Mayor of Toronto.

Ontario has reported 2,400 new cases of Covid 19 on May 20 th .1320 people are in hospital, 721 are in ICU and 493 are in ventilators.

It's important to note that number of active cases drops by about 6000 over the past week.

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Statements delivered by the Leaders in Canada in remembering May 18. PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU



Statement by the Prime Minister on the 12th anniversary of the end of the armed conflict in Sri Lanka

"Today, on the 12th anniversary of the end of armed conflict in Sri Lanka, we remember all those who were killed, or injured, and all who were impacted by the many years of conflict, including during the last phase of the war in Mullivaikal.

We also offer our deepest sympathies to the survivors and their families, and to everyone living with the pain and trauma caused by this conflict.

"Twelve years later, the wounds and scars of this conflict linger as survivors and all those who faced adversity, suffered loss, and endured trauma still seek answers, including on the fate and whereabouts of missing family members and loved ones."

Canada was part of the core group at the United Nations Human Rights Council this past March where the High Commissioner for Human Rights was given the mandate to collect, consolidate, analyse and preserve information and evidence relating to violations in Sri Lanka.

"On this anniversary, Canada reiterates its call to the Government of Sri Lanka to find a solution to the underlying drivers of the conflict. We will continue to advocate for a meaningful accountability process and extend support to all those working toward justice, reconciliation, and inclusion, all of which underpin long-term peace and prosperity in the country.

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I invite all Canadians to take time today to recognize the important contributions that Tamil-Canadians continue to make to our country and the adversity they have overcome."



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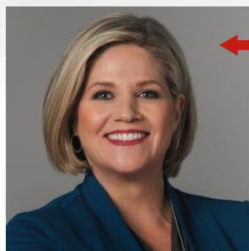
Premier of Ontario

Today, we honour innocent lives lost during the Tamil Genocide and pay tribute to the resilience and strength of the Tamil people. Ontario is proud to be home to a vibrant Tamil community whose contributions make our province Stronger.

Ontario will always stand shoulder to shoulder with our Tamil community and we will continue to denounce hatred in all its form.

The atrocities of the past must never be forgotten. They serve as a stark reminder of the need to build a world free from violence and injustice.

Let us keep working together to celebrate a better future for all Ontarians.



ANDREA HORWATH

Leader of the Official Opposition NDP

This May marks 12 years since the Mullivaikal Massacre in Sri Lanka. New Democrats join the Tamil Community in solidarity and support for your on going struggle for Justice, self-determination and accountability for this historical Truth.

In this past year, we have seen many concerning instances of the work of Tamil activists, journalists and students in Sri Lanka and around the world coming under attack.

Yet Tamil Community has persevered and continues to advocate for what is right. New Democrats have always been proud to stand with you whether it was joining community leaders in youth at the blockade of the Gardener Expressway in 2009 or in 2016 when I hosted the first Tamil Genocide Remembrance ceremony at Queen's Park, of this may when we were proud to support the passage of the Bill 104 in to law. The NDP is here for Tamil Canadians, and we remain committed to working closely with you on issues that matter to your community

Your advocacy gives us all hope that despite everything that the Tamil community had endured, there will be justice, peace and recognition for the people of Tamil Eelam. And together may we remember.



LOGAN KANAPATHI, MPP

I stand here with a heavy heart and heart wrenching memories of Tamils who perished during the last stages of the brutal war in Mullivaikal in May 2009. This is a very emotional moment for the Tamils including myself, having been brought up in Vanni region during my early childhood. Today marks the 12th year of Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day. Bishop Joseph Rayappu, a passionate human rights advocate and a respected religious leader who recently passed away, witnessed, Sri Lankan Armed Forces suppressed the Tamil resistance and massacred more than 147,000 people including women and children.

Mr. Speaker, The war ended 12 years ago, injustice done to them still remains unpunished today. Sadly, until now united nation hasn't set up a mechanism for independent international investigation. There is no roadmap to end the ongoing oppression on Eelam Tamils. We urge the Canadian government to involve with the UN to end this.

Through Bill 104, we are seeing the new hopes and our voice been heard. Thank you to the members of Ontario parliament for passing this bill. I pay my deepest respects for those who have lost their lives. I understand and share the pain of those who have lost their love ones. My prayers go out to them and their memories live with us.



John Tory Mayor of Toronto.

Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day Whereas, on May 18, 2021 we honour and remember the innocent lives that were taken and those whose lives were forever impacted by the armed conflict in Sri Lanka.

We gather in this solemn day to remember, to commit to ensuring that such a tragedy is never repeated and to continue to seek justice.

We welcome the fact that this year, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario has unanimously approved bill 104, an act to proclaim Tamil Genocide Education Week as the seven day period in each year ending on May 18. By recognising the Tamil Genocide and other Genocides that have tragically occurred, we are working to prevent further dark chapters within our collective history.

Of the 300,000 Tamils that now call Canada their home, Many have come to Toronto to put down new roots. Tamils in this City have played an integral role in the success of Toronto as they continue to contribute to the social, economic, political and cultural fabric of this great City. Just as Tamils stand with us in building a great city, we stand with them in remembering those lives lost, and commit to supporting long term peace, accountability and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

Now therefore, I Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2021 as "Tamil Genocide Remembrance Day" in the City Of Toronto.



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CANADIAN REAL ESTATE MARKET SLOWING DOWN?

By Charles Devasagayam



The Canadian Real Estate Association on May 17 th , 2021 said that the number of homes sold in April 2021 fell by per cent compared to the previous month's level. The month of March 2021 was the busiest month ever for the Realtors in Canada.

The Association that represents Canadian Realtors says that sales were down in 85 percent of all markets across the country. This includes just about every where in the province of Ontario and British Columbia, two major housing markets in Canada.

"While housing markets across Canada remain very active, there is growing evidence that some of the extreme imbalances of the last year are beginning unwind, which is what every one wants to see happens," CREA Chair Cliff Stevenson said.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, interest rates has come to a record low. Different types of incentives / loans from the government also helping the buyers to make a move.

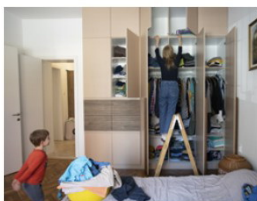
We often hear bidding wars which help to push the house prices even higher. Many first time buyers worry whether they will ever compete and own a house.

Although the sales volumes were slowing down in April the average price was still rising at record pace. The average price of a Canadian home that sold in April was \$ 696,000, which is an increase of 41.9 per cent from the previous year's level.

However, CREA cautions that the average price can be misleading because of the big market sales in Toronto and Vancouver.

Another reason for the slowing down is that perhaps some buyers have given up their hope after putting in offers on 10 , 20 homes. Also the stay-at-home order is also slowing things down a bit for the people. Perhaps when more people are vaccinated and lock down is loosened there could be another housing boom later in the Spring.

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(NC) With more of us working from home, our places probably need a good spring cleaning more than ever. But between juggling our jobs, the kids and everyday chores, we need simple, manageable tasks to tackle. Here are some easy things you can do:

Inspect the exterior

Thanks to wind, hail and snow, the outside of your house takes a beating over the winter. Take a close look at the roof to look for loose or missing shingles and walk around the perimeter to check for hairline cracks in the foundation, peeling paint or holes where critters can get inside.

Declutter closets

Space is at a premium in most homes, so take the time to sort through old clothing, toys and other items collecting in your closet and basement. With the pandemic, many are in need. Check with community organizations accepting donations. Most have cleaning protocols in place to keep recipients safe.

Review your insurance

As you're going through your home and belongings, take the time to review your policy to make sure you're covered for all incidents you need. You can also take pictures of your space and more expensive items, so you have a record in case you need to make a claim. Talk to your insurance broker about what your current homeowner's policy covers and what additional coverage you might need.

Replace air filters

After a long season of heat pumping through your HVAC system, it's important to change out dirty air filters. This will help you breathe cleaner indoor air and prep your system for distributing fresh, cool air in the summer.

Check the caulking

Caulking in your kitchen and bathroom helps prevent leaks and water damage to your home - which can cause your insurance claim costs to skyrocket. Stay on top of it by regularly caulking all the tubs, showers and sinks in your house. Find an insurance broker in your area today at aviva.ca/en/find-a-broker.



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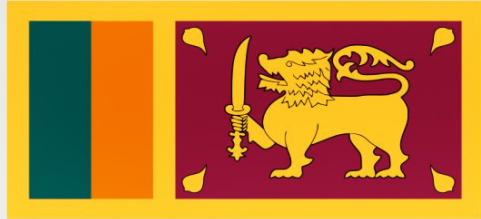
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ANOTHER GENOCIDAL ACT OF SRI LANKA AT MULLIVAIIKAAL

Sri Lanka's Destruction of Mullivaikaal Memorial Tomb and Stealing of Stone of Scripts on May 12, 2021.

Thambu Kanagasabai,



The above mentioned detestable incidents of vandalism perpetrated by the Srilankan security forces in the wee hours on May 12, 2021, are nothing but a continuing commission of genocidal, uncivilized acts planned by the chauvinistic government and executed by the security forces.

The Tamils living in the North and East have been at the receiving end of the majority Sinhalese governments since 1948. An agenda of genocide against Tamils was initiated in 1948 through Sinhalezation, Buddhisization, Militarization, Marginlization coupled with several pogroms in 1958, 1977, 1981, 1983, 1987 and the war from 2006 to 2009 being part of the genocidal process.

Besides more than 156 massacres were carried out from 1948 until the Mullivaikkal genocidal killings which can be described as the crown of all massacres and genocidal killings harvesting more than 70,000 lives with about 65,000 disappeared and unaccounted for.

Furthermore, a program of structural genocide was also set in motion by the majority Sinhalese governments which were carried out through state discrimination, forcible seizure of civilian lands, displacement of civilians, erection of Buddha statues and building of Buddhist Viharas in areas inhabited by Tamils in addition to the destruction of Hindu Temples etc.

In this context, the above said destruction of Mullivaikkal Memorial Monument and stealing of the Memorial stone is another sordid chapter in the agenda of structural genocide aimed at destroying the evidences and symbols of massacres carried out by the rampaging Sri Lankan Security forces in May 2009 climaxing on May 18, 2009, which claimed more than 70,000 lives according to UN Rapporteur's report.

The said destruction and theft are not simple momentary acts of desecration but preplanned intended genocidal acts as part of the 70 years old agenda to make Sri Lanka a pure Sinhala-Buddhist State. In this process, humanism, decency, human values and respect including civilized conduct for the dead, good or bad, have been simply spurned and discarded by those perpetrators.

Above all, the Memorial Monument and Stone which were meant for remembrance of those mercilessly killed in the war were cut down by the unruly security forces intended for remembering their sacrifices for the just causes of Tamils, besides remembering the site where the liberation struggle was brutally snuffed out over the dead bodies and wounded wailing civilians when hundreds of them died due to deprivation of medicine and food which were blocked and inhumanly denied by the government.

In short, denying the right to commemorate the dead is not only a blatant denial of a basic human right recognized by UN's Guide Lines on human rights, but it is also a grave assault on the civilized code of human conduct and on the collective conscience of the entire Tamil population.

It is hoped that the International community will take notice of this deplorable and disgusting behavior of Srilankan security forces when assessing the quality, scales and standards of respect of human rights by Sri Lanka which is supposed to follow and practice Lord Buddha's philosophy and teachings.

Even the Sinhala King Dutta Gemunu built a tomb for the Tamil King Elara whom he defeated and killed him in the battle in Anuradhapura in B. C. 101, and ordered all those passing by the tomb should stop and pay respect at that site.

On the contrary in a reversal of King Dutta Gemunu's decent gesture, Srilankan government has desecrated, destroyed and defaced the Memorial tomb and stone evidenced as symbols for thousands of Tamils killed in the genocidal war.

However, a day will come when the commemorations of the death will change to celebrations marking the liberation of Tamil lands from the occupying Srilankan security forces.

It is also suggested that Mullivaikkal Memorial day of May 18, 2009 should be henceforth called as Tamil Genocide Day, a campaign mooted by the North - East Catholic Bishops' Council recently when they met at Mullivaikkal Memorial site to inspect the destruction of tomb.

Besides, there is no iota of doubt that this day will forever remain itched in the memory of all Tamils as a day when armed resistance was silenced but can never silence the struggle, spirits, dedication and determination of Tamils to pursue their goals in a non-violent manner.

Without any doubt, it can be stated that the recognition of genocide by Canada's Ontario Legislature angered and triggered Sri Lankan government to take revenge and retaliate by this mean and malicious destruction and theft which only hooligans commit.



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Gloriosa Superba

Kuru Aravinthan.



(Gloriosa Superba, a flower which blooms during November in bright reds and yellows. After full bloom, the flower will remain fresh and change colors of the petals from green to yellow, then reddish yellow to scarlet, fading to red.)

When we entered the hallway, I saw traditional oil lamps were lit up inside near the door. A moment of silence was observed in memory of all those who lost their lives during the civil war in my home country. We stood in silence as the song of remembrance played; the flames reminded me of my past. In 1983 July, when we were in Colombo, communal riots destroyed my family which changed my life.

This kind of commemoration has been banned in my home country. The government denies our communities' the basic human right to mourn the family members we lost during the war in public. Luckily, we don't face these kinds of obstacles in Canada.

The symbol of the Tamil communities Remembrance Day is Gloriosa Superba, a flower which blooms during November in bright reds and yellows. After full bloom the flower will remain fresh and change colors of the petals from green to yellow, then reddish yellow to scarlet, fading to red.

My 8-year-old daughter who was born in Canada came to these ceremonies with me and asked with inquisitive what it was for.

"Because these young people gave up their lives for us to continue to live with self-respect", I explained her.

"Dad this happened in your home country", she asked.

"Yes, we suffered a lot, I can't forget those days".

Crowds walked by, weeping, and leaving flowers on top of the photos of those who passed away. My daughter grabbed some Gloriosa Superba which she calls Kaanthal flowers and laid them by the nearest memorial.

"Dad, will you take me to your home country?" suddenly she asked.

"Why...?"

"I would like to see where our family comes from"
My daughter was begging me to take her to my homeland, but I hesitated because of my experience during the civil war.

Later, one day my friend told me the fighting was over between the rebels and military. I discussed this matter with my wife and booked a flight back home during holidays.

When the flight took off from Pearson International Airport my eyes began to fill with tears. I couldn't forget this country which gave me my life back. This is the country which welcomes people who really struggled and suffered during their lifetime. Canadians show the world how to open their hearts and welcome refugees who were facing difficult situations.

It was only when I came here that I felt like I was a human being again. Back home, when we would hear planes or loud noises, we would hide in our bunkers. We didn't have to worry here. Now, I am proud to be a Canadian because this country provides me with everything, including a peaceful mind. Now it is our duty to respect the laws and regulations of this country.

When the flight landed in Colombo, I was in a panic. I hired a taxi and drove to my hometown, Jaffna. I could see the damage made during the civil war. I saw among damaged tanks, a cow near the roadside with only three legs. Its fourth leg looked to be lost from a landmine. Even though they said the war was over, the war which swallowed me during my young age and blackened my dreams could not be forgotten.

We pass Elephant Pass checkpoint, which was controlled by the rebels during the war. Now government forces were standing guard with AK-47's. They check our passport and ask us some questions, whether we have any connection with rebels. They were satisfied with our answers and let us to go. We came to a stop at the Kankesanturai cement factory army check point. There was a large barrier blocking the road.

"This is the end, you can't proceed further", the army officer said.
"My house is there, further north, I just want to visit", I replied.

"Sorry, that area is designated as a high security zone, we can't allow you to go there", he explained.

"High security zone, how come...?" I screamed.

I was disappointed. Everybody said that the country was back to normal. If so, why won't they allow me to go and see the house where I was born?

"Sorry sir, we won't allow you to go any further" he elaborated.

I was mad. I came all the way here to see my hometown. How could they stop me? This was a home where we lived for a long time. Not only me, but my father, and my grandfather, and my great grandfather, and so on.

My daughter's face was saddened because she too wanted to see her grandparent's home. There was no point in arguing with these soldiers, so I thought of where else we could go. Suddenly, I remembered my mother's place, where my sister's family lives which was nearby called Sandilipay.

When we reach Sandilipay, where my mother's house, my sister comes out to welcome us.

We had lunch and visited our neighbour's place. When I walk with my daughter by the side of her house, there is a house that looks so familiar it makes me stop. This is where my cousin Meera lived. Even though I was scared there might be land mines, I stepped inside anxiously.

The walls were badly damaged with bullet holes and there was no roof. No one had been here for a while, there were weeds growing from cracks in the floor.

During school holidays in Colombo, I used to visit to my mother's home in Sandilipay. This is the house where we would normally meet and play when we were kids. Inside, there was a storeroom where Meera would hide and surprise. I still remember what happened the last time she did this.

The storeroom door was unlocked; I push the door slowly and entered inside. Because this was a typical village house, the storeroom had no windows, so it was dark inside. I closed my eyes for a second so that they could adjust to the darkness. I searched for the fruits and found a basket full of mangos. I pulled some out to determine whether they were ripe. Suddenly, I heard what sounded like a girl laughing. I turned and looked; Meera was sitting in a bench in the dark. Even though I was shocked, I managed to ask,

'Meera! Why are you sitting here in the dark, are you not scared?'

'No, I'm ok!' She said. 'We are going to have our breakfast, why don't you come and join us.'

'No thanks, I am not supposed to eat normal food'

'Why, don't you like Mangos?' 'I like Mangos'

'Really...? Then why don't you come and play with us'

'No, not right now' I moved near her and asked her 'why?'

'Don't come near to me!' She got panicked and crossed her arms in front of me. For some reason she was a little hesitant as she looked at me.

Why was she upset? I stared at her and suddenly she started to cry. I didn't want to sit with her anymore, so I ran away.

When I was running, I remembered what happened the day before while we were playing hide and seek.

We both went and hid under the bed in the bedroom. Suddenly the person who was searching for us came inside the room. We were quiet and she stayed close to me. The person who was searching for us stretched his arm underneath the bed but couldn't reach us and left the room.

We remain quiet and waited in the dark. 'Take your hand off' she said. Till that time, I didn't realise that my hand was on her solder. Suddenly she started weeping without telling me why? I was scared, so I ran and told her mother that she was crying for no reason.

Her mother came and asked her the reason. She didn't respond so her mother took her directly to the washroom. I didn't know what happened after that. Mother said that she was not a kid anymore and won't come out to play with us.

When a teenage girl is separated from the boys like this, you know what happened to her. A week had passed, and it was time to go back to Colombo for school. I got ready and went Meera's to tell her goodbye. She was in her bed reading a story book. When I went near her, she looked at my face with a lot of enthusiasm.

'Hi Meera, I am leaving today, and I came to say goodbye' She didn't say anything but got up and looked at me with a smile. I said bye to her and turned to leave, but she came near to me and pulled me, hugged me, and gave me a sweet kiss. And in my ears whispered, 'I love you'. I was shocked, but Her face was filled with joy and sadness. I was thrilled and melted at her smile because I didn't expect these kinds of words from her. Her smiling face had all along been glowing in front of my eyes. I didn't know whether she really loved me or if it was just youthful infatuation? I went back to Colombo with those dear memories and went back to focusing on the school year ahead.

Two years later, I wanted to go back to Sandilipay and meet Meera. While arranging my train ticket back home, I heard the news that Meera had left from Sandilipay and joined with the rebels. It was a shock to me, if she really loved me, then why did she go? Maybe she took care of our people and loved our homeland more than she loved me. After that, our family never had any contact with her. We didn't know where she stayed or what she did, as the rebels always lived in secrecy. Things kept getting worse and eventually I fled to Canada to escape the war which destroyed my youthful dreams. I got married in Canada and shortly after had my first daughter.

During and after the final war so many rebels captured and killed by the forces, we never heard about Meera, whether she was alive or not. This is the house where I met Meera first. In the abandoned storeroom, I could see some weeds and bushes. Among those bushes, I could also see a plant with bright Gloriosa Superba flower which made me to cry again.

Suddenly, I felt somebody touch my shoulder. I slowly turned to see my daughter was there.

'Dad, are you crying?' She asked.

I managed to wipe my tears. My daughter doesn't know why I am crying.
O' Meera, where are you?

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Spice things up with the drink of summer

(NC) Make this kicked-up twist on a Moscow mule your house drink this summer. Jalapeño-spiked lemonade and fiery ginger beer collude to make this warm-weather sipper spicy (but not alarmingly so) and sweet.

Feel free to swap out the ginger beer for ginger ale if you want a milder flavour. Serve well chilled in copper mugs with straws over crushed ice.

Kicked-Up Mexican Mule

Prep time: 10 minutes

Serves: 6 cups

Ingredients:

3 cups (750 mL) PC jalapeño lemonade
3 cups (750 mL) PC Jamaican-style ginger beer
¾ cup (188 mL) tequila blanco (silver tequila)
¼ cup (60 mL) orange liqueur
3 tbsp (45 mL) fresh lime juice
Crushed ice
6 lime slices or wedges
6 fresh mint sprigs
6 jalapeño slices (seeds removed), optional



Directions:

1. Stir together lemonade, ginger beer, tequila, orange liqueur and lime juice in large (8 to 10 cup/2 to 2.5L) pitcher.
2. Fill six serving glasses halfway with crushed ice. Pour in lemonade mixture, dividing evenly. Garnish with lime, mint and jalapeño (if using).

Try this: For a non-alcoholic option, omit the tequila and orange liqueur and add an additional ½ cup (125 mL) each jalapeño lemonade and Jamaican-style ginger beer.

Nutritional information per 1½ cups: calories 260, fat 0 g, saturated fat 0 g, sodium 20 mg, carbohydrates 22 g, dietary fibre 0g, sugars 30 g, protein 0 g.

Burger lovers unite this Father's Day

(NC) What makes a burger the ultimate grill champion and a dish that all food lovers can get behind? Whether you're a beef eater, prefer chicken or are living your best veggie life, there's a burger for everyone.

With Father's Day right around the corner, why not create the ultimate burger for dad? This loaded nacho burger is made with a prime rib patty and features a layer of gooey jalapeño-studded Monterey Jack cheese. It's also loaded with traditional nacho toppings, like fresh pico de gallo, avocado and cilantro crema.

If beef isn't your thing, it can be easily swapped out for your protein of your choice at your local Loblaws.

Loaded Nacho Burger

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Serves: 4

Ingredients:

4 PC thick and juicy prime rib burgers
4 hamburger buns, split
1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced
½ cup (125 mL) pico de gallo salsa
¼ cup (60 mL) cilantro lime crema
4 lettuce leaves
4 slices jalapeño Monterey Jack cheese (optional)



Directions:

1. Preheat barbecue to medium. Oil grill.
2. Cook frozen burgers with the lid of your grill down, turning once, until cooked through; about 10 to 12 minutes. If adding cheese, top burgers with cheese in the last minute of cooking.

3. Transfer to plate. Let stand 2 minutes. Meanwhile, add buns, cut sides down, to grill; cook until lightly toasted for about 1 to 2 minutes.
4. Place burgers on bun bottoms and top with avocado, salsa, crema and lettuce, dividing evenly. Sandwich with burger tops.

Tip: Feeling adventurous?

Serve tortilla chips on the side with pico de gallo and guacamole.

Nutritional information per one burger: calories 650, fat 45 g, sodium 1030 mg, carbohydrates 36 g, dietary fibre 3 g, sugars 5 g, protein 27 g.

The flavour for all your summer meals, yuzu

(NC) Look again, that's not a lemon, it's a yuzu! This citrus fruit is bright yellow, round and slightly smaller than an orange. The taste is between that of a grapefruit and a mandarin orange — tart but very sweet scented. While the fruit itself is almost never eaten on its own, the zest and juice are used countless ways in foods and drinks.

Yuzu has a very strong flavour, and depending on your usage, very little may be needed to pack a punch. In drinks, a little goes a very long way, and just a drop in a cocktail is often enough. It also has infinite applications in sweet recipes, where it's best used like an essence. Try adding a couple of drops to your custards, jellies, ices and meringues and you won't regret it.

This summer, President's Choice Insiders Report has a great range of yuzu products for anyone looking to try something new, including this indulgent, dairy-free riff on ice cream cake.

It's made with tangy-sweet yuzu citrus and blueberry sorbet, layered on a coconut-graham crust and topped with zesty blueberry-lime sauce.

Yuzu Blueberry Sorbet Cake

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Serves: 12

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups (375 mL) graham cracker crumbs
½ cup (125 mL) unsweetened medium shredded coconut
5 tbsp (75 mL) coconut oil (solid or liquid)
1 tub (946 mL) PC yuzu citrus and blueberry sorbet
3 cups (750 mL) frozen wild blueberries
1/3 cup (83 mL) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (30 mL) cornstarch
1 tsp (5 mL) grated lime zest
2 tbsp (30 mL) fresh lime juice
½ cup (125 mL) coconut chips



Directions:

1. Toast graham crumbs and shredded coconut in nonstick skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until light golden; about 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl. Return skillet to medium heat; add coconut oil and cook until melted (skip this step if using liquid coconut oil). Stir into graham crumb mixture.

2. Mist 9-inch (2.5 L) springform pan with cooking spray or grease with coconut oil. Lightly press graham crumb mixture into bottom of pan (do not press up side of pan and do not pack mixture firmly). Freeze 30 minutes.

3. Let sorbet stand at room temperature until beginning to soften, about 20 minutes. Scoop sorbet into springform pan over crust, smoothing top; return to freezer.

4. Meanwhile, bring frozen blueberries and sugar to a boil in small saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle boil; cook, stirring occasionally, until blueberries are softened and liquid becomes a bit syrupy, about 5 minutes. Stir cornstarch with lime juice in small bowl; stir into blueberry mixture. Return to a boil, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Stir in lime zest.

5. Transfer blueberry mixture to a large heatproof bowl. Refrigerate until slightly cooled, about 20 minutes. Pour blueberry mixture over sorbet, gently smoothing top. Return to freezer until well chilled, at least 1 hour.

6. Run small paring knife around inside edge of springform pan; release and remove side of pan. Tip: If cake doesn't easily release from pan, dampen a kitchen towel with warm water and wrap it around base and side of pan to slightly melt the edge just enough to release.

7. Transfer to serving platter, removing from base. Sprinkle with coconut chips. Tip: Run your knife under warm water before slicing, wiping blade with a damp cloth between cuts.

Try this: Serving this cake outdoors? Freeze your serving platter and plates before using to keep the cake from melting too fast.

Nutritional information per 1/12 of cake: calories 390, fat 15 g, saturated fat 11 g, sodium 190 mg, carbohydrates 63 g, dietary fibre 3 g, sugars 33 g, protein 3 g.

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