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Introducing Parks Canada



PARKS CANADA AT A GLANCE

171 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

5 NATIONAL MARINE CONSERVATION AREAS

48 NATIONAL PARKS

1 NATIONAL URBAN PARK

7,700+ DEDICATED EMPLOYEES



13 of 22 Canada's WORLD HERITAGE SITES
*full or shared responsibility

3,800+ designations of people, places, and events of importance

450,000+ km² area protected

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23.7 MILLION visits in 2023-24

protection of **250+** species at risk

8,000+ km of trails

FREE admission for youth and new Canadians

31 MILLION archaeological and historical objects

12,000 CAMPSITES

collaboration with **300+** INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

\$ 30.5 BILLION OF ASSETS

535 roofed accommodations



Protect – Present – Connect

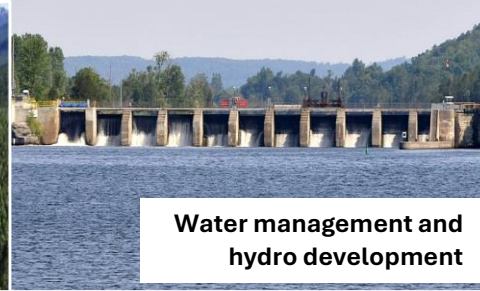
On behalf of the people of Canada, Parks Canada protects and presents nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage, and fosters public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure the ecological and commemorative integrity of these places for present and future generations.



What does Parks Canada mean to you...



Highway management



Water management and hydro development



Symbol of Canada



Municipal services



Emergency services



Celebrating culture and heritage



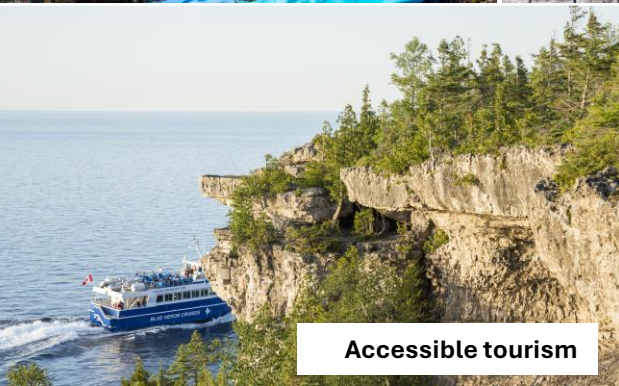
Preserving natural habitats



Archaeology



Frontline response



Accessible tourism



Economic development



Infrastructure projects



Research



Protect Natural Heritage



Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park



Gros Morne National Park



Rouge National Urban Park

- Protect more than **450,000 square kilometres**, eight times the size of Nova Scotia.
- In 2024, **80 percent of park ecosystems maintained or improved their ecological integrity** over the past five years with 56 conservation and restoration projects underway to advance this work.
- Administer ecosystem services with an annual value of **approximately \$372 billion**.
- Contribute to international conservation targets through the establishment of new protected areas including **national parks, national marine conservation areas, and national urban parks**.



Protect Cultural Heritage

Parks Canada

- is the **lead federal organization** for built heritage conservation;
- conserves Canada's cultural identity for the future through **171 national historic sites** and provides cost-shared support to many other sites;
- cares for a **collection of 31 million historic and archaeological objects**; and
- supports the **Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada** and its national designation of persons, places and events that have marked Canada's history.



Grosse Île and the Irish Memorial National Historic Site



L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site and World Heritage Site



Bar U Ranch National Historic Site



Scope of Operations

- Parks Canada places account for approximately **450,000 square kilometres** of land from coast to coast to coast
- **48** national parks protecting **342,503 square kilometres** of lands in Canada
- **5** national marine conservation areas covering **15,740 square kilometres** of marine and freshwater ecosystems
- **1** national urban park (**79 square kilometres**)
- **171** national historic sites
- **12** World Heritage Sites
- **9** historic canals with **625 kilometres** of waterways and **over 200** dams
- **Largest** federal landowner; **third-largest** federal asset manager
- **Approximately 18,000** built cultural and contemporary assets, currently valued at over **\$30.5 billion**
- **1,200 kilometres** of highways including key sections of the Trans-Canada Highway
- **7** townsites



Bruce Peninsula National Park



Rouge National Urban Park



Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve and Haida Heritage Site



Cave and Basin National Historic Site



Operations

- The Operations Directorate, making up over **80 percent** of the Parks Canada team, welcomes approximately **24 million visitors** a year at more than **200 places** under Parks Canada administration across the country.
- The Operations Directorate is divided into **six regions** led by Executive Directors: Atlantic; Quebec and Nunavut; Ontario and Waterways; Prairies and Northwest Territories; Alberta; and British Columbia and Yukon.
- These regions contain **33 field units** that manage national parks, marine conservation areas, historic sites, waterways, townsites, and over 3,300 kilometers of roadways.





Representing Canada

- Established in 1911, Parks Canada is the longest serving national park service in the world.
- As one of Canada's **largest providers of natural and cultural tourism**, Parks Canada provides high-quality and meaningful experiences to visitors at fair and affordable prices across Canada.
- A leader in the protection, presentation and connection of Canadian identity, Parks Canada **works to integrate Indigenous voices and perspectives at heritage places** administered by Parks Canada.



Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site

90%
of Canadians

- support Parks Canada's mandate (protection and enjoyment). Support is high among youths 18 to 34 as well.
- consider parks or sites a source of pride for them.
- were satisfied with their visit to a park or site.
- consider Parks Canada **one of the most trusted federal organizations (rank third)**.



Connecting Canadians



Banff National Park Visitor Centre



Obadjiwan–Fort Témiscamingue National Historic Site



Halifax Citadel National Historic Site

- Support Canadians in connecting with remarkable natural and historic places from coast to coast to coast, which are a source of pride to Canadians and are an **integral part of Canada's collective culture and identity**.
- As a cornerstone of Canada's tourism industry, **Parks Canada underpins tourism businesses and local economies across the country**, including in small, rural, and remote communities.
- Encourage **recreational opportunities**, collaborate with **local communities**, and offer **educational programming**, which fosters a sense of national unity.



Indigenous Stewardship



- Support **reconciliation** with Indigenous Peoples and the implementation of the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**.
- Collaborate with over **300 Indigenous communities** across the country, with a focus on honouring and supporting Indigenous stewardship over traditional territories and treaty lands.
- Over **30 collaborative management arrangements** with Indigenous Peoples at Parks Canada places.



The Value of Parks Canada



ENVIRONMENTAL

Estimated

\$1.4 trillion

lifetime value of avoided damages to Canadian society and economy by keeping the carbon in national parks stored in its natural state

Other non-market benefits of Parks Canada:

~\$94 billion

climate regulation

~\$89 billion

wildlife habitat

~\$44 billion

water supply and regulation



ECONOMIC

Contributes

\$5.6 billion

to Canada's gross domestic product*

Supports

51,832 jobs

across Canada

Managing

30.5 billion

in total asset value

Managing

\$372 billion

in ecosystem services annually



SOCIAL

24 million

Visitors per year

Hosts tourists from

~100 countries

each year, and every U.S. state

Visitors contribute

\$11 million a day

to Canada's economy

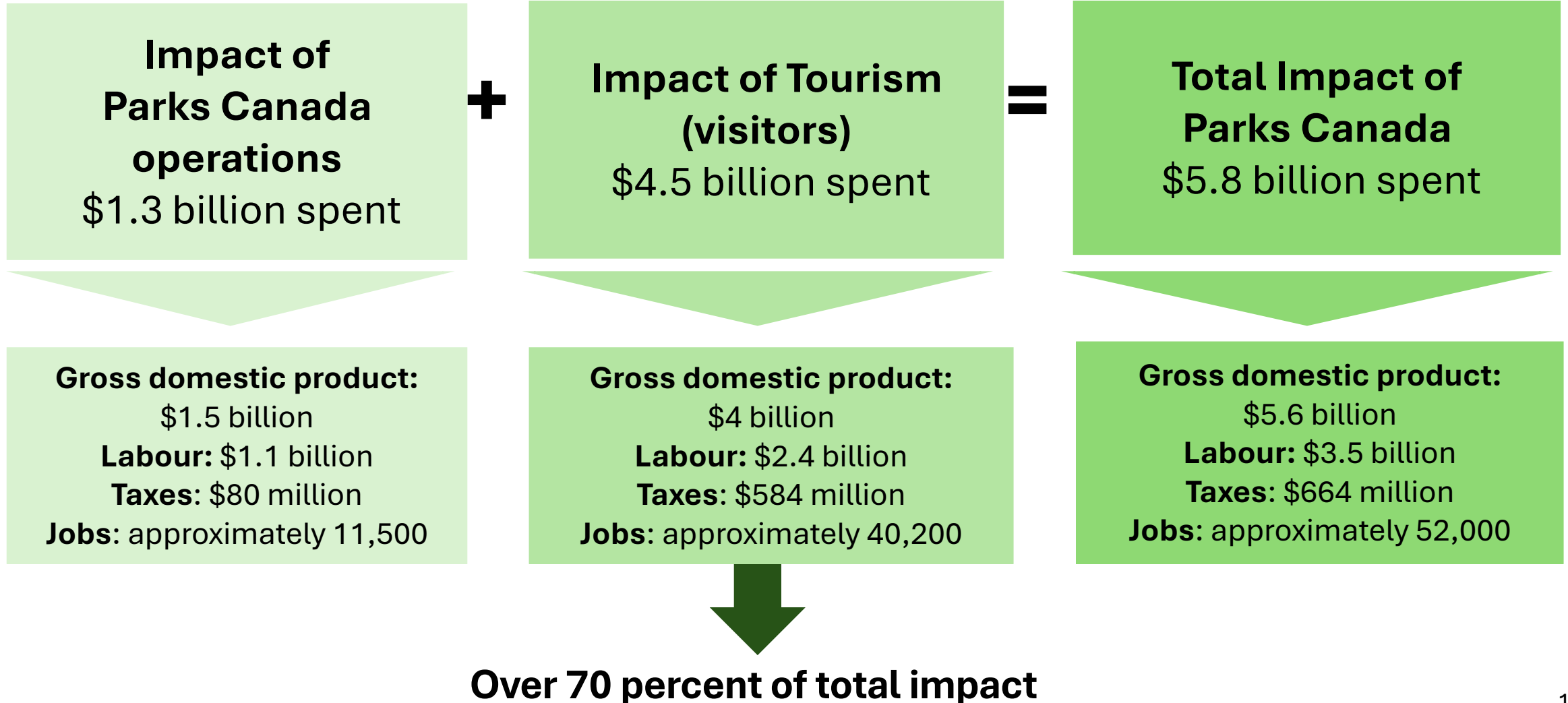
Canada's largest

heritage tourism provider

*Gross domestic product per 365 days. Total effects: sum of direct, indirect, and induced effects.

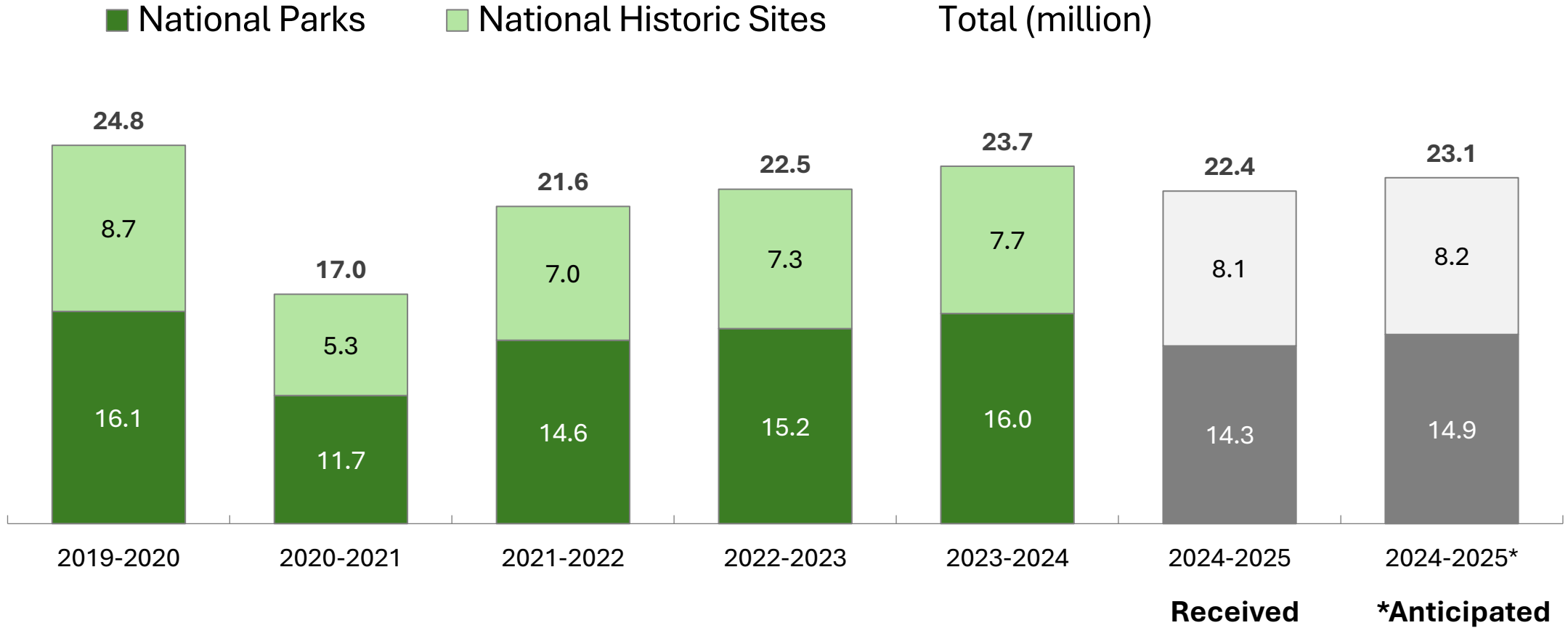


Economic Impact of Parks Canada (2023-2024)





Visitation

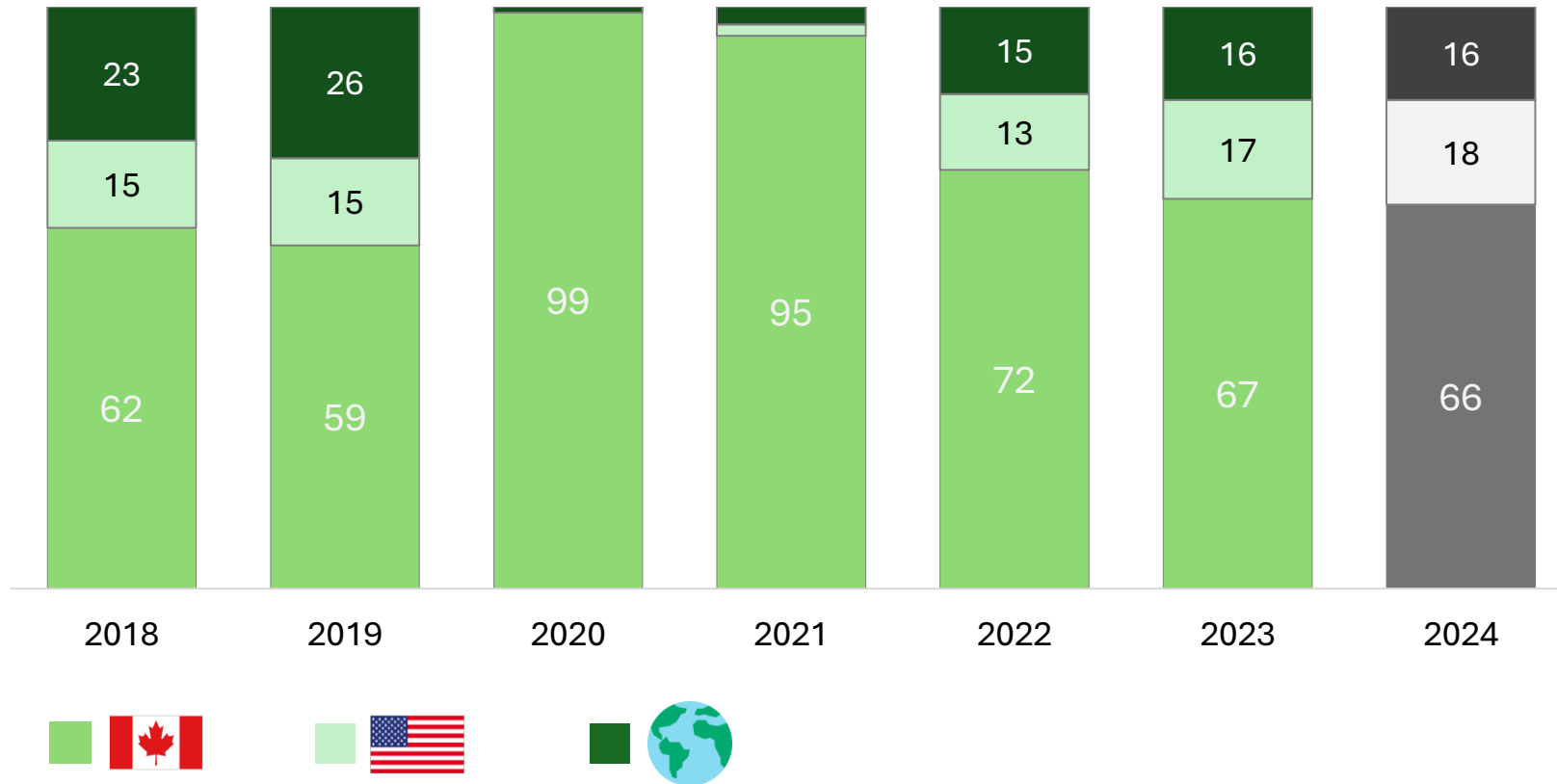


*Source: Parks Canada visitation



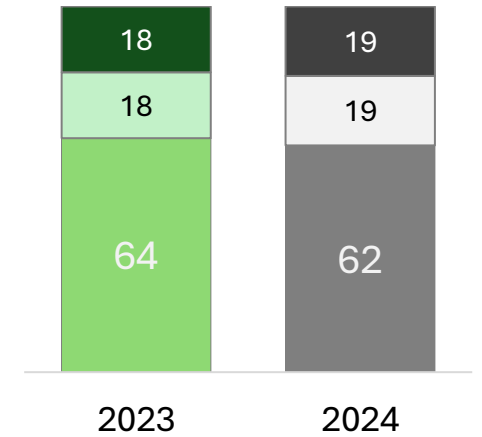
Visitation

Where from? (%)*

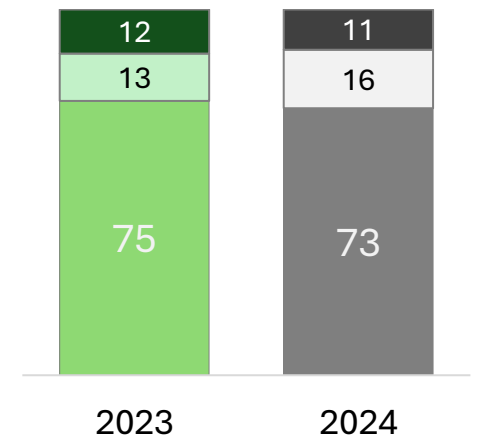


*Estimated. In grey, trending

National Parks



National Historic Sites



Source: Uses business intelligence spliced through visitation



Visitor Satisfaction



Were satisfied



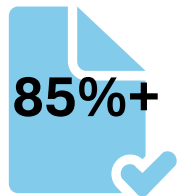
Enjoyed their visit



Would recommend place to others



Plan to visit same/different Parks Canada place in 2025



Were satisfied with...

(grounds maintenance, trails, staff welcome, wayfinding, day use areas, information about being safe around animals)

2024 trend = happy visitors

*National Study Contracted. Random population sample collected during summer to create national pool. Participants received follow-up survey in September.



Parks Canada Recent Accomplishments



Led response to devastating wildfires in Jasper National Park, including delivery of interim housing for Jasper residents in February 2025.



Enacted an Indigenous Stewardship Policy through ceremony in October 2024, which guides Parks Canada's relationships and work with Indigenous partners.



Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Caldwell First Nation in March 2024 to collaborate on the designation of a national urban park in Windsor.



Created the 48th National Park, Pituamkek National Park Reserve in Prince Edward Island, in July 2024.



Future Opportunities

Parks Canada can advance the Government of Canada's policy agenda in five broad areas:

1. **Canada Strong:** Parks Canada strengthens the country by safeguarding and promoting Canada's shared natural and cultural heritage, supporting rural development, and stimulating domestic and international tourism.
2. **Indigenous Stewardship:** Parks Canada's unique relationship with Indigenous Peoples.
3. **Investing in Canada:** Canadians benefit from economic growth and job creation through tourism and infrastructure improvements.
4. **A Safe and Secure Canada:** Canadians receive essential critical infrastructure, emergency response and ecosystem services.
5. **National Unity:** Canadians are proud of Canada's natural and cultural heritage.



Annexes



Our People



Paula Garrow
A/Chief of Staff



Ron Hallman
President & Chief
Executive Officer



**Marie-Josée
Frénette**
Ombuds

Operations



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Senior
Vice-President,
Operations

Programs



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Loth- Bown**
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External Relations
and Visitor Experience



Nadine Spence
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Indigenous
Stewardship and
Cultural Heritage



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Establishment and
Conservation



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Vice-President,
Real Property and
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Vice-President,
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Financial Officer



Rawan El-Komos
Vice-President,
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Wellness



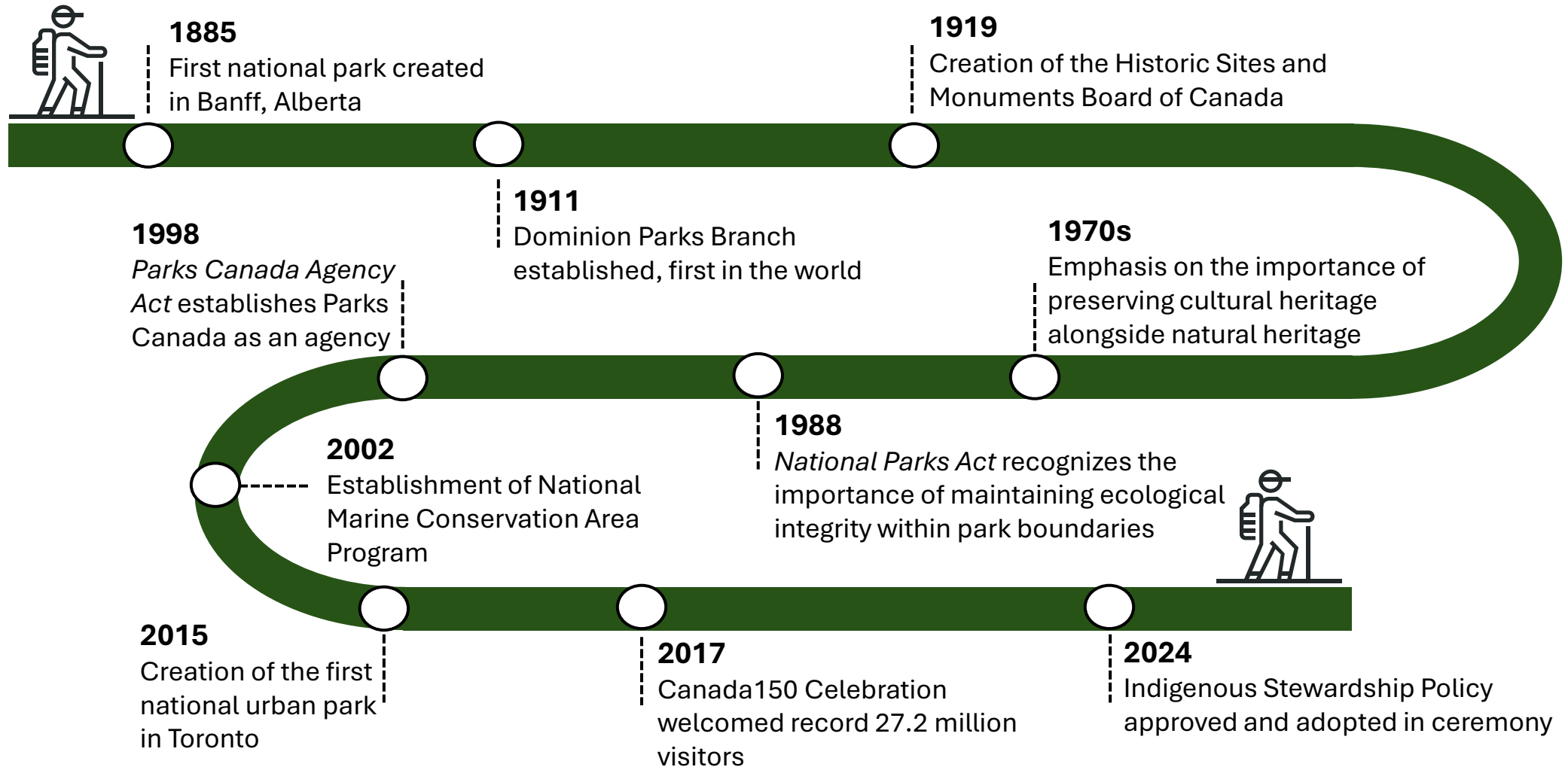
Jewel Cunningham
Vice-President,
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René Lajzerowicz
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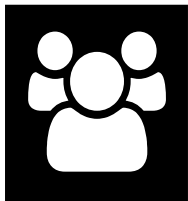


Milestones in Parks Canada's History





Current Financial Authorities



Voted Authorities

- Authorities include:
 - Vote 1: Operating expenditures, grants and contributions
 - Vote 5: Capital expenditures
 - Vote 10: Payments and transfer to the New Parks and Historic Sites Account



Statutory Authorities

- These are expenditure authorities approved by Parliament through legislation (other than appropriations acts).
- Parks Canada's statutory authorities include expenditures equivalent to revenue received pursuant to section 20 of the *Parks Canada Agency Act* and contributions to employee benefit plans.

- Parks Canada's permanent budget is approximately \$700 million (A-base), of which approximately 75% comes from appropriated funds voted by Parliament and 25% from revenues generated by Parks Canada.

Authority Type	Total Authorities 2024–2025 ⁽¹⁾
Vote 1: Operating expenditures, grants and contributions	\$755,983,434
Vote 5: Capital expenditures	\$339,750,983
Vote 10: New Parks and Historic Sites Account	\$35,650,130 ⁽²⁾
Total Statutory ⁽³⁾	\$359,207,014
Total	\$1,490,591,561

(1) Including Treasury Board Vote 5 funding for the 2024 wildfire response requirements including Jasper National Park.

(2) The New Parks and Historic Sites Account is a special purpose account that provides Parks Canada with the ability to set aside funds for new historic sites and parks. The account balance as of March 31, 2025, is \$216.1 million, as reported on May 9, 2025. This figure remains subject to adjustment pending potential post-closing entries by Corporate Finance.

(3) Including revenues as of May 9, 2025, for fiscal year 2024–2025. This figure remains subject to adjustment pending potential post-closing entries by Corporate Finance.



Forecasted Authorities

- Parks Canada's authorities are decreasing further starting in 2025–2026 to 2026–2027. These future authorities have taken into account refocused government spending announced in Budget 2023.
- A further decrease is anticipated in 2027–2028 due to a reduction in time-limited funding for capital asset investments in national parks, national marine conservation areas and national historic sites as well as the sunset of funding for the preliminary recovery and rebuild of Jasper National Park.

Financial Resources

	2025–2026	2026–2027	2027–2028
Approved forecasted authorities	\$1,267,895,970	\$1,163,891,164	\$923,462,002

Human Resources

	2025–2026	2026–2027	2027–2028
Planned full-time equivalents	6,030	5,456	5,285



Roles and Responsibilities – Minister

- The Minister is responsible for exercising the powers, duties, and functions under the ***Parks Canada Agency Act***.
- The Minister has exclusive authority for making heritage designations, establishing protected areas, and recommending Governor in Council appointments.
- The Minister is accountable to Parliament through the Departmental Plan, Departmental Results Report and other reports required by policy and legislation.
- The ***Parks Canada Agency Act*** requires enhanced accountability to Parliament:
 - The Minister shall table the State of Canada's Natural and Cultural Places Report at least every five years.
 - The Minister shall review the management plan for each park at least every 10 years with amendments tabled in Parliament.
- The ***Parks Canada Agency Act*** requires the Minister to convene a Minister's Round Table on Parks Canada every two years:
 - Meeting with stakeholders and the public, with 180 days to reply to recommendations.
 - The most recent Minister's Round Table on Parks Canada engagement sessions were held in February 2025. The Minister's response to the 2025 engagement is scheduled to be released by August 2025.



President & Chief Executive Officer

- Parks Canada is led by a President & Chief Executive Officer, who, under the direction of the Minister, has the control and management of the organization and all matters related to it.
- As a separate agency, Parks Canada's President & Chief Executive Officer has considerable flexibility in exercising human resources management authorities; however, the operating context is often driven by government-wide commitments and priorities set out by the Clerk of the Privy Council or central agencies.
- The President & Chief Executive Officer has the rank and all the powers of a deputy head of a department in addition to the following powers under *the Parks Canada Agency Act*.
 - Designation of park wardens to enforce and administer acts and regulations related to Park Canada.
 - Establishment of a charter for Parks Canada that sets out its values and governing principles.
 - Exclusive authority for employees and human resources management.

Ron Hallman has been reappointed President & Chief Executive Officer of Parks Canada effective August 28, 2024.



Guiding Legislation

- The ***Parks Canada Agency Act*** establishes Parks Canada as a separate agency and provides a broad mandate to ensure Canada's national parks, national historic sites, national marine conservation areas and other heritage areas are protected and presented for present and future generations.
- The ***Canada National Parks Act*** enables Parks Canada to designate and maintain national parks and national parks reserves, making the maintenance or restoration of ecological integrity the first priority.
- The ***Canada National Marine Conservation Area Act*** establishes national marine conservation areas for the purpose of protecting and conserving representative marine areas that are to be managed and used in a sustainable manner.
- The ***Historic Sites and Monuments Act*** formally establishes the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) and provides for the commemoration of national historic sites, persons, and events.



Video

