



# 2023 to 2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

National Battlefields Commission

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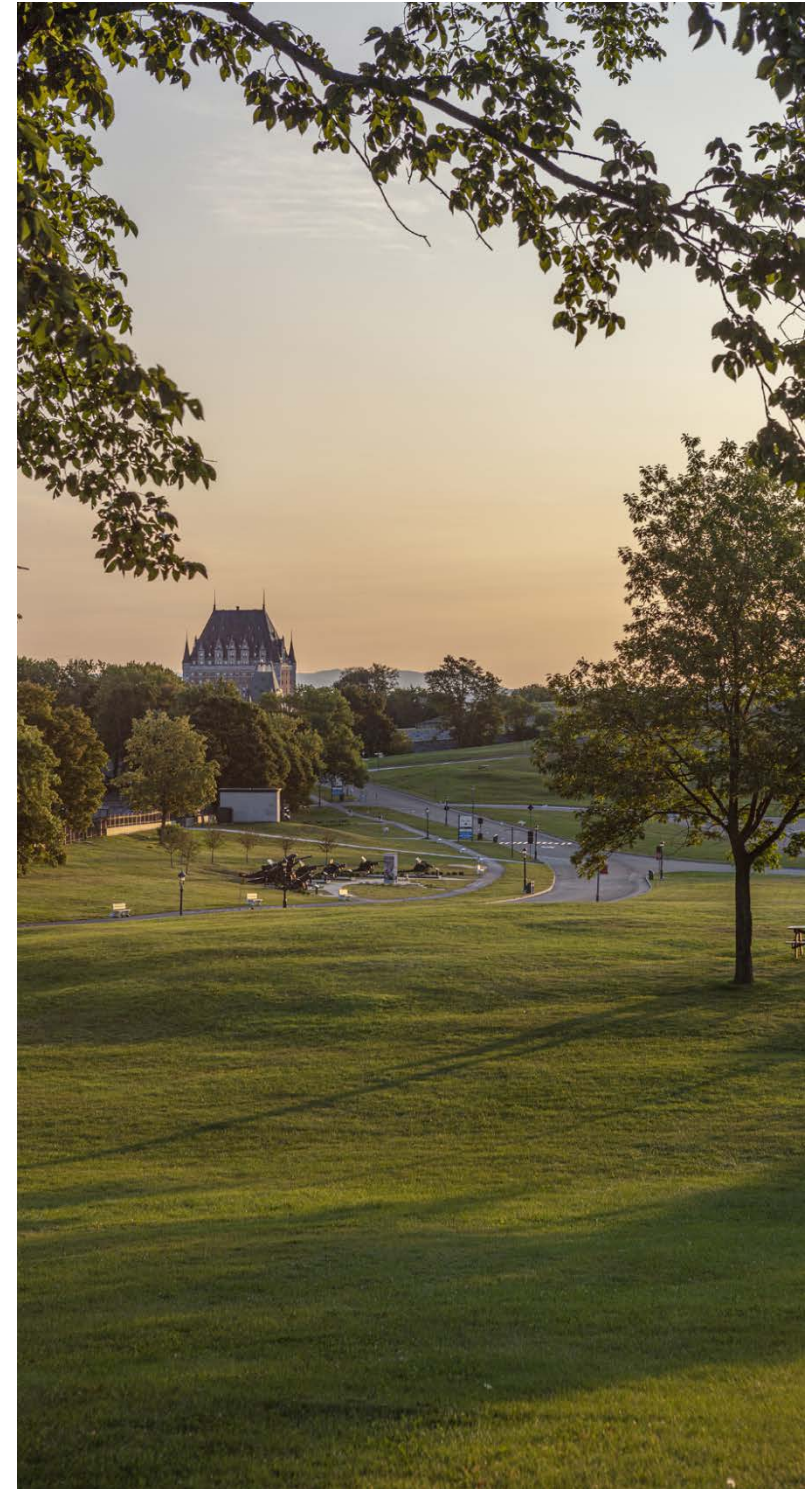
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SECTION 1

# Introduction to the Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

The [2022 to 2026 Federal Sustainable Development Strategy \(FSDS\)](#) presents the Government of Canada's sustainable development goals and targets, as required by the [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#). This is the first FSDS to be framed using the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and provides a balanced view of the environmental, social and economic dimensions of sustainable development.

In keeping with the purpose of the Act, to make decision-making related to sustainable development more transparent and accountable to Parliament, the National Battlefields Commission (NBC) supports the goals laid out in the FSDS through the activities described in this Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy (DSDS).



The [Federal Sustainable Development Act](#) also sets out [7 principles](#) that must be considered in the development of the FSDS as well as DSDSs. These basic principles have been considered and incorporated in the National Battlefields Commission's DSDS.

In order to promote coordinated action on sustainable development across the Government of Canada, this departmental strategy integrates efforts to advance Canada's implementation of the 2030 Agenda National Strategy, supported by the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) and Canadian Indicator Framework (CIF) targets and indicators. The strategy also now captures SDG initiatives that fall outside the scope of the FSDS to inform the development of the Canada's Annual Report on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

SECTION 2

# National Battlefields Commission's Sustainable Development Vision

In 2010, the NBC drew up its Sustainable Development Policy, in which it states its desire to align itself with the very heart of its mission to rehabilitate and conserve sites with a view to sustainability, and refers to the following: "[T]he NBC territory is one of the most important historic sites in Canada. Commonly referred to as "The Plains of Abraham", this site forms the largest urban park in Quebec City and ranks among the world's most prestigious parks. The NBC reconciles the park's historical importance with its role as an urban park. It preserves this heritage for future generations, showcases it so that the public can benefit fully from its riches, and introduces Canadians to the great facts of Canadian history that relate to it"<sup>1</sup>.

More recently, through its 2022-2025 strategic plan, the NBC has embarked on a process to place sustainable development at the heart of its actions. To do this, the NBC will involve all members of its staff through information, training and by soliciting their participation in order to make them agents of change in sustainable development. In addition, the NBC wishes to become a living laboratory for sustainable development at the service of the community. Finally, the NBC aims to adopt best environmental practices and standards. This will be achieved in particular by promoting the NBC's achievements and expertise, by implementing at least one innovative project that respects the principles of sustainable development, by establishing partnerships with scientific research bodies and by involving the community in sustainable development initiatives.

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<sup>1</sup> Mission Statement, Performance Report, March 2010 (as cited in The National Battlefields Commission Sustainable Development Policy, 2010).



## SECTION 3

# Listening to Canadians

As required by the *Federal Sustainable Development Act*, the National Battlefields Commission has taken into account comments on the draft 2022-2026 FSDS made during the public consultation held from March 11 to July 9, 2022. During the public consultation, more than 700 comments were received from a broad range of stakeholders, including governments, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, academics, businesses, and individual Canadians in different age groups and of various backgrounds. The draft FSDS was also shared with the appropriate committee of each House of Parliament, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, and the Sustainable Development Advisory Council for their review and comment.

## What We Heard

Across the submissions received, the National Battlefields Commission identified sustainable development priorities and issues that affect us. Examples of key priorities identified during the public consultations and which are in line with the NBC's mandate and strategic plan include reconciliation and respect for Aboriginal rights and autonomy. In this regard, the NBC is actively involved in the reconciliation process. One of the suggestions for improvement identified during the public consultations that particularly concerns the NBC is the desire to put people and communities at the heart of sustainable development by emphasizing initiatives "in the field", i.e. at the level of organizations such as the NBC, which lead to progress in this area.

## What We Did

The National Battlefields Commission took the above-mentioned key priorities and issues into consideration in this DSDS.

Please find more information on the FSDS public consultation and its results in the [FSDS Consultation Report](#)

SECTION 4

# National Battlefields Commission's Commitments





## GOAL 10: ADVANCE RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TAKE ACTION ON INEQUALITY

### **FSDS Context:**

The NBC is actively involved in the reconciliation process. It wishes to continue to make space for Aboriginal communities in its organization, activities and actions. Similarly, it aims to become a significant actor in the recognition of the history of Aboriginal communities, which are part of the organization's heritage. Finally, the NBC intends to continue raising awareness and informing its teams, visitors and partners about the place of Aboriginal communities in its heritage.

For example, the NBC integrates Aboriginal artists into its cultural programming at the Edwin-Bélanger Bandstand, and provides its staff with training from Tourisme autochtone Québec to help them better understand the approach to designations and raise awareness of Aboriginal realities. In addition, the NBC continues to present an inclusive cultural and historical offering, notably by highlighting the role of Aboriginal peoples in Canada in its activities, enhancement projects and publications on history, in order to promote the equality of peoples (eg. integration of the aboriginal warrior Atiatonharongwen in a historical activity, explanations of the Abenaki reality in 1759 by anthropologist, lecturer and storyteller Nicole O'Bomsawin and a demonstration of the Abenaki nation's diet (with tasting of aboriginal cuisine) at the time of the siege of Quebec, by chef Lysanne O'Bomsawin during the 2022 historical days).

Also, in 2022-2023, the NBC has set up two new partnerships with Aboriginal communities. The first is with Tourisme Autochtone Québec and the second is with the Huron-Wendat Museum. Finally, to mark the National Day of Truth and



Reconciliation in 2023, the NBC hosted an activity of the Musée ambulant, inaugurating the work "Échos/de awehskwahk", which provided an opportunity for encounters through art. The collaborative work of artists Andrée Levesque Sioui and Jeffrey Poirier, focusing on the dialogue between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples, was highlighted, as was the work of Wendat artist Ludovic Boney.

**Target theme:** Advancing reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis communities

**Target:** Between 2023 and 2026, and every year on an ongoing basis, develop and table annual progress reports on implementing *the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)

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<p>Implement the <i>United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act</i></p>	<p><b>Programs:</b> Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of NBC or NBC-hosted activities with an Aboriginal component</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> In 2022-2023, the NBC had seven of these activities</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Maintain a minimum of three activities with an Aboriginal component</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 10.2 - By 2030, empower all people and promote their social, economic and political integration, regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Canadians live without discrimination and inequality is reduced <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p> <p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 10.3.1 - Proportion of population reporting having personally experienced discrimination or harassment in the previous 12 months on grounds prohibited by international human rights law <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Canadians live without discrimination and inequality is reduced <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

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<p>Become a significant actor in the recognition of the history of the Aboriginal communities that are part of the organization's heritage. Raise awareness and inform NBC teams, colleagues and partners about the place of Aboriginal communities in the organization's heritage.</p>	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> number of publications, training sessions, initiatives, etc. (other than as part of an activity offered by the NBC or hosted by it) that contribute to the recognition or awareness of the history of Aboriginal communities</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> In 2022-2023, the NBC implemented two new partnerships with Aboriginal organizations</p> <p><b>Target:</b> By 2023-2024, all targeted employees will have taken the training offered by Tourisme autochtone Québec.</p> <p>Thereafter, offer training to employees on an annual basis</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 10.3.1 - Proportion of population reporting having personally experienced discrimination or harassment in the previous 12 months on grounds prohibited by international human rights law Canadians live without discrimination and inequality is reduced <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

**Initiatives advancing Canada’s implementation of SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities**

The following initiatives demonstrate how the National Battlefields Commission’s programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS
Creating opportunities for exchange with aboriginal communities	<p>10.3.1- Proportion of population reporting having personally experienced discrimination or harassment in the previous 12 months on grounds prohibited by international human rights law.</p> <p>10.2 - By 2030, empower all people and promote their social, economic and political integration, regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.</p>
Set up appropriate recognition, commemoration and reconciliation initiatives	
Establish mechanisms for involvement with Aboriginal communities that are part of NBC's heritage	
Educate, communicate and raise awareness among NBC teams, clients and partners about the place of Aboriginal communities in the NBC's heritage.	
Establish a committee/responsible entity and a dedicated resource person	
Build partnerships to carry out projects	
Review and upgrade all NBC museum content	
Remove the Cap-aux-Diamants commemorative plaque	
Include values/notions related to the theme in our practices, activities and services: - Public art/monument by Aboriginal artist - New books and educational workshops	



## GOAL 12: REDUCE WASTE AND TRANSITION TO ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES

### **FSDS Context:**

The NBC continues to place sustainable development at the heart of its actions. For example, the NBC encourages the purchase of hybrid and electric vehicles and has 28 such vehicles among its 50 vehicles. In addition, the NBC has taken steps to acquire and install electric charging stations.

The NBC's efforts are reflected in its objective of adopting best environmental practices and standards.

In addition, the NBC takes into account the programs of the Green Government Strategy when making future purchases, so as to integrate these programs into its procurement practices and processes. Similarly, the NBC continues to analyze practices in the museum sector and to establish a plan to follow. To promote its achievements and expertise in eco-design, the NBC took part in the Société des musées du Québec convention. In the build-up to an exhibition, the museum management team asks what materials can be reused and how they can be disposed of in an eco-responsible manner.

Another type of initiative aimed at reducing the use of vehicles is for NBC security officers to patrol by bike, on foot and in golf carts when the weather allows. These alternative modes of patrol reduce the use of vehicles that emit greenhouse gases.

In addition, to improve the energy use and efficiency of its buildings and operations, the NBC is taking three main measures. The first is to recover rainwater for use on the park. The second is to reduce water consumption with low-flow taps and toilets. The third is the conversion of LED street lamps on the NBC territory, which is now complete.

**Target theme:** Federal Leadership on Responsible Consumption

**Target:** By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 75% by weight of non-hazardous operational waste (All Ministers)



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Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	<b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of projects involving the reuse of park resources</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC reuses cut wood for certain projects</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Reuse park resources in at least two projects annually</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices  <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>
Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	<b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Maintain the practice of redirecting natural residues (plants, foliage, trees, etc.) to a composting site.</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC redirects its natural waste to a composting site</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Continue to redirect natural residues to a composting site</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices  <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

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Maximize diversion of waste from landfill	<b>Program:</b> Educational, cultural and heritage activities	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of new projects involving eco-design</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC wishes to adopt guidelines to standardize its practices</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Ensure that at least 75% of new animation or exhibition projects incorporate the eco-design process.</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices  <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

**Target:** By 2030, the Government of Canada will divert from landfill at least 90% by weight of all construction and demolition waste (All Ministers)

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Other	<b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of low-flow devices used</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> NBC had no low-flow plumbing fixtures before 2018</p> <p><b>Target:</b> For new constructions or replacements (if possible), install low-flow devices to reduce the amount of water consumed.</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices  <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

**Target:** The Government of Canada’s procurement of goods and services will be net-zero emissions by 2050, to aid the transition to a net-zero, circular economy (All Ministers)

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA’S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS
Transform the federal light-duty fleet	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of hybrid or electric vehicles in the NBC fleet</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> In 2022-2023, 28 of the 50 vehicles are either hybrid or electric</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Achieve 100% of annual replacements where possible by hybrid or electric vehicles by March 31, 2027</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of new light vehicle registrations that are for zero-emission vehicles <i>GIF Target:</i> Zero-emission vehicles account for 10% of new light vehicles sold in Canada by 2025, 30% by 20230 and 100% by 2040</p>
Strengthen green procurement criteria	<p><b>Program:</b> Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Comply with all Treasury Board Secretariat Green Government Strategy criteria in procurement procedures</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC incorporates a number of criteria from the Treasury Board Secretariat’s Green Government Strategy into its procurement procedures</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Establish procedures and carry out an annual review of the criteria to be integrated</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices. <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

### Implementation strategies supporting the goal

This section is for implementation strategies that support the goal “Reduce waste and transition to zero-emission vehicles” but not a specific FSDS target

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	DEPARTMENTAL ACTION	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR STARTING POINT TARGET	HOW THE DEPARTMENTAL ACTION CONTRIBUTES TO THE FSDS GOAL AND TARGET AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, TO CANADA’S 2030 AGENDA NATIONAL STRATEGY AND SDGS
Other	<b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Number of hours patrolled by bicycle, foot and golf cart</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> Before 2018, the NBC did not carry out any bike patrols as an alternative to vehicles.</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Carry out at least 200 hours of bike, foot and golf cart patrols annually</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 12.2 - Canadians consume sustainably  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Proportion of businesses that have adopted environmental protection activities or management practices.  <i>GIF Target:</i> No specific target</p>

**Initiatives advancing Canada’s implementation of SDG 12 – Responsible Consumption and Production**

The following initiatives demonstrate how the National Battlefields Commission’s programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS
Upgrade and implement sustainable development policy	Canadians consume sustainably
Continue to integrate Treasury Board Secretariat's Green Government Strategy programs into our procurement practices and processes	
Adopt and monitor best practices, standards and certifications	
Purchase biodegradable bags for dog bag dispensers	
Recover rainwater for use in the park	
Reduce water consumption with low-flow taps and toilets	





## GOAL 13: TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS

### **FSDS Context:**

The fight against climate change is one of the values and principles guiding Canadian Heritage organizations, including the NBC. The NBC wants to place sustainable development at the heart of its actions (a pillar of its strategic plan). To date, the NBC has been involved in meetings of directors general for the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy.

The NBC's commitment to informing, training and involving all employees as agents of change in this area is in line with Objective 13. The same is true of its desire to become a living laboratory of sustainable development at the service of the community.

One example of the measures taken by the NBC is its participation in the "May without a lawnmower" initiative, which consists of avoiding mowing the lawn during this month in order to encourage insect pollination. In addition, the NBC intends to continue informing, training and involving all employees as agents of change in sustainable development.

**Target theme:** Federal Leadership on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions and Climate Resilience

**Target:** The Government of Canada will transition to net-zero carbon operations for facilities and conventional fleets by 2050 (All Ministers)

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<p>Implement the Greening Government Strategy through measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve climate resilience, and green the government’s overall operations</p>	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Keeping the NBC’s Sustainable Development Policy up to date</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> Policy dates back to 2010</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Conduct an annual review of the NBC’s Sustainable Development Policy</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada’s total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy</p>
<p>Modernize through net-zero carbon buildings</p>	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> For new constructions, design carbon-neutral buildings</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC has no carbon-neutral buildings on its territory</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Design carbon-neutral buildings for new construction</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada’s total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy</p>

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<p>Apply a greenhouse gas reduction life-cycle cost analysis for major building retrofits</p>	<p><b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Integrate life-cycle cost analysis of greenhouse gas reductions into NBC practices when buildings undergo major renovations</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> No life-cycle cost analysis of greenhouse gas reductions is currently carried out</p> <p><b>Target:</b> The NBC Sustainable Development Committee will gather information, acquire resources and assess what can be done in this area</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b>  <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions  <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions  <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy.</p>

**Target:** The Government of Canada will transition to climate resilient operations by 2050 (All Ministers)

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Reduce risks posed by climate change to federal assets, services and operations	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Adapting services to weather conditions</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC takes steps to ensure that users have access to summer activities for extended periods of time</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Adapt service offering to weather conditions, where necessary and feasible</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy</p>
Other	<p><b>Program:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Take the necessary measures to mitigate the effects of new diseases that could affect the NBC's arboreal heritage</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> The NBC takes preventive and curative action on trees</p> <p><b>Target:</b> Continue to be on the lookout for risks and ways to intervene</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy</p>

## Implementation strategies supporting the goal

This section is for implementation strategies that support the goal **“Take action on climate change and its impacts”** but not a specific FSDS target

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Other	<p><b>Programs:</b> Maintenance of infrastructure and security Educational, cultural and heritage activities Internal services</p>	<p><b>Performance indicator:</b> Establish partnerships with sustainable development research bodies</p> <p><b>Starting point:</b> No partnerships currently exist</p> <p><b>Target:</b> By 2027, establish and maintain a partnership with a sustainable development research body.</p>	<p><b>Relevant targets or ambitions:</b> <i>CIF Ambition/Target:</i> 13.1 - Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions <i>CIF Indicator:</i> Greenhouse gas emissions <i>GIF Target:</i> By 2030, reduce Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions by 40-45% from 2005 emission levels. By 2050, achieve a carbon-neutral economy</p>

**Initiatives advancing Canada’s implementation of SDG 13 – Climate Action**

The following initiatives demonstrate how the National Battlefields Commission’s programming supports the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, supplementing the information outlined above.

PLANNED INITIATIVES	ASSOCIATED DOMESTICS TARGETS OR AMBITIONS AND/OR GLOBAL TARGETS
Inform, train and involve each employee as an agent of change in this area	Canadians reduce their greenhouse gas emissions
Promote our achievements and expertise	
Establish partnerships with scientific research bodies	
Involve the community in sustainable development initiatives	
Develop agreements with organizations dedicated to sustainable development	



SECTION 5

# Integrating Sustainable Development

The NBC plans to further integrate sustainable development into its internal policies, notably by revising its Sustainable Development Policy, but also by adopting an integrated approach in this area to ensure that all its services include this dimension in areas where it is possible. Similarly, the NBC will continue to adopt operational processes that incorporate sustainable development.

The National Battlefields Commission will continue to ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSIDS goals and targets through its SEA process. An SEA for a policy, plan or program proposal includes an analysis of the impacts of the given proposal on the environment, including on relevant FSIDS goals and targets.

Public statements on the results of the National Battlefields Commission's assessments will be made public when an initiative has undergone a detailed SEA (see [here](#)). The purpose of the public statement is to demonstrate that the environmental effects, including the impacts on achieving the FSIDS goals and targets, of the approved policy, plan or program have been considered during proposal development and decision making.

