

National Battlefields Commission
Fees Report
Fiscal year 2023–24

Minister of Canadian Heritage
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Minister's message

I am pleased to present the 2023–24 Fees Report for the National Battlefields Commission (NBC).

In 2023-24, the NBC continued to promote the conservation and development of the Battlefields Park, which includes the Plains of Abraham and des Braves Park. Throughout the year, park users, tourists and families were offered a variety of educational activities to explore the park and its history. Thousands of school groups have visited the park, and our educational activity leaders have also reached out and visited schools to promote history.

In addition, the NBC continued to offer exhibitions to its visitors, including the temporary exhibition *Aeria*, for which the Plains of Abraham Museum received an award (Prix Excellence) from the Société des musées du Québec.

I invite you all to read this report prepared by the NBC and required under the *Service Fees Act*. I am pleased that this department is supporting open and transparent fee management, as reflected in this report.

The Honourable Pascale St-Onge, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Canadian Heritage



About this report

This report, which is tabled under section 20 of the *Service Fees Act*ⁱ, the *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*ⁱⁱ, and subsection 4.2.9 of the Treasury Board *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*ⁱⁱⁱ, contains information about the fees NBC had the authority to set in fiscal year 2023–24.

The report covers fees that are subject to the *Service Fees Act* and exempted from the *Service Fees Act*.

For reporting purposes, fees are categorized by fee-setting mechanism. There are three mechanisms:

1. Act, regulation or fees notice
The authority to set these fees is delegated to a department, minister or Governor in Council pursuant to an act of Parliament.
2. Contract
Ministers have the authority to enter into contracts, which are usually negotiated between the minister and an individual or organization, and which cover fees and other terms and conditions. In some cases, that authority may also be provided by an act of Parliament.
3. Market rate or auction
The authority to set these fees is pursuant to an act of Parliament or a regulation, and the minister, department or Governor in Council has no control over the fee amount.

For fees set by act, regulation or fees notice, the report provides totals for fee groupings, as well as detailed information for each fee. For fees set by contract and fees set by market rate or auction, the report provides totals only.

Although the fees the NBC charges under the *Access to Information Act* were subject to the *Service Fees Act*, they are not included in this report. Information on the NBC's access to information fees is in our annual report to Parliament on the administration of the *Access to Information Act*, which is posted on our Web page: [Reports and Policies – The National Battlefields Commission](#)^{iv}.

Remissions

In 2023-24, the NBC was not subject to the requirements set out in section 7 of the *Service Fees Act* and did not grant any discount under its enabling statute.

Overall totals, by fee-setting mechanism

The following table presents the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees that NBC had the authority to set in 2023–24, by fee-setting mechanism.

Overall totals for 2022–23, by fee-setting mechanism

Fee-setting mechanism	Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
Fees set by contract	472 529	800 239	Remissions do not apply to fees set by contract.
Fees set by market rate or auction	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Fees set by act, regulation or fees notice	2 038 126	5 907 697	0
Total	2 510 655	6 707 936	0

Totals, by fee grouping, for fees set by act, regulation or fees notice

A fee grouping is a set of fees relating to a single business line, directorate or program that a department had the authority to set for those activities.

This section presents, for each fee grouping, the total revenue, cost and remissions for all fees NBC had the authority to set in 2023–24 that are set by fees notice.

Fees for providing a service: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
357 612	2 055 863	S.O.

Fees for the use of a facility: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
1 680 201	3 805 168	S.O.

Assessment fees: totals for 2023–24

Revenue (\$)	Cost (\$)	Remissions (\$)
313	46 666	S.O.

Details on each fee set by act, regulation or fees notice

This section provides detailed information on each fee the NBC had the authority to set in 2023–24 and that was set by fees notice.

Fee grouping

Providing a service

Fee

Educational activity for school groups – Primary school student

Level 1

- An Unusual House
- Abraham’s Family
- Abraham’s Family in Your Classroom
- Abraham’s Family through Videoconferencing
- Saint-Nicolas or Santa Claus
- Saint-Nicolas or Santa Claus in Your Classroom
- Saint-Nicolas or Santa Claus through Videoconferencing

Level 2

- Tales and Legends at the Martello Tower
- The Voyager
- The Voyager in Your Classroom
- The Voyager through Videoconferencing
- The Colony
- Abracadabra
- Abraham’s Family in Your Classroom
- Plains and Huron-Wendat Museum Package: Barter and Trade Duo

Level 3

- The Military
- The Military in Your Classroom
- The Military through Videoconferencing
- Battles | 1759-1760
- Soldier for a Day at the Martello Tower
- The Great March of the 20th Century
- The Besieged Tower
- The Investigator
- Myths, Legends and Tales in Your Classroom
- Myths, Legends and Tales through Videoconferencing
- Plains and Citadel Package: Cap-aux-Diamants Duo

Educational activity for school groups – High school students

- The Military
- Wolfe and Montcalm in Your Classroom
- Battles | 1759-1760
- The Snowshower
- The 20th Century Walk
- Montcalm through Videoconferencing
- Soldier of the Martello Tower

Educational activity for adult groups

- Battles | 1759–1760
- Guided Tour of the Park
- Wolfe and Montcalm

Fee-setting authority

- The National Battlefields Commission’s authority under *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*^v
- Notice of fees for rates: [Group activities](#)^{vi}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1995

Last year fee setting authority was amended

2023

Service standard

Exempt.

The following service standard is not subject to remissions pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*: Completion of the activity following a group reservation at the scheduled time, under normal circumstances.

Performance result

Exempt. The service standard was met 100%.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Not subject to section 17 of the *Service Fees Act*

Fee grouping

Use of a facility

Fee

Access to the Plains of Abraham Museum

Activities for the general public

- The Tormentor
- Halloween – Ghoulish Walk
- Halloween – Tales of the Bad Old Days
- Halloween – The Convict’s Last Drink
- Halloween – Arachnophobia
- Storytelling Evenings
- Treasure hunts
- Outdoor Escape Rallie
- Raptor Talons

Fee-setting authority

- The National Battlefields Commission’s authority under *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*^{vii}
- Notice of fees for rates: [Access to Plains of Abraham Museum](#)^{viii} - [Activities](#)^{ix}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1995

Last year fee setting authority was amended

2023

Service standard

Exempt.

The following service standard is not subject to remissions pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*: Access to facilities and activity following the purchase of entry to a general public activity under normal circumstances.

Performance result

Exempt. The service standard was met 100%.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Not subject to section 17 of the *Service Fees Act*

Fee grouping

Use of a facility

Fee

Parking lots

- Montcalm parking lot, Plains of Abraham Museum parking lot and Laurier parking lot

On-street parking with meters

- Taché Avenue, De Bernières Avenue, George VI Avenue and Grey Terrace

Parking with monthly pass

- De Bernières, De Laune, Montcalm parking lot and other sectors

Event parking

Fee-setting authority

- The National Battlefields Commission’s authority under *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*^x
- Notice of fees for rates: [Parking](#)^{xi}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

1995

Last year fee setting authority was amended

2024

Service standard

Exempt.

The following service standard is not subject to remissions pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*: Access to a parking space under normal circumstances. Periodic maintenance work, bad weather conditions or emergency operations could impact access to facilities.

Performance result

Exempt. The service standard was met 100%.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Not subject to section 17 of the *Service Fees Act*

Fee grouping

Assessment fees

Fee

Processing of a land use application

Fee-setting authority

The National Battlefields Commission’s authority under *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*^{xii}

Notice of fees for rates: [Application form for using the ground](#)^{xiii}

Year fee-setting authority was introduced

2017

Last year fee setting authority was amended

Not applicable

Service standard

Exempt.

The following service standard is not subject to remissions pursuant to the *Service Fees Act*: Sending an acknowledgment of a land use request within 10 business days of receiving a complete land use request.

Performance result

Exempt. The service standard was met 100%.

Application of *Low-Materiality Fees Regulations*

Not subject to section 17 of the *Service Fees Act*

The complete list of the NBC’s fees is available on our [Web site](#).

Endnotes

- ⁱ *Service Fees Act*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-8.4/index.html>
- ⁱⁱ *Low-materiality Fees Regulations*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2019-109/index.html>
- ⁱⁱⁱ *Directive on Charging and Special Financial Authorities*, <https://www.tbs-sct.canada.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?id=32502>
- ^{iv} *Reports and Policies*, <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-battlefields-commission/corporate/publications/plans-reports.html>
- ^v *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-3.4/index.html>
- ^{vi} Notice of fees for rates: Group activities, <https://www.plainsofabraham.ca/group-visits>
- ^{vii} *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-3.4/index.html>
- ^{viii} Notice of fees for rates : Access to Plains of Abraham Museum, <https://www.plainsofabraham.ca/locations-historical-monuments/plains-of-abraham-museum>
- ^{ix} Notice of fees for rates: Activities, <https://www.plainsofabraham.ca/activities-events>
- ^x *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-3.4/index.html>
- ^{xi} Notice of fees for rates: Parking, <https://www.plainsofabraham.ca/plan-your-visit#parking-lot-fees>
- ^{xii} *An Act respecting the National Battlefields at Quebec*, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-3.4/index.html>
- ^{xiii} Notice of fees for rates: Application form for using the ground, <https://www.canada.ca/en/national-battlefields-commission/corporate/publications/plans-reports.html#toc14>