

## The National Battlefields Commission

### Report on Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences

As required by the Treasury Board *Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conferences and Event Expenditures*, this report provides information on the annual expenditures for each of travel, hospitality and conference fees for The National Battlefields Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. It also provides the variance explanations from the previous fiscal year in each of these areas.

This information is updated annually and does not contain information withheld under the *Access to Information Act* or the *Privacy Act*.

Expenditures on travel, hospitality and conference fees incurred by federal departments and agencies are related to activities that support a departmental or agency mandate and the government's priorities.

In particular, for The National Battlefields Commission, you can find the mandate and the description of the program activities in the Commission's *Departmental Results Report* at: <http://www.ccbn-nbc.gc.ca/en/about-us/reports-and-policies/>.

#### Annual Expenditures for Travel, Hospitality and Conferences of The National Battlefields Commission

(in thousands of dollars)

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the Year Ending March 31, 2017 (\$000)	Expenditures for the Previous Year Ending March 31, 2016 (\$000)	Change (\$000)
Travel: Public Servants	9 \$	16 \$	-7 \$
Travel: Non-Public Servants	7 \$	2 \$	5 \$
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>16 \$</b>	<b>18 \$</b>	<b>-2 \$</b>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>3 \$</b>	<b>6 \$</b>	<b>-3 \$</b>
<b>Conference Fees</b>	<b>4 \$</b>	<b>5 \$</b>	<b>-1 \$</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 \$</b>	<b>29 \$</b>	<b>-6 \$</b>

#### Significant Variances Compared With the Previous Fiscal Year

The National Battlefields Commission had an overall decrease in expenditures of 21% compared to the previous year.

## Travel

**Public servants:** Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, travel expenditures by public servants decreased mainly due to:

- A decrease in travel expenses incurred by public servants to attend training;
- A decrease in travel expenses for the promotion of activities and services offered by The National Battlefields Commission particularly the participation at the annual conference of l'Association des professionnels en exposition du Québec in the Montreal region in 2015-16;
- In 2015-2016, The Green Environment Officer's trip to attend the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies in British Columbia.

**Non-public servants:** Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, travel expenditures by non-public servants increased significantly mainly due to:

- Travel by the candidates and the President to fill the position of Secretary-Director General.

## Hospitality

Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, hospitality expenditures decreased mainly due to:

- Launch of the new exhibition *Battles: 1759-1760* at the Plains of Abraham Museum in 2015-16;
- In 2016-2017, decrease of the steering committee meetings concerning the project for the redevelopment of Gilmour Hill and the creation of the Plains of Abraham Trail. These meetings took place during lunch time, because two commissioners sit on this committee.

## Conference fees

Compared with fiscal year 2015-16, conference fees expenditures decreased mainly due to:

- In 2015-16, the participation at the annual conference of l'Association des professionnels en exposition du Québec.