

The National Battlefields Commission
Quarterly Financial Report
For the quarter ended, December 31, 2011

Statement outlining results, risks and significant changes in operations, personnel and program

Introduction

The National Battlefields Commission Mandate

The Commission was established in 1908 under an *Act respecting the National Battlefields in Quebec*.

The Commission is a departmental corporation named in Schedule II of the *Financial Administration Act*.

The Commission's mandate is to ensure that all the cultural, recreational, natural and scientific resources of the Battlefields Park are developed in the best interest of Canadians and that the image of the Government of Canada is strengthened without compromising the historic character of the site. To achieve that goal, the Commission will acquire, preserve and develop the great historic battlefields in Quebec. In addition to Internal Services, the National Battlefields Commission has two program activities: « Conservation and Development » and « Public Education and Services ».

Further information on the mandate, roles, responsibilities and programs of The National Battlefields Commission can be found in the National Battlefields Commission 2011-2012 Main Estimates, available on the following website: <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/est-pre/20112012/me-bpd/docs/me-bpd-eng.pdf> page 86.

This quarterly financial report:

- should be read in conjunction with the 2011-2012 Main Estimates;
- has been prepared by management of The National Battlefields Commission as required by section 65.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* and in the form and manner prescribed by the Treasury Board;
- has not been subject to an external audit or review.

Basis of Presentation

This quarterly report has been prepared by management using an expenditure basis of accounting. The accompanying Statement of Authorities includes the Commission's spending authorities granted by Parliament and those used by the Commission consistent with the Main Estimates for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This quarterly report has been prepared using a special purpose financial reporting framework designed to meet financial information needs with respect to the use of spending authorities.

The authority of Parliament is required before moneys can be spent by the Government. Approvals are given in the form of annually approved limits through appropriation acts or through legislation in the form of statutory spending authority for specific purposes.

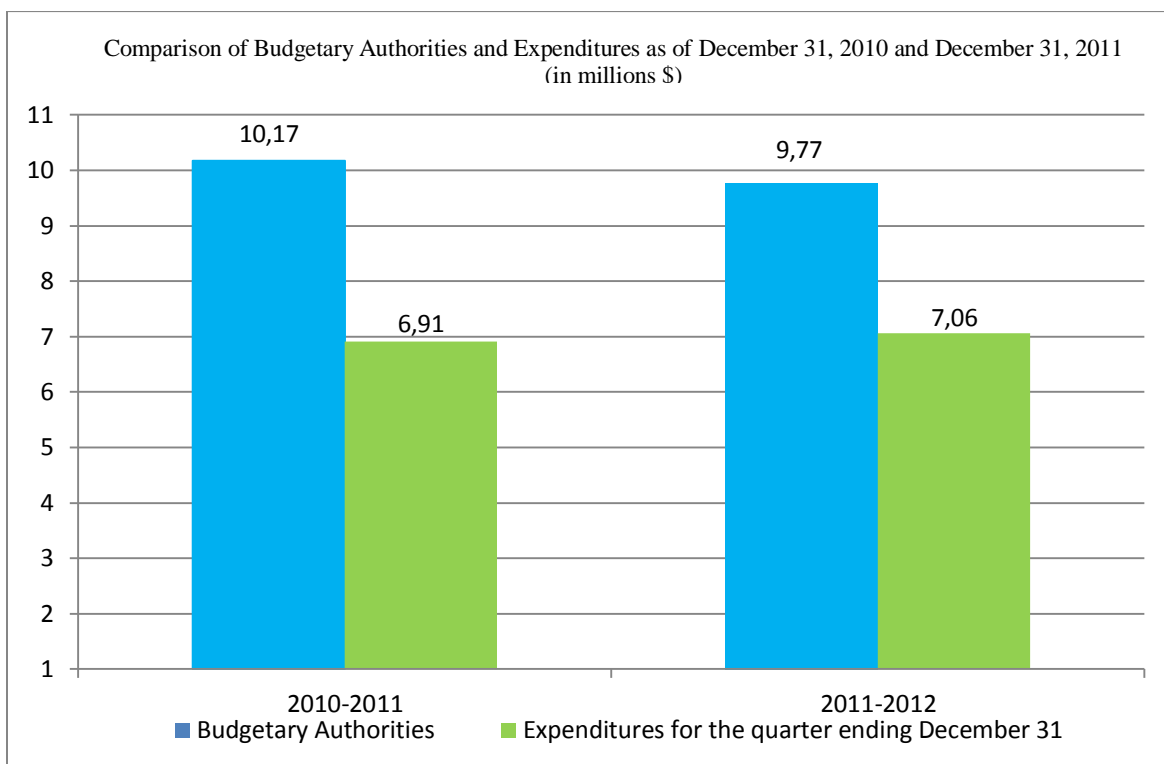
When Parliament is dissolved for the purposes of a general election, section 30 of the Financial Administration Act authorizes the Governor General, under certain conditions, to issue a special warrant authorizing the Government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Revenue Fund. A special warrant is deemed to be an appropriation for the fiscal year in which it is issued.

The Commission uses the full accrual method of accounting to prepare and present its annual departmental financial statements that are part of the departmental performance reporting process. However, the spending authorities voted by Parliament remain on an expenditure basis.

Highlights of fiscal quarter and fiscal year to date (YTD) results

This section highlights the significant items that contributed to the net decrease in resources available for the year and actual expenditures for the quarter ended December 31.

Graph 1 :



Graph 1 outlines the budgetary authorities which represent the resources available for use for the year as of December 31.

Authorities' analysis

As at December 31, 2011, total authorities available for the year have decreased by \$0.4 million compared to the same quarter of the prior year, from \$10.17 million to \$9.77 million. This decrease is mainly due to a \$325,000 funding carry-over request that has not been extended to 2011-2012 for the relocation and renovation of the Commission's administrative offices. See table below for a detailed explanation of the difference.

Explanation – Difference

Cost containment measures – 2010 Budget	(14 104)
Benefits increase (\$)	20 217
Expenses increase as per 29.1(1) (\$)	100 000
No funding carry-over to 2011-2012	(325 000)
Changes in Operating Budget Carry Forward	6 562
Revenues Decrease	(191 025)
Total	(403 350)

Budgetary expenditures analysis

Compared to the previous year, total budgetary expenditures recorded in the first quarter, ending December 31, 2011 increased by \$0.15 million, from \$6.91 million to \$7.06 million as per the Table of departmental budgetary expenditures by Standard Object. This \$0.15 million increase is the combined result of some favourable and unfavourable variances in Year to date used at quarter end. The most important declines relate to Information (\$197,000, or -53%) and Rentals (\$175,000 or -76%). They are explained by the expenses incurred for the presentation of the Plaines lunes show in 2010-2011. The most important increase is for Acquisition of land, buildings and works (\$535,000), mainly because of road repairing carried out in 2011-2012.

Risks and Uncertainties

This Departmental Quarterly Financial Report reflects the results of the current fiscal period in relation to the Main Estimates for which full supply was released on June 27, 2011.

Budget 2010 announced that the operating budgets of departments would be frozen at their 2010-11 levels for the fiscal years 2011-12 and 2012-13 and that departments would not be founded for salary increases resulting for those years. The National Battlefields Commission should be able to accommodate the reduction in funding without significantly impacting its ongoing operations.

Budget 2011 announced that departmental budgets would be examined through a Strategic and Operating Review. Pursuant to this review, it is expected that future years' budgets will be reduced for fiscal years commencing in 212-13. However, at this time, the nature and extent of any reductions are not known.

Significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs

There have been no significant changes in relation to operations, personnel and programs.

Approval by Senior Officials

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Statement of Authorities (unaudited)

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	Fiscal year 2011-2012			Fiscal year 2010-2011		
	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2012 *	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2011	Year to date used at quarter end	Total available for use for the year ending March 31, 2011	Used during the quarter ended December 31, 2010	Year to date used at quarter end
Program expenditures	7521	962	5495	7853	1048	5403
Contributions to employee benefit plans	407	102	305	387	97	291
Expenditures pursuant to subsection 29.1(1) of the Financial Administration Act	1838	354	1255	1929	388	1215
Total authorities	9766	1418	7055	10169	1533	6909

* Includes only Authorities available for use and granted by Parliament at quarter-end.

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Departmental budgetary expenditures by Standard Object (unaudited)

<i>(In thousands of dollars)</i>	Fiscal year 2011-2012			Fiscal year 2010-2011		
	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2012	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2011	Year to date used at quarter end	Planned expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2011	Expended during the quarter ended December 31, 2010	Year to date used at quarter end
Expenditures:						
Personnel	2669	887	3016	2662	843	2916
Transportation and communications	223	27	83	185	26	78
Information	350	29	178	475	106	375
Professional and special services	700	123	375	650	134	410
Rentals	120	15	54	199	17	229
Purchased repair and maintenance	929	192	676	573	215	576
Utilities, materials and supplies	800	53	385	1354	139	533
Acquisition of land, buildings and works	975	73	615	395	42	80
Acquisition of machinery and equipment	-	19	46	-	11	84
Transfer payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Public debt charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other subsidies and payments	3000	-	1627	3676	-	1628
Total Expenditures	9766	1418	7055	10169	1533	6909