



Annual Report on Travel, Hospitality and Conference Expenditures

As required by the Treasury Board [*Directive on Travel, Hospitality, Conference and Event Expenditures*](#), this report provides information on The National Battlefields (NBC) annual expenditures for travel, hospitality and conferences for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. It also provides explanations for the variances 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*](#).

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

NBC's travel, hospitality and conference expenditures support the delivery of the following core programs and services to Canadians:

- **Conservation:** Ensure the conservation and protection of the natural, cultural and heritage assets of the National Battlefields Park through the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and infrastructure. Ensure safe public access to the Park.
- **Promotion of Heritage:** Showcase the history of the National Battlefields Park and enable the discovery of its heritage and natural resources by organizing, through the visitor centre of the Plains of Abraham Museum, exhibitions, educational and recreational activities, and guided tours.

For more information on the mandate and activities, consult the Departmental Plan and the Departmental Results Report available on the [NBC website](#).



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The National Battlefields Commission
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2021
(in thousands)

Expenditure Category	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2021	Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2020	Variance
Travel			
Operational Activities	3 \$	14 \$	(11 \$)
Key Stakeholders	-	3 \$	(3 \$)
Internal Governance	-	3 \$	(3 \$)
Training	-	1 \$	(1 \$)
Other	-	2 \$	(2 \$)
Total Travel	3 \$	23 \$	(20 \$)
Hospitality	-	5 \$	(5 \$)
Conference Fees	1 \$	12 \$	(11 \$)
Total	4 \$	40 \$	(36 \$)

Variations compared with the previous fiscal year

The variance of total travel, hospitality and conference expenditures is explained by changes in operations due to the global pandemic linked to COVID-19 during all 2020-21 fiscal year.

Travel: Compared with fiscal year 2019-20, travel expenditures decreased mainly due to cancellation of trips to participate in meetings, public and training events.

Hospitality: No hospitality expenses were spent in 2020-21, as all meetings were held virtually.

Conference fees: Compared with fiscal year 2019-20, conference fees supporting the organization's core mandate to promote heritage activities decreased mainly due to cancellation of congresses and conferences.