

National Battlefields Commission

2019–20 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

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1. Context for the Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy

Although the National Battlefields Commission is not bound by the *Federal Sustainable Development Act* and is not required to develop a full departmental sustainable development strategy, the National Battlefields Commission adheres to the principles of the Federal Sustainable Development Strategy (FSDS) by implementing the *Policy on Green Procurement*.

The *Policy on Green Procurement* supports the Government of Canada’s effort to promote environmental stewardship. In keeping with the objectives of the policy, the National Battlefields Commission supports sustainable development by integrating environmental performance considerations into the procurement decision-making process through the actions described in the “FSDS goal: low-carbon government” table in section 2.

2. Commitments for the National Battlefields Commission

FSDS goal: low-carbon government

FSDS target	FSDS contributing action	Corresponding departmental action(s)	Support for UN Sustainable Development Goal target	Starting point(s), target(s) and performance indicator(s) for departmental actions	Link to the department’s Program Inventory
Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from federal government buildings and fleets by 40% below 2005 levels by 2030, with an aspiration to achieve it by 2025.	Reduce the use of vehicles.	Patrol by bike, by foot and with the electric golf kart when the weather allows it.	13.	<p>Starting point : 400 hours of patrols by bike, by foot and with an electric golf kart were conducted in summer 2018.</p> <p>Target : For summer 2019, conduct at least 400 hours of patrol by bike, by foot or with an electric golf kart.</p> <p>Indicator : Number of hours of patrol by bike, by foot and with a golf kart.</p>	Maintenance of infrastructure and security.

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Reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from federal government buildings and fleets by 40% below 2005 levels by 2030, with an aspiration to achieve it by 2025.	Improve the use of energy and the energetic efficiency of our buildings/ operations.	Capture rainfall to make use of it on the park.	13.	<p>Starting point : No watering is being done with rainwater on the park.</p> <p>Target : create a rainfall recovery system to ensure the decrease of the consumption of clean water to irrigate the plants and green spaces.</p> <p>Indicator : Number of litters of clean water saved.</p>	Maintenance of infrastructure and security.
		Decrease the water consumption with low flow taps and toilets.	13.	<p>Starting point : The NBC had no low flow plumbing fixtures before 2018.</p> <p>Target : During new constructions replacements, install low flow plumbing fixtures to reduce the quantity of consumed water.</p> <p>Indicator : Quantity of low flow plumbing fixtures used.</p>	Maintenance of infrastructure and security.

3. Integrating sustainable development

The National Battlefields Commission will continue to ensure that its decision-making process includes consideration of FSDS goals and targets through its Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) process. A SEA for policy, plan or program proposals includes an analysis of the impacts of the given proposal on the environment, including on FSDS goals and targets.