

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, 2015. 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 Performance 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, 2015 (\$000)	Expenditures for the Previous Year Ending March 31, 2014 (\$000)	Change (\$000)
Travel: Public Servants	17 \$	22 \$	-5 \$
Travel: Non-Public Servants	2 \$	1 \$	1 \$
Total Travel	19 \$	23 \$	-4 \$
Hospitality	4 \$	3 \$	1 \$
Conference Fees	7 \$	3 \$	4 \$
Total	30 \$	29 \$	1 \$

Significant Variances Compared With the Previous Fiscal Year

The National Battlefields Commission had an overall increase in expenditures of 3% compared to the previous year.

Travel

Public servants: Compared with fiscal year 2013-14, travel expenditures by public servants decreased mainly due to:

- A decrease in travel expenses for the promotion of activities and services offered by The National Battlefields Commission particularly the participation of the Development and Marketing Officer at *Discover Québec* in the Vancouver region in 2013-14.

Non-public servants: Compared with fiscal year 2013-14, travel expenditures by non-public servants increased mainly due to:

- Billing of the entire agreement by those responsible for the *Student Masterworks* exhibition, including a training day for teachers in 2014-15;
- In 2014-15, the Commission welcomed, for two days, the judges of Communities in Bloom, a Canadian non-profit organization (one day in 2013-14).

Hospitality

Compared with fiscal year 2013-14, hospitality expenditures increased mainly due to:

- Meetings of the steering committee in charge of the project for the redevelopment of Gilmour Hill to permit its year-round opening and the creation of a multi-purpose interpretive trail in Battlefields Park, these meetings took place during lunch time, because two commissioners sit on this committee.

Conference fees

Compared with fiscal year 2013-14, conference fees expenditures increased mainly due to:

- In 2014-15, in accordance with the *Government-wide Chart of Accounts*, the Commission included its rental fees for space at conferences in the *Conference Fees* account instead of the *Rental—Other* account as in prior years.