

Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences

Parks Canada

As required by the Treasury Board [Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures](#), this report provides information on travel, hospitality and conference expenditures for Parks Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, except for information withheld under the [Access to Information Act](#) or the [Privacy Act](#).

Travel, hospitality and conference expenditures incurred by a federal department or agency relate to activities that support the department or agency's mandate and the government's priorities.

Parks Canada's travel, hospitality and conference expenditures support the delivery of core programs and services to Canadians. In particular, this includes managing national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas on behalf of Canadians. Parks Canada is a proud steward of these heritage places and protects and presents them for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Parks Canada's Mandate and Programs

Parks Canada has the mandate to protect and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.

The programs that support Parks Canada's mandate include:

- Heritage Places Establishment;
- Heritage Places Conservation;
- Heritage Places Promotion and Public Support;
- Visitor Experience; and
- Heritage Canals, Highways and Townsites Management.

Canada's national historic sites, national urban park, national parks, heritage canals and national marine conservation areas, of which Parks Canada is the proud steward, offer Canadians opportunities to visit, experience and personally connect with these heritage places.

Further information on Parks Canada's mandate and programs can be found in the [Departmental Plan \(DP\)](#) and in the [Departmental Results Report \(DRR\)](#).

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Year ended March 31, 2022

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2022 (\$ thousands)	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2021 (\$ thousands)	Variance (\$ thousands)
Travel			
Operational activities	3,485	1,289	2,196
Key stakeholders	249	85	164
Internal governance	135	27	108
Training	762	616	146
Other	521	332	189
A. Total Travel	5,152	2,349	2,803
B. Hospitality	91	23	68
C. Conference fees	141	33	108
Total [A+B+C]	5,384	2,405	2,979
International travel by minister and minister's staff (included in travel)	0	0	0

Totals may differ due to rounding.

Significant Variances Compared to the Previous Fiscal Year

Travel

For fiscal year 2021-22, Parks Canada's expenditures for travel increased by \$2.8 million compared to 2020-21. Travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic were in effect for the entire 2020-21 fiscal year, resulting in lower travel spending. The increase in travel expenditures in 2021-22 is part of a general increase in expenditures as Parks Canada's operations began to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Hospitality

For fiscal year 2021-22, Parks Canada's expenditures for hospitality increased by \$68,000 compared to 2020-21. Public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic were in effect for the entire 2020-21 fiscal year, resulting in lower hospitality spending. The increase in hospitality expenditures in 2021-22 is part of a general increase in expenditures as Park Canada's operations began to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conference Fees

For fiscal year 2021-22, Parks Canada's conference fees expenditures increased by \$108,000 compared to 2020-21. Public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic were in effect for the entire 2020-21 fiscal year, resulting in lower conference

fees spending. The increase in conference fees expenditures in 2021-22 is part of a general increase in expenditures as Park Canada's operations began to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.