

# History of PRIDE



## 1969 • May

Canada decriminalises homosexual acts between consenting adults. Prior to this it was illegal and punishable by life imprisonment

## 1969 • June

The Stonewall riots occurred in June of 1969 in New York City. At the time, being gay was illegal and so, bars like Stonewall were hyper surveyed and over policed. NYC police raided a gay club in Greenwich Village called, the Stonewall Inn on June 28th of 1969. Police raided the establishment, aggressively and violently removed patrons and employees from the bar. This led to a six-day protest which sparked gay-rights movements globally.



## 1971 • August

In August of 1971, the first Canadian protest for gay rights took place in Ottawa and Vancouver, demanding the end of discrimination against the LGBTQ community. The following year Toronto held its first Pride, a picnic on Toronto Islands organized by the University of Toronto's Homophile Association, Toronto Gay Action Now and the Community

## 1973 • December

Homosexuality is removed as a "disorder" from the Diagnostics and Statistics Manual of Mental Disorders in December of 1973.



## 1973 • August

Pride week becomes a nationally held event in August of 1973. Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg host events.

## 1974 • August

In 1974, the "Brunswick four" are arrested and the event garnishes extensive media coverage, one of the first gay/lesbian events to attract that level of attention from the media.

## 1975 • 1976

1975 to 1976 Montreal police raid establishments frequented by the LGBTQ community in an attempt to 'clean-up' the city prior to the 1976 Summer Olympics.

## 1977 • October

October of 1977 Montreal police raided Truux and Le Mystique, two gay bars on Stanley St. This event resulted in many men being arrested, shamed and harmed.

## 1978

1978, Gilbert Baker an American drag performer and war vet created the rainbow flag that has served as a symbol for LGBTQ freedom.

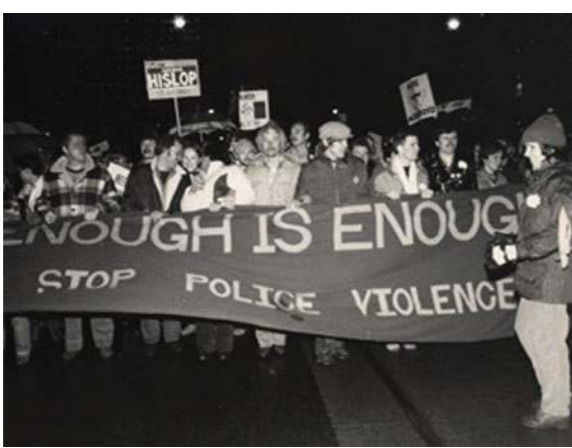


## 1977 • December

December of 1977, Quebec includes sexual orientation into its human rights code. Making Quebec the first province to do so.

## 1980

Edmonton hosts it's first Pride festival in 1980.



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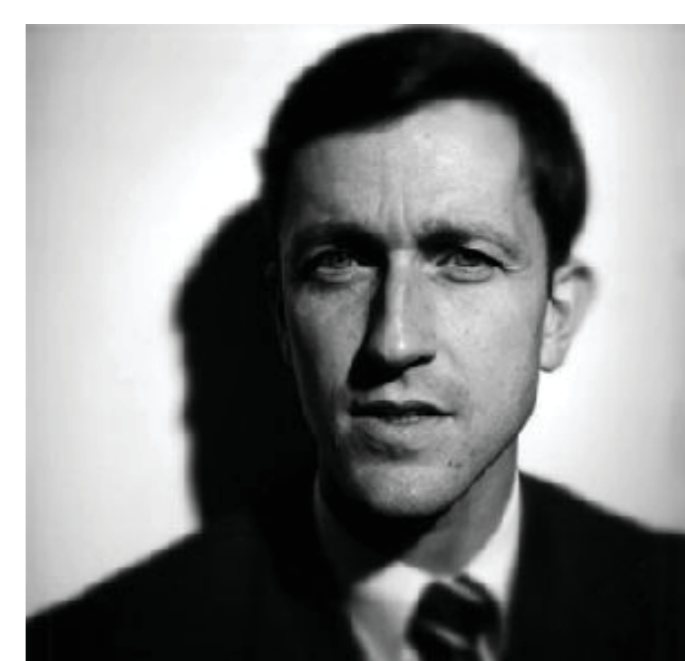
Vancouver and Montreal are the first Canadian cities to host an official Pride march in 1979.

## 1981

In February of 1981, Toronto police raided four city bathhouses, the event ended in the arrest of 300 men. In reaction to bathhouse raid or operation soap, 3,000 people protested in the 52 Division police precinct and Queen's Park. Raids of this nature continued to take place for 20 years following the raid in 1981.

## 1982

In 1982, Glad Day bookshop based in Toronto (oldest surviving LGBTQ bookshop) was raided and staff member Kevin Orr was charged with possession of obscene material.



## 1988

February of 1988, British Columbia MP Svend Robinson came out as Canada's first openly gay member of parliament.



## 1990

July of 1990, The term Two Spirit (niizh manidooowag) is coined by Elder Myra Laramie at the third annual Native American/First Nations Gay and Lesbian Conference in Winnipeg.

## 1996

June of 1996, Canada introduces Bill C-33, which adds sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

## 1999

In 1999, The Supreme Court of Canada decides in M v. H that same-sex couples deserve the same rights as heterosexual couples.

## 2005

Canada becomes the fourth country to legalise gay marriage.



## 2013

House of Commons passes Bill C-279 in 2013, which extends human rights protection to the transgender community in Canada.

## 2017

In 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau issues an apology and sets out to make an amends for the hyper-surveillance, harm and discrimination done by the government on the LGBTQ2S community through the 50s & 60s.

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