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Patriots' Day 2026: History and Montreal Program

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Executive Summary

National Patriots' Day (Journée nationale des Patriotes), celebrated on Monday, May 18, 2026, in Montreal (and throughout Quebec), commemorates the struggles of the *Lower Canada* Patriotes of 1837-1838 for political freedom and national recognition (fr-academic.com) (www.1837.qc.ca). Established by decree in November 2002 and celebrated for the first time in May 2003 (fr-academic.com) (www.1837.qc.ca), it replaced the former "Dollard Day" (or "Dollard-et-Chénier Day", introduced during the 1920s-1960s to compete with Victoria Day) (fr-academic.com) (www.journaldequebec.com). The **Montreal programme** in 2026 will include official ceremonies (speeches, wreath-laying, presentations of patriotic awards) and **cultural events** (exhibitions, patriotic concerts, commemorative marches, etc.). For example, organizations such as Montreal's **Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste (SSJB)** traditionally mark the holiday with gatherings and a march downtown (montreal.citynews.ca) (2727coworking.com). At the same time, the day's **political and cultural context** differs radically from "Victoria Day on May 18", observed in the rest of Canada: for Quebecers, the holiday

celebrates republican ideals and the memory of the Patriotes, whereas elsewhere it honours the monarchical symbolism inherited from Queen Victoria (fr-academic.com) (2727coworking.com). This distinction reflects divergent perspectives: one in ten Quebecers still supports the monarchy (18% according to a 2021 poll) (www.tvanouvelles.ca), while the majority (52% in 2025) would prefer to establish a republican system (www.tvanouvelles.ca).

This detailed research report presents the **historical context** of National Patriots' Day, the anticipated programme in Montreal on May 18, 2026, and a comparative analysis with Victoria Day. It incorporates recent statistical data, official and community perspectives, case studies (e.g., specific events in Montreal and the surrounding area), and considers future developments surrounding these commemorations, illustrating the underlying issues of identity and politics. All assertions are supported by reliable sources (news articles, institutional websites, studies, etc.) cited inline (www.1837.qc.ca) (montreal.citynews.ca) (fr-academic.com).

Introduction and Historical Context

"National Patriots' Day", more commonly called **Patriots' Day**, is a Quebec statutory holiday celebrated each year on the Monday before May 25 (fr-academic.com). Its origins date back to the rebellions of 1837-1838 in *Lower Canada* (now Quebec), during which nationalist activists, both women and men (the *Patriotes*), confronted the British colonial regime to demand responsible government and national recognition for the French Canadian people. This struggle for democracy is central to the holiday's modern meaning (fr-academic.com) (www.1837.qc.ca). In 1837, patriotic assemblies such as those in Saint-Charles and Saint-Denis took place in opposition to the inaction of the governor and the Legislative Council. They led to armed uprisings, suppressed during the battles of St-Denis (1837) and St-Eustache (1838). Jean-Olivier Chénier, one of the Patriotes, died in 1837 at St-Eustache and became a national hero celebrated in later years (www.journaldequebec.com).

The memory of these events has remained alive in Quebec's collective memory. As early as 1937, for the centenary of the Rebellions, residents of Saint-Denis-sur-Richelieu organized commemorative festivities (fr-academic.com). However, unlike in Canada's English-speaking provinces, the holiday observed on the Monday before May 25 was initially not dedicated to the Patriotes in Quebec's official tradition. Before 2003, this day was known in Quebec as *Dollard Day* (or "Dollard-et-Chénier Day" since 1962) (fr-academic.com) (www.journaldequebec.com). This holiday honoured the colonizer Dollard des Ormeaux, who fell in 1660, and later the Patriote Chénier, but its underlying purpose was partly to compete with British *Victoria Day*, celebrated in the United States and England. As historian of the period Lionel Groulx notes, by the 1920s, most Quebecers considered this commemoration of Queen Victoria's birthday disconnected from their identity: "Apart from English Canada, no country, not even Great Britain, still celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria I" (www.1837.qc.ca).

Instead of perpetuating this colonial tradition, the Quebec government, led by Bernard Landry's Parti Québécois, decided in November 2002 to officially rename the Monday before May 25 **National Patriots' Day** (www.1837.qc.ca). The decree specifies that this tribute "highlights the struggle of the Patriotes of 1837-1838 for the national recognition of our people, for their political freedom and for the establishment of a democratic government" (www.1837.qc.ca). This ministerial declaration underscores the ideological break: "we have chosen to honour in this way the memory of the men and women who, since the establishment of

parliamentary institutions in 1791, have fought for the rights of the majority, including the people's right to govern themselves" (www.1837.qc.ca). In short, its official meaning is to recall republican values (responsible government) inherited from the Patriotes (Louis-Joseph Papineau, etc.), rather than maintain a tribute to the colonial monarchy (2727coworking.com) (www.1837.qc.ca).

Following its introduction, National Patriots' Day was celebrated for the first time on May 19, 2003 (fr-academic.com), and every year since. This change permanently replaces the old pro-imperial tradition of Victoria Day in Quebec. The table below summarizes the main milestones in this evolution:

Year / Date	Key Event	Source/Citation
1837-1838	Lower Canada Patriotes Rebellions (assemblies in Saint-Charles/St-Denis, battles of Saint-Denis and Saint-Eustache).	Basis of the general historical explanation (not explicitly cited).
1937	<i>Centenary celebrations</i> : first popular commemorative celebrations of the 1837 uprising.	(fr-academic.com)
1920s – 1940s	Creation of <i>Dollard Day</i> (1920s, to counter Victoria Day).	(fr-academic.com) (general historical note)
1962	125 th anniversary: "Dollard and Chénier Day" (tribute to the Patriote Chénier)	(www.journaldequebec.com)
Nov. 2002	Government decree: the Monday before May 25 becomes "National Patriots' Day".	(www.1837.qc.ca)
May 19, 2003	First official celebration of National Patriots' Day in Quebec.	(fr-academic.com)
Since 2003	Annual commemoration.	(regular observance)

The table highlights the shift in meaning: from a holiday with colonial content (Victoria/Dollard) to a Quebec national holiday (Patriotes). In practice, this holiday now governs all activities: federal and provincial public services, banks, municipal offices, post offices, etc., close on the holiday Monday (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com). This formal distinction also leads to opposing perceptions of the statutory holiday in Quebec compared with the rest of Canada, as we will see later.

Patriots' Day 2026 Program in Montreal

The Patriots' Day program is not centralized at the provincial level, but several events are organized by community and cultural organizations. In Montreal **itself**, a mix of official ceremonies and street activities can be expected. Although the detailed 2026 program is currently being developed, previous years offer a typical overview:

- **Commemorative ceremonies and speeches:** In the past, the Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal (SSJB) held gatherings featuring patriotic speeches. For example, in 2025, Montrealers gathered at Square Saint-Louis to hear addresses about the struggle of the Patriotes (montreal.citynews.ca). These ceremonies often begin with a solemn moment: laying wreaths at the Monument des Patriotes or at the foot of a commemorative plaque, followed by speeches calling on people to "think about those who

fought for our rights, for democracy, for our culture and our language” (montreal.citynews.ca) (2727coworking.com). In 2025, Ms. Marie-Anne Alepin, president of SSJB-Montréal, emphasized that “yes, it is a statutory holiday, but it is a day for everyone to celebrate together” (montreal.citynews.ca).

- **Patriotic parade or march:** Traditionally, the SSJB organizes a march downtown. At recent events, the procession left Square Saint-Louis to reach Place du Canada towards the end of the day (montreal.citynews.ca) (2727coworking.com). Demonstrators wave the Patriote flag (blue-white-red) while chanting pro-democracy and anti-monarchy slogans (2727coworking.com). This march is a reminder that official celebrations emphasize the values of 1837-1838 rather than royalty (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com).
- **Cultural and community activities:** Several boroughs and local groups also organize more grassroots festivities. Themed musical performances, artisan or history book stalls, and children’s workshops (blue-white-red face painting, chalk drawing contests, etc.) take place outdoors in certain neighbourhoods, such as the Plateau or Mile-End (2727coworking.com). Unlike July 1st (Canada Day), there is generally no major parade or fireworks display organized by the City of Montreal (2727coworking.com). However, small street festivals and family activities are becoming more numerous: the MingoLand article notes, for example, that local “live music” and “children’s face painting” are often available in parks and public squares (2727coworking.com).
- **Special events (examples):** In addition to street commemorations, individual events give the long weekend a distinctive character. One example is the *Souper-Gala des Patriotes* organized by Montreal’s Rassemblement pour la Souveraineté (RPS): in 2026, this supper is a fundraising dinner held on the evening of Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in eastern Montreal (Salle Sainte-Germaine-Cousin, Pointe-aux-Trembles) (www.rps.quebec). Other examples outside Montreal are also significant: in neighbouring Montérégie, a festive cycling race called “L’Enfer des Patriotes” often takes place on the day itself (May 18, 2025, for example, in the Saint-Denis-sur-Richelieu area), a reminder that Patriote enthusiasm is also expressed through local sports activities (2727coworking.com). Similarly, the *Maison nationale des Patriotes* in Saint-Denis (a heritage site) traditionally holds exhibitions and guided tours for Patriots’ Day (2727coworking.com); in 2025, Montérégie information offices announced a one-day program (May 19, 2025) centred on the experience of “celebrating patriotism” on Chemin des Patriotes (Saint-Denis) (macommunaute.ca).

Overall, the **program in Montreal (and the surrounding area)** on May 18, 2026, will combine official ceremonies, cultural events and neighbourhood activities, generally initiated by the SSJB, the RPS, the Fédération québécoise des sociétés patriotiques, or municipal/community organizations. As an illustration, the program announced for 2026 in Longueuil (a Montreal suburb) includes a historical celebration beginning at 11 a.m. at Parc du Patriote-Joseph-Vincent, with a formal ceremony and presentation of a patriotic award (www.fm1033.ca). Many Montrealers will also use the day off to take part in leisure activities and local tourism, with businesses closed (banks, financial institutions, government offices), or simply to extend the “long weekend” (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com).

Table 1. Typical National Patriots’ Day Program (Montreal, May 18, 2026)

Time	Activity / Location (examples)	Organizer / Comment
09:00 – 11:00	Formal ceremony (wreath-laying, Patriote anthems) – Square Saint-Louis	Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal (SSJB)
11:00 – 12:00	Official speeches on the significance of the Patriotes of 1837-1838 (Square Saint-Louis)	SSJB, municipal elected officials, guest historians
12:00 – 14:00	Historical exhibitions and stalls – exhibitions on the Rebellion, children's workshops (e.g., blue-white-red face painting) – Plateau/Mile-End neighbourhoods or a local park	Libraries, local museums, patriotic groups
14:30 – 16:00	Montreal commemorative march : from Square Saint-Louis towards Place du Canada, with Patriote flags flying	SSJB Montréal
16:00 – 17:00	Family event (e.g., mini-concert, sports relays) – Place du Canada	Community organizing committee
18:00	Souper-Gala des Patriotes 2026 – Fundraising dinner & speakers – Salle Sainte-Germaine-Cousin (Pointe-aux-Trembles) (www.rps.quebec)	Rassemblement pour la Souveraineté (RPS)

Sources: Typical programs from previous years (SSJB, RPS, media) combined for illustration (montreal.citynews.ca) (www.rps.quebec).

A **key element of the festive program** is therefore its nationalist and historical dimension. For example, during Montreal's 2025 celebration, SSJB leaders explicitly called on people to “think about those who fought for our rights, for democracy...” rather than the royal family (montreal.citynews.ca) (2727coworking.com). The RPS president emphasized the patriotic character of the evening, attended by federal MP Vincent Bilodeau (honorary guest of the 2026 gala) (www.rps.quebec). From a sociocultural perspective, Patriots' Day 2026 will fit into a continuum of community events in Montreal: for example, one article indicates that instead of large performances, local celebrations often feature “children's face painting, local food vendors, chalk contests and live music” in neighbourhoods hosting shows (2727coworking.com). Festivalgoers will enjoy these street activities and the “long weekend” format, often valued by Montreal families as an opportunity to go out or travel outside the city (camping, local excursions) (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com).

Differences from Victoria Day on May 18

The question of **how it differs from Victoria Day** is central to understanding the distinctive features of Patriots' Day. The Monday before May 25 is indeed a Canadian federal holiday intended to honour Queen Victoria (and, in practice, the current sovereign) throughout the country (montreal.citynews.ca). Its fixed date is historically linked to Victoria's birthday (May 24). However, in Quebec, this “Queen's Day” has been reinterpreted and replaced with an explicitly republican program. The main differences are:

- **Name and official symbolism:** In Quebec, “Victoria Day” has officially been replaced with “National Patriots' Day” (fr-academic.com). The government preferred to promote the memory of the *Patriote reformers* (Papineau, Chénier, etc.) rather than celebrate a British queen. As noted: “in short, for Quebec, this holiday commemorates the ideals of responsible government and reformers such as Papineau, rather than Victoria” (2727coworking.com).

- **Historical and cultural context:** Victoria Day draws on a monarchical heritage; outside Quebec, it is experienced as a patriotic occasion for Canada, with traditions (fireworks, military parades, salutes to the king/queen, etc.). In Quebec, however, the tone is nationalist: local struggles for political autonomy are remembered. Some activists openly indicate that this day serves to “oppose the monarchy”; for example, in 2025, the SSJB emphasized that the “English” monarchy is not celebrated and that, instead, people reflect on the contribution of the Patriotes in opposition to French British-colonial royalty (2727coworking.com) (montreal.citynews.ca).
- **Public perception:** According to a 2025 Léger poll commissioned by TVA, **52%** of Quebecers say they would vote to abolish the monarchy in favour of a republic, compared with only **21%** who would want to maintain it (www.tvanouvelles.ca). Among Quebec francophones, 56% supported this motion (versus 41% of non-francophones) (www.tvanouvelles.ca), illustrating the majority's rejection of the Queen's symbolism in the province. Indeed, the monarchy “remains unpopular in Quebec” according to several recent studies; for example, a Research Co. poll (2021) revealed that only 18% of Quebecers said they were “attached to the monarchy” (www.tvanouvelles.ca). This climate of opinion explains why Quebec media often treat this statutory holiday as focused on the Patriotes, and sometimes with contempt for the colonial tradition. One local blog even noted in 2025: “Whether you call it Victoria Day or Patriots' Day, the result is the same: Quebecers get a well-deserved Monday off...” (2727coworking.com), illustrating that many now see this holiday as simply a long weekend, regardless of its official name.
- **Holiday arrangements:** In everyday practice, Patriots' Day is a statutory holiday for Quebec distinct from that in the rest of the Canadian homeland (although it is a holiday throughout Canada). Banks, government departments, schools and even some businesses close in Quebec on May 18, 2026, as they do across the country (2727coworking.com). However, the interpretation of that same Monday is different: for example, the federal government still reinforces the remembrance of Victoria Day in predominantly English-speaking areas, while Quebec highlights its own theme. In other words, the **date coincides geographically**, but the **ideological meaning differs**.

In summary, while “Victoria Day” would traditionally have glorified the British monarchy, Quebec's Patriots' Day proudly asserts its republican heritage. Experts summarize this difference well: the date symbolizes “the struggle of the Patriotes of 1837-1838 for the national recognition of their people, for their political freedom and for the establishment of a democratic government” (www.1837.qc.ca), whereas Victoria's birthday, celebrated elsewhere, does not reflect this local history.

Relevant Statistics and Data

To better understand the social issues surrounding Patriots' Day, it is useful to consider some opinion statistics and socioeconomic data:

- **Support for the monarchy versus alternatives:** As mentioned, Quebec stands out for its weak attachment to the monarchy. A 2021 *Research Co.* poll (via TVA Nouvelles) found that only **18%** of Quebecers said they were attached to the monarchy (compared with 24% in Canada as a whole) (www.tvanouvelles.ca), and **57%** of Quebecers called for an elected head of state (compared with 45% in the rest of the country) (www.tvanouvelles.ca). Another Léger poll from May 2025 confirmed this

rejection: **52%** of Quebec respondents would vote to abolish the monarchy in a referendum, versus **21%** to maintain it (www.tvanouvelles.ca). This divide in opinion partly explains the holiday's political orientation and the desire to clearly distinguish Quebec's May 18 from Canadian "Victoria Day".

- Economic effects and attendance:** Patriots' Day creates an extended holiday (the "May long weekend"), encouraging regional tourist travel. According to the analysis by the Agence de transport de Montréal (ATM), public transit follows a holiday schedule and no police or office services are available (2727coworking.com). One report notes that the retail, restaurant and leisure sectors benefit from a moderate influx: private music festivals and street activities (in Griffintown, the Plateau, etc.) attract families and young adults on the Saturday and Sunday before May 18 (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com). However, no major municipal event is expected in 2026 (for example, Montreal will have no official fireworks display, unlike on Canada Day (2727coworking.com)). The main economic issue is therefore a reduction in activity (particularly with banks and public offices closed (2727coworking.com)), offset by a slight increase in outings before the vacation season. Overall, there is no known major economic study of Patriots' Day, but its impact blends with that of any other extended statutory holiday in Quebec.
- Participation and social movements:** It is difficult to obtain precise figures on attendance at Patriote activities. Commemorations remain relatively modest: most events, including addresses, local exhibitions and ceremonies, are far from ostentatious (2727coworking.com). For example, Media-News emphasizes that official gatherings "tend to be modest: small gatherings, historical exhibitions or community ceremonies" (2727coworking.com). Nevertheless, a definite mobilization can be observed each year in nationalist circles. According to Montreal's SSJB, several hundred people took part in its main event in 2025 (montreal.citynews.ca). Other sovereignty-oriented collectives (Mouvement national des Québécoises et Québécois, RPS, etc.) organize full days of activities throughout the province (Longueuil, Rimouski, Chicoutimi, etc.), but little numerical data is published in the media. Protests advocating particular causes (for example, labour or anti-colonial causes) may coincide with May 18: the date's historically protest-oriented character thus occasionally attracts activist gatherings ("convergence of struggles") or political speeches, especially amid debate about the monarchy (notably during the King's visit in 2025) (montreal.citynews.ca) (www.tvanouvelles.ca).

Table 2. Polls on the Monarchy and Quebec's Holiday

Poll / Source	Year	% in Quebec supporting the monarchy	% in Quebec supporting a republic/elected head of state	Comments
Research Co (TVA Nouvelles) [48]	2021	18% attached to the monarchy	57% want an elected head of state	National sample, gap between francophones and others
Léger (TVA Nouvelles) [93]	2025	21% support maintaining the monarchy	52% support abolishing it (republic)	Simulated referendum poll

These figures emphasize that, unlike most Canadian provinces, Quebecers lean clearly towards an independent interpretation of May 18. Patriots' Day now reflects a dynamic in which most of the public spontaneously associates this date with the heroes of 1837 rather than the birthday of a foreign sovereign ([fr-academic.com](#)) ([2727coworking.com](#)).

Case Studies and Concrete Examples

To illustrate Patriots' Day in practice, here are some recent examples of celebrations in the Greater Montreal area:

- Montreal (downtown) – Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Montréal:** A typical example is the activities organized by the SSJB. In May 2025, a gathering took place at Square Saint-Louis with several hundred people in attendance. President Marie-Anne Alepin emphasized the holiday's unifying meaning ("a day for everyone to celebrate together") and the need to remember the Patriotes in the current context ([montreal.citynews.ca](#)) ([2727coworking.com](#)). The group then led the crowd in a procession to Place du Canada, noting that the square could be renamed "*Place des Patriotes*" ([montreal.citynews.ca](#)) ([2727coworking.com](#)). These events show how the holiday also serves as a political platform (the anti-monarchist rationale was emphasized during the march) ([2727coworking.com](#)).
- Longueuil (Montreal's South Shore) – City of Longueuil:** On May 18, 2026, the regional capital of Longueuil has planned its own patriotic celebrations. According to the local newspaper FM103, a large gathering will take place at **Parc du Patriote-Joseph-Vincent** (Vieux-Longueuil) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ([www.fm1033.ca](#)). The program begins with a formal ceremony that includes the presentation of the *Prix Émilie-Boileau-Kimber* (an award honouring the memory of the Patriotes) ([www.fm1033.ca](#)). A historical exhibition on the Rebellion of 1837 will also be on view throughout the day. This type of local event highlights the role of municipalities in preserving the memory of the Patriotes.
- Saint-Denis-sur-Richelieu (Montréalégie) – Maison nationale des Patriotes:** Although outside the Island of Montreal, this municipality (the site associated with the martyr Jean-Olivier Chénier) deserves mention. The Maison des Patriotes traditionally offers guided tours and activities "for the general public" every year on Patriots' Monday (e.g., historical walks, lectures). For example, the official Montréalégie tourism website announced a special activity for May 19, 2025, in keeping with this tradition ([www.tourisme-monteregie.qc.ca](#)). This is an example of a patriotic celebration with a stronger tourism and educational focus, attracting families to Chemin des Patriotes.

These case studies demonstrate the diversity of events on May 18, 2026: from an activist political celebration (SSJB Montréal) to a festive cultural gathering (Longueuil, Saint-Denis). Each helps bring Patriots' Day to life for its particular audience. One common feature remains the generally modest scale of the celebrations: as the 2727 Coworking study emphasizes, "official commemorations of the Patriotes tend to be modest: [...] in 2025, for example, the SSJB organized speeches and a march from Square Saint-Louis to Place du Canada" ([2727coworking.com](#)).

Implications and Future Outlook

The coincidence in the calendar between Patriots' Day and the traditional Victoria Day holiday reflects profound issues of identity. Several implications can be considered for the future:

- **Evolution of historical awareness:** The holiday's longevity will depend partly on the transmission of the patriotic narrative within Quebec society. To date, the theme has gained recognition each year: according to the Mouvement national des Québécoises et Québécois, the memory of the Patriotes is gradually becoming integrated into the province's historical awareness (mnq.quebec). Commemorations, even modest ones, serve as a “reminder of an important moment” in this collective history (mnq.quebec). As long as schools and popular culture value these events of 1837-1838, May 18 should retain its symbolic importance.
- **Political and symbolic context:** Divisions over the question of the monarchy in Canada are unlikely to disappear anytime soon. Quebec remains politically noteworthy for its distinct nationalism. The fact that a majority of Quebecers express a desire to abolish the monarchy (52% versus 21% according to 2025 figures) (www.tvanouvelles.ca) suggests that the move towards a day for the Patriotes rather than a tribute to royalty will retain broad legitimacy. During major political occasions (debates on federal reform, royal visits, etc.), Patriots' Day will probably remain a preferred setting for expressing these differences. This day can therefore be expected to continue serving as a potential symbol of “sovereigntist” demands (in the broad sense) in Quebec.
- **Tourism and cultural dimension:** The extended long weekend in mid-May is increasingly perceived as a prime time for outings in Quebec. Although Montreal does not offer events on a scale comparable to Quebec's National Holiday (June 24) or Canada Day (July 1), original activities could emerge. For example, growing interest in Quebec heritage could lead the Musée des Patriotes or other organizations to offer travelling exhibitions or historical re-enactments on a May weekend. Small festive events (local music festivals, themed guided tours) could also develop, capitalizing on the appeal of a spring long weekend.

Meanwhile, the current **legislative framework** leaves little room for changing the holiday's statutory status. Altering the holiday would mean reversing a government decision from 2002-2003 that enjoys cross-party consensus (Quebec's main political parties endorse the celebration of the Patriotes). Unless there is a major transformation in public opinion or Canadian institutions (for example, a referendum on the monarchy), “Patriots' Day” is expected to remain firmly established in Quebec's calendar. However, its role could evolve if Quebec's national meaning is reframed (democracy, sovereignty, cultural diversity, etc.), in which case future commemorations would reflect other historical figures or contemporary causes.

Conclusion

Patriots' Day 2026 in Montreal illustrates how Quebec has chosen to celebrate its history and sovereignty. Rather than paying tribute to a distant monarchy, this holiday celebrates democratic and social values rooted in the historical events of 1837-1838 (fr-academic.com) (www.1837.qc.ca). In practice, the May 18, 2026,

program will combine solemn ceremonies (patriotic speeches, wreath-laying) and public activities (marches, concerts, family activities), creating a festive and educational picture of national memory.

The comparison with “Victoria Day” in the rest of Canada highlights Quebec’s choices concerning identity and politics: while Canadian society commemorates its monarchical heritage, Quebec chooses to reinterpret this date in a republican sense (2727coworking.com) (2727coworking.com). Opinion data confirms that this interpretation is widely shared: most Quebecers prefer to highlight the Patriotes and openly debate the relevance of the monarchy in the 21st century (www.tvanouvelles.ca) (www.tvanouvelles.ca).

Ultimately, Patriots’ Day is both a historical legacy and an important occasion in Quebec’s current affairs. The year 2026 will be no exception: Montreal and its surrounding area will collectively honour the “men and women who fought for the rights of the majority, including the people’s right to govern themselves” (www.1837.qc.ca), while marking a clear departure from the monarchical commemoration. The continuation of this holiday reveals both the importance of the patriotic narrative in Quebec’s collective awareness and Quebec’s political capacity to define its own commemorative calendar.

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