

HONOURS

September 19, 1980 – Terry Fox becomes the youngest Companion of the Order of Canada in a special ceremony in his hometown of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia.

October 21, 1980 – Terry Fox is awarded British Columbia's highest civilian award; The Order of the Dogwood.

November 22, 1980 – The American Cancer Society presents Terry with their highest award; The Sword of Hope.

December 18, 1980 – Canadian sports editors vote Terry Fox the Lou Marsh Award for outstanding athletic accomplishment.

December 23, 1980 – The editors of Canadian Press member newspapers and the radio and television stations vote Terry, Canadian of the Year.

June 6, 1981 – Simon Fraser University awards Terry, one of its own, the first annual Terry Fox Gold Medal. It is awarded annually to a student showing courage in the face of adversity.

July 17, 1981 – British Columbia designates a 2,639-metre (8,658-foot) peak in the Rocky Mountains as Mount Terry Fox.

July 30, 1981 – The 83-kilometre (52-mile) section of the Trans-Canada Highway, between Thunder Bay and Nipigon, is re-named Terry Fox Courage Highway.

July 30, 1981 – The Canadian government creates a \$5 million endowment fund to provide scholarships each year called the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award.

August 29, 1981 – Terry is inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

April 13, 1982 – A Terry Fox Stamp is issued by Canada Post; prior to this no commemorative stamp had been issued until 10 years after the death of the honouree.

June 26, 1982 – The Thunder Bay Monument, a 2.7-metre (9-foot) bronze statue of Terry is unveiled at Terry Fox lookout west of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

During 1983 – The Canadian Coast Guard dedicates its second most powerful ship in Terry's name. The ship is re-commissioned in 1994. (See image below)

June 30, 1999 – Terry Fox is voted Canada's Greatest Hero in a national survey.



December 1990 – The Sports Network (TSN) names Terry Fox Athlete of the Decade; the field included Wayne Gretzky and Michael Jordan.

February 11, 1994 – The Terry Fox Hall of Fame is created to provide permanent recognition to Canadians who have made extraordinary personal contributions to assist or enhance the lives of people with physical disabilities.

July 1, 1998 – The Ottawa Terry Fox Monument is re-dedicated and is now part of the Path of Heroes.

January 17, 2000 – Terry is again immortalized on a Canadian postage stamp. This time he is part of the prestigious Millennium Collection of influential and distinguished Canadians.

January 27, 2003 – Time Magazine includes Terry in a feature story called “Canada’s Best”.

March 14, 2005 – The Terry Fox one-dollar coin is unveiled. Terry is the first Canadian to be featured on a circulation coin.



April 12, 2005 – “Terry”, a pictorial book by Doug Coupland, debuts at #1 on the Canadian bestseller list.

September 2005 – Terry Fox statues in Port Coquitlam, Victoria, and Prince George, British Columbia are unveiled.

September 11, 2005 – A new TV movie “Terry” airs with an audience of 1.6 million.

October 29, 2007 – The Terry Fox Research Institute is launched, combining the clinical knowledge of cancer physicians with advanced laboratory expertise of scientific researchers, overcoming barriers of discipline and geography.

February 27, 2010 – The 2010 Vancouver Olympic Organizing Committee creates the Terry Fox Award, presented to an athlete who embodies the values that Terry did, showing determination and humility in the face of obstacles. It is awarded to figure skater Joannie Rochette and cross-country skier Petra Majdic.

September 10, 2010 – Canadian basketball star Steve Nash directed “Into the Wind,” an installment of ESPN’s “30 for 30” series. It played on TSN to rave reviews.

September 16, 2011 – A new Terry Fox Memorial is unveiled at BC Place in Vancouver. The memorial consists of four sculptures replicating Terry’s running gait, created by artist Douglas Coupland.

March 28, 2012 – The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame inducts Terry, recognized as a “builder” for his work to raise money for cancer research. Terry is the youngest-ever inductee into the CMHF and the first whose achievements were non-professional.

April 12, 2012 – A new bronze sculpture, depicting the moment Terry began his journey by dipping his artificial leg into the ocean, marking Mile 0, is dedicated in St. John’s, NL.

September 21, 2013 – Terry is inducted into Canada’s Walk of Fame.

March 18, 2014 – Passport Canada announces a new e-passport which features an image of the iconic Terry Fox Monument in Ottawa on page 31.

November 28, 2014 – Terry Fox Day is declared in British Columbia, the second Sunday after Labour Day every year.

April 1, 2015 – The Canadian Museum of History marks the 35th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope by presenting the most comprehensive exhibition ever organized on Terry’s run and legacy. It ran for nine months at which time a travelling version continued cross-Canada.

June 2015 – Terry Fox Day is declared in Manitoba, the first Monday in August.



June 4, 2015 – Terry Fox Day is declared in Ontario, the second Sunday after Labour Day every year.

September 12, 2015 – A bronze statue was unveiled in Richmond Hill, ON, along the route Terry ran in 1980.

September 14, 2015 – Historica Canada creates a new Heritage Minute to mark the 35th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope.

May 2017 – Terry Fox and his contribution to Canadian history is celebrated on a new stamp – the sixth in a series of 10 commemorative stamps as part of the Canada 150 celebrations.

April 12, 2020 – Four million people reached on social media platforms.

May 20, 2020 – The first release of the adidas 40th Anniversary Collection launches with the replica adidas Orion shoe; an item that sold out faster than any shoe in adidas launch history, under 10 minutes. Following collections were released throughout the year and included various t-shirts with Terry Fox quotes, additional restocks of the shoe, and a 2020 revised design of the original shoe.

August 4, 2020 – Penguin Random House Canada releases “Terry Fox and Me” by Mary Beth Leatherdale, which debuts at #3 on the charts.

September 1, 2020 – Google marks the 40th anniversary of the first Terry Fox Run by unveiling a Google Doodle in Terry’s honour.

September 1, 2020 – Penguin Random House Canada releases “Forever Terry: A Legacy in Letters” edited by Darrell Fox, which debuted at #2 on the charts.

September 20, 2020 – Terry Fox trends #1 on Twitter in Canada on Virtual Run Day.

December 30, 2020 – Reached a milestone of 100,000 followers on Facebook.