

# OUR COLLECTIVE HISTORY

This Canada Day, in honour of Canada's 151st Anniversary, our firm would like to commemorate some of the key events that have shaped Canada and Lawson Lundell's history.

1867

Canada becomes a confederation.

1885

The Canadian Pacific Railway is completed.

1890

The firm is joined by two Lawson brothers, Jimmy and Harry.

1905

Alberta and Saskatchewan become provinces of Canada.

1917-1922

1917: Battle of Vimy Ridge.  
1918: Canadian women win the right to vote in federal elections.  
1922: Discovery of insulin.

1923

Partner Jimmy Lawson sets up a Vancouver office with articling student, George Clark.

1935

Partner Oscar Lundell joins the firm.

1945

Canada joins the United Nations.

1947 - 1950

1947: Partner David Lawson joins the firm.  
1948: Partner Buchan (Buck) McIntosh joins the firm.  
1950: Jimmy Lawson retires and the firm becomes known as Lawson, Lundell, Lawson & McIntosh.

1965 - 1969

1965: Maple Leaf becomes Canada's official flag.  
1969: French & English become official languages.

1975

Oscar Lundell retires from the firm and David Lawson passes away.

1982

Canada becomes independent from British Rule.  
The country develops new constitution and Charter of Rights.

1992

The firm moves to its present Vancouver location at Cathedral Place in the spring.

1993

Buck McIntosh retires.

1994

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) comes into effect.

1995

Quebec votes in a referendum on sovereignty.

1997

The firm opens its Calgary office.

1999

Canada's newest territory, Nunavut, is carved out of the eastern Northwest Territories.

1999

The firm opens its Yellowknife office.

2000

Canada signs Kyoto Accord, committing it to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

2002

The firm's Yellowknife office merges with Yellowknife firm, Gullberg, Weist, MacPherson & Kay.

2005

The firm becomes Lawson Lundell LLP.

2010

Ranked the #1 regional law firm in BC, Alberta and the North by Canadian Lawyer magazine

2013

The firm expands its Calgary office by introducing a Calgary Oil & Gas Group.

2015

Named the top regional law firm in Canada by Chambers Canada.

2016

Canada signs a free trade agreement with the European Union.

2017

The firm launches its China Initiative and expands to open an office in Kelowna.

2018

The firm expands its Calgary office through the addition of several Real Estate Law and Commercial Litigation lawyers.

