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Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012

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Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012

During the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year a total of \$3,164,380* were spent in the 3 administrative Regions (Western, Central, Eastern) as indicated in Table 1 (\$ value) and Figure 1 (% of total dollars spent). This is a decrease of 37.4% over 2010/2011 spending. Contracts totaling \$631,230 were awarded to twenty different contractors . Contracts at Laurie, Mira and Whycomomagh were awarded through TIR under the Federal/Provincial Stimulus Program and are not included in this figure.

Table 1 (\$ value) and Figure 2 (% of total dollars spent) show the breakdown by Region of monies spent in each of 3 categories (Materials/Labour, In Kind - materials provided from within inventory of Parks Workshop, TIR (DNR funds delivered by TIR trades or contracts) and TIR funded projects.

In the Western Region, \$438,261 was spent with five contracts awarded, to 4 different contractors.

Central Region expenditures totaled \$1,949,964. Eight contracts were awarded, to 8 different contractors (does not include contracts awarded by TIR under Stimulus Program).

Five contracts were awarded in the Eastern Region, to 5 different contractors (does not include contracts awarded by TIR under Stimulus Program). Expenditures totaled \$776,155.

Details of expenditures for each Region can be found on pages 6, 9 and 13.

* Includes **Tangible Capital Asset (TCA)** expenditures of \$2,052,233 under the Federal/Provincial Stimulus Program

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Total Expenditures - All Regions

| Region | Materials/Labour | In Kind | TIR (DNR Funded) | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Western | \$434,185 | \$1,236 | \$2,840.00 | | \$438,261 |
| Central | \$642,785 | \$13,175 | \$1,294,004 | | \$1,949,964 |
| Eastern | \$286,824 | \$27,849 | \$461,482.00 | | \$776,155 |
| TOTAL | \$1,363,794 | \$42,260 | \$1,758,326 | \$0 | \$3,164,380 includes \$ 2,052,233 Federal Stimulus \$ |

Figure 1. Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012
Total Expenditures by Category - \$ Value all Regions

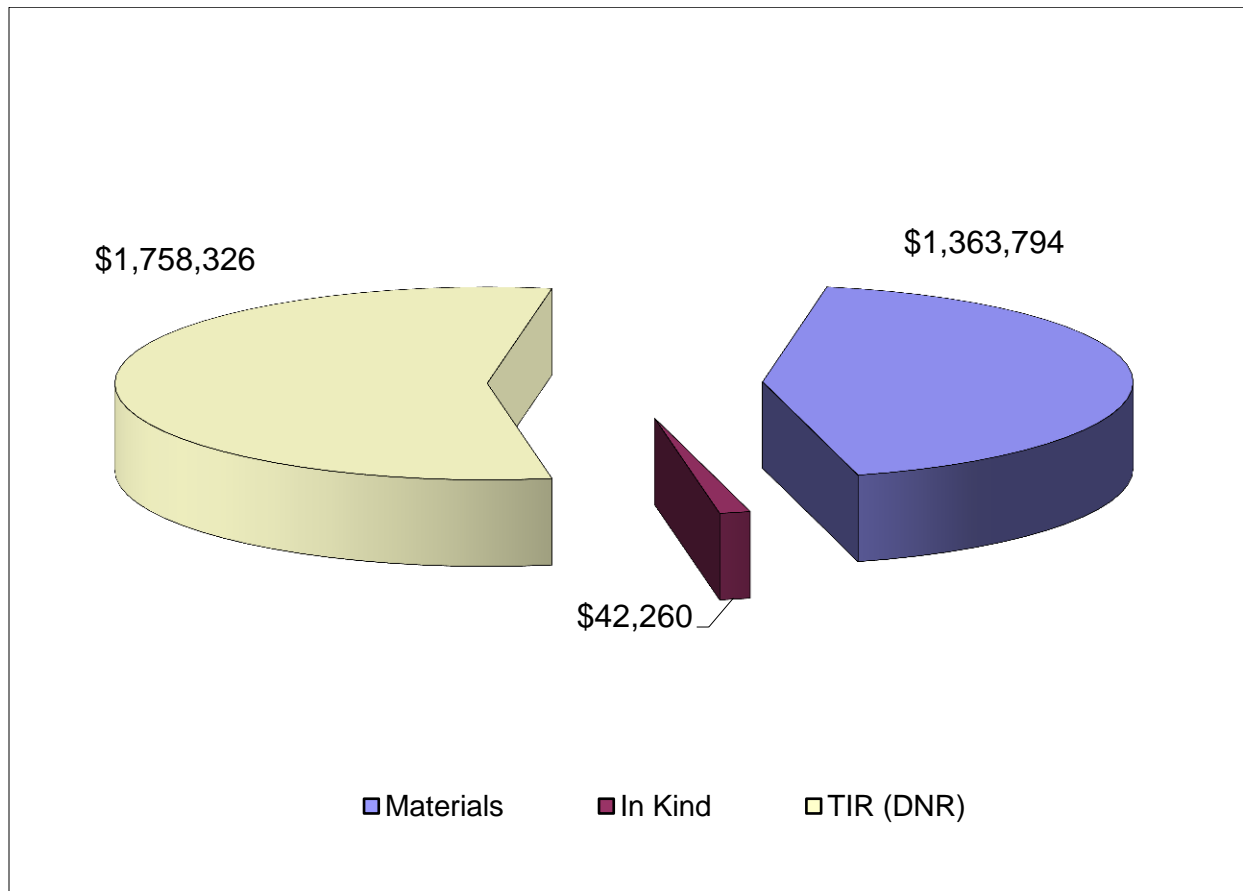
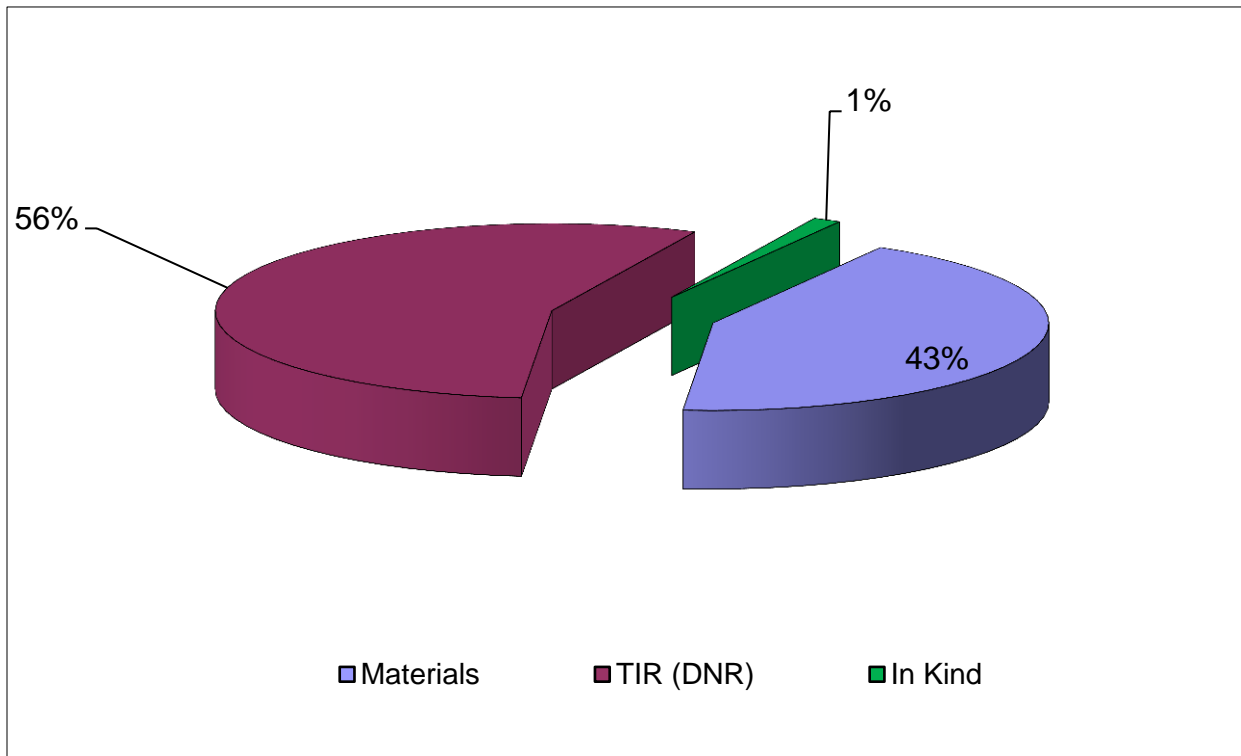


Figure 2. Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012
Total Expenditures - % by Category



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Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Expenditures - All Regions

| Region | Park | Expenditures |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Central | Laurie | \$1,018,851 |
| | Admin Office | \$44,991 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Sub-Total Central | | \$1,063,842 |
| Western | Graves Island | \$151,457 |
| | Sand Hills | \$87,526 |
| | Thomas Raddall | \$148,433 |
| Sub-Total Western | | \$387,416 |
| Eastern | Cape Smokey | \$38,385 |
| | Mira | \$96,026 |
| | West Mabou | \$105,340 |
| | Whycocomagh | \$361,224 |
| Sub-Total Eastern | | \$600,975 |
| TOTAL | | \$2,052,233 |

Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012 Western Region

The Western Region contains seven camping parks, 14 beaches (fresh and saltwater) and 22 day use parks.

In this Region monies were spent at four camping parks and seven day use parks(see Table 3). Material/labour accounted for \$434,185, In Kind \$1,236 and TIR (DNR) funded \$2,840. Table 3 also gives a breakdown of the dollars spent at each park in the Region and a summary of the work performed.

Five tenders were awarded in this Region at Cape Split, Graves Island, Sand Hills and Thomas Raddall. Tenders were awarded to the following*:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Clivus Multrum (Cape Split) | \$ 22,838 |
| Cobequid Trail (Graves Island) | \$ 96,577 |
| Willfield Construction (Graves Island) | \$ 54,880 |
| Aberdeen Paving (Sand Hills) | \$ 87,526 |
| Aberdeen Paving (Thomas Raddall) | \$148,433 |

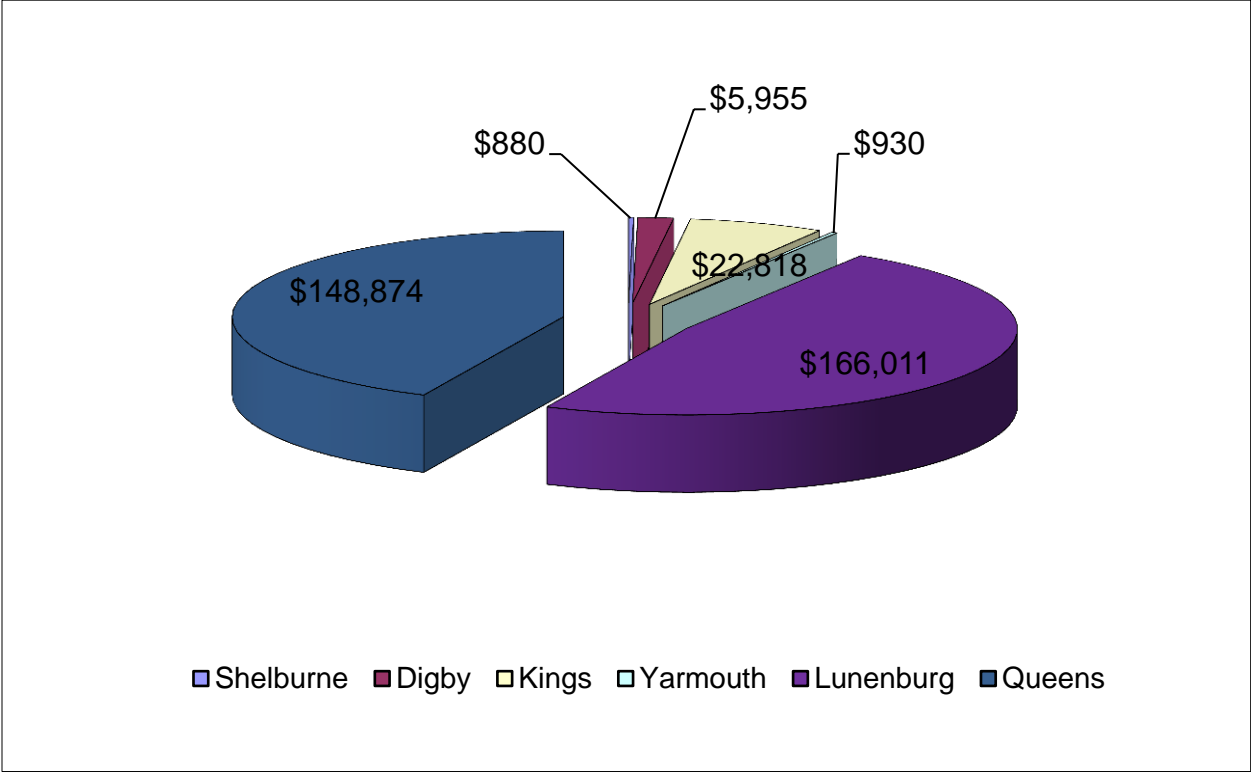
* Does not include TIR issued contracts*:

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Western Region

| Park | Work Performed | Materials/ Labour | In Kind | TIR DNR Funded | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cape Split | composting toilet | \$22,818 | \$559 | | | \$23,377 |
| Ellenwood | storm repairs | \$820 | | | | \$820 |
| Carters Beach | signage | \$441 | | | | \$441 |
| Graves Island | trails, water system | \$156,955 | \$74 | \$2,840 | | \$159,869 |
| Indian Fields | signage | | \$493 | | | \$493 |
| Lake Midway | privy | \$2,350 | | | | \$2,350 |
| Mavillette | privy | \$2,700 | | | | \$2,700 |
| Port Maitland | signage | | \$110 | | | \$110 |
| Rissers Beach | storm repairs | \$11,237 | | | | \$11,237 |
| Sand Hills | entry road | \$87,526 | | | | \$87,526 |
| Savary | privy | \$905 | | | | \$905 |
| Thomas Raddall | entry road | \$148,433 | | | | \$148,433 |
| TOTAL | | \$434,185 | \$1,236 | \$2,840 | 0 | \$438,261 |

Figure 4. Western Region Expenditures by County



Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012 Central Region

The Central Region is comprised of nine camping parks, 16 saltwater beaches and 19 day use parks.

In the Central Region work was undertaken at six camping parks and ten day use parks (see Table 4). Of the \$1,949,964 spent in this region, \$642,785 were materials/labour, \$13,175 were In Kind contributions, \$1,294,004 were TIR (DNR funded) charges and \$ 0 TIR funded. Table 4 also gives a breakdown of the dollars spent at each park in the Region and a summary of the work performed.

Eight contracts, totaling \$145,715 were awarded to the following vendors (\$ value of contract)*:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| David C Greeno (Amherst Shore) | \$ 6,450 |
| Gerald Spencer (Smileys) | \$ 5,465 |
| MacDonalds Industrial (Melmerby) | \$ 5,600 |
| Terra Marine (Rainbow Haven) | \$ 6,057 |
| Molnar Welding (Laurie) | \$ 5,400 |
| Blaine MacLane (Caribou) | \$ 6,883 |
| Cobequid Trail (Five Islands) | \$ 65,000 |
| Will Kare Paving (Admin Office) | \$ 44,860 |

*Does not include TIR issued contracts

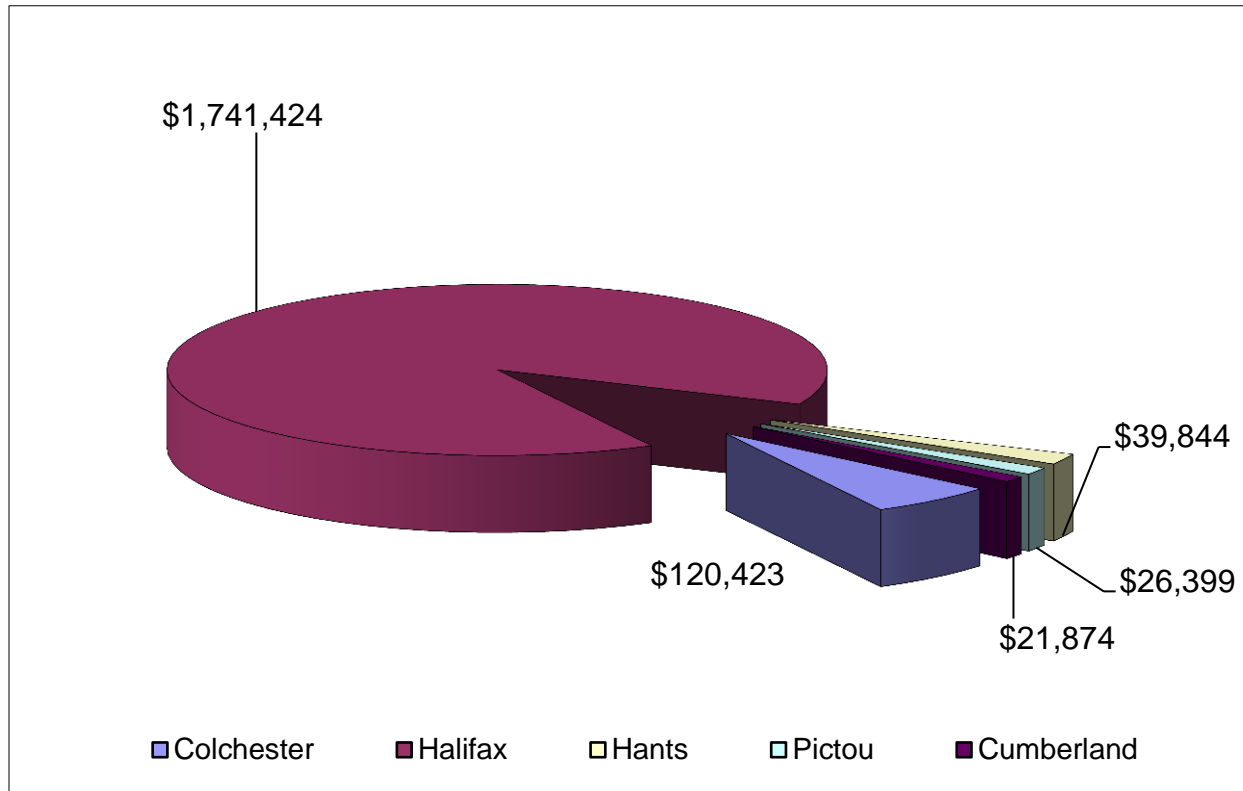
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Central Region

| Park | Work Performed | Materials/ Labour | In Kind | TIR DNR Funded | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Amherst Shore | accessible toilets bridge | \$9,812 | \$3,300 | | | \$13,112 |
| Anthony | wharf review | | | \$34,379 | | \$34,379 |
| Cape Chignecto | Trail Redevelopment | \$4,861 | \$521 | | | \$5,382 |
| Cole Harbour | toilet/benches | | \$1,940 | | | \$1,940 |
| Caribou | storm repairs | \$11,238 | | \$5,181 | | \$16,419 |
| Crystal Crescent | storm repairs | \$3,351 | | | | \$3,351 |
| Five Islands | trail development | \$67,800 | | | | \$67,800 |
| Laurie | Redevelopment, bridge reinforcing | \$468,975 | \$3,353 | \$1,210,111 | | \$1,682,439 |
| Harrigan Cove | wharf review | | | \$41,333 | | \$41,333 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Sub-Total | | \$566,037 | \$9,114 | \$1,291,004 | \$0 | \$1,866,155 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |

| Park | Work Performed | Materials/ Labour | In Kind | TIR DNR Funded | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Long Lake | trash rack inspection | | | \$3,000 | | \$3,000 |
| McElmon's Pond | trail repairs | \$4,750 | \$2,882 | | | \$7,632 |
| McNabs Island | floating dock | \$3,000 | | | | \$3,000 |
| Melmerby | storm repairs | \$6,885 | | | | \$6,885 |
| Moose River | signage | \$145 | | | | \$145 |
| Northport | storm repairs | \$3,380 | | | | \$3,380 |
| Powells Point | accessible toilet privy | \$1,995 | \$1,100 | | | \$3,095 |
| Rainbow Haven | storm repairs | \$6,057 | | | | \$6,057 |
| Second Lake | signage | | \$79 | | | \$79 |
| Smileys | road repairs | \$5,465 | | | | \$5,465 |
| Taylor Head | signage | \$80 | | | | \$80 |
| Park Office | entry road | \$44,991 | | | | \$44,991 |
| Total | | \$642,785 | \$13,175 | \$1,294,004 | \$0 | \$1,949,964 |

Figure 5. Central Region Expenditures by County



Park Improvement Program 2011 - 2012 Eastern Region

The Eastern Region contains five camping parks, 17 beaches (fresh and saltwater) and 22 day use parks.

Eastern Region work was undertaken at two camping parks and six day use parks (see Table 5). Of the \$776,155 spent in this region, \$286,824 were spent on materials/labour, 27,849 In Kind and \$ 461,482 TIR (DNR Funded). Table 5 also gives a breakdown of the dollars spent at each park in the Region and a summary of the work performed. Figure 7 shows the dollar value of work performed at each park.

Seven contracts, in the amount of \$218,986 were awarded as follows*:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Wayne Chisholm (Beaver Mountain) | \$ 6,000 |
| Top Gun Construction (Cabot Landing) | \$ 3,350 |
| Paul MacDonald (Mira) | \$ 56,727 |
| Peter's Construction (Dominion) | \$ 6,024 |
| B. Moran Enterprises (Port Hood) | \$ 3,160 |
| D. W. Matheson (West Mabou) | \$ 105,340 |
| Hazeldale Milling (Cape Smokey) | \$ 38,385 |

* does not include TIR issued contracts

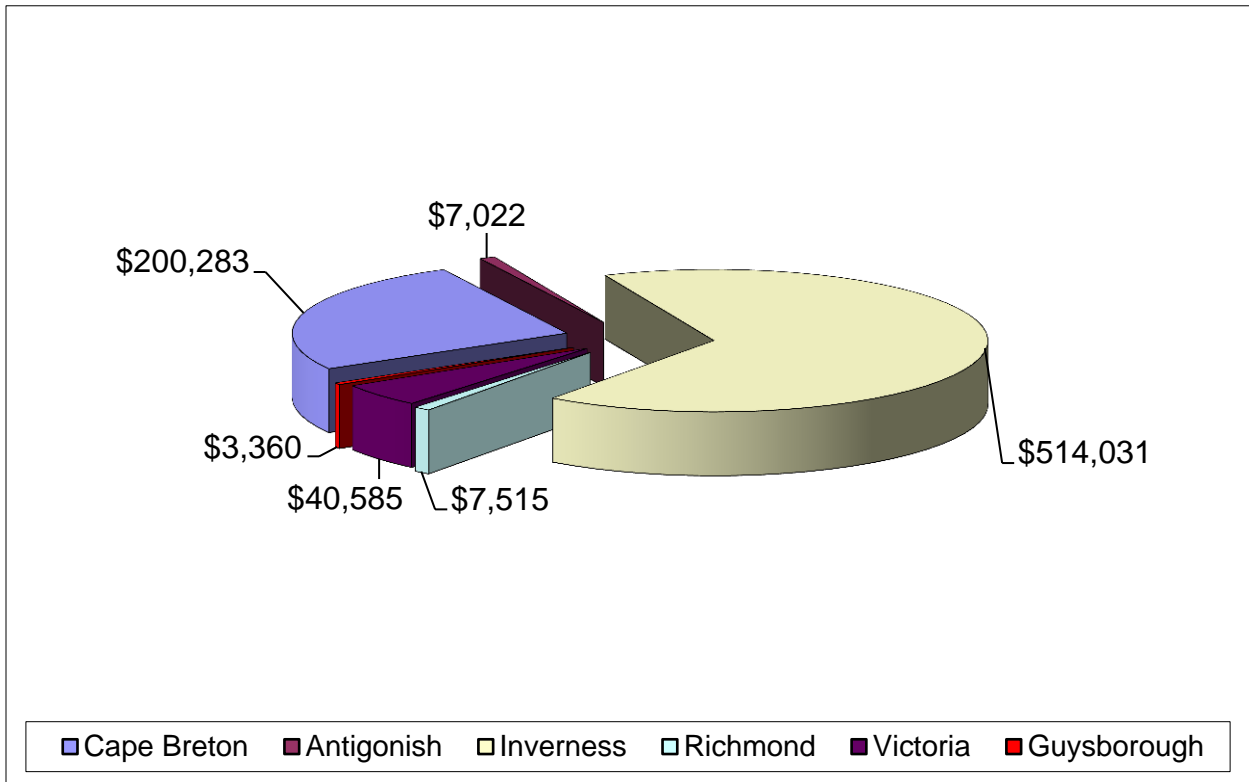
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Eastern Region

| Park | Work Performed | Materials/ Labour | In Kind | TIR (DNR Funded) | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Arisaig | lumber, nails | \$996 | | | | \$996 |
| Beaver Mtn | harvesting | \$6,000 | | | | \$6,000 |
| Cape Smokey | entry road accessible toilets | \$38,385 | \$2,200 | | | \$40,585 |
| Cabot Landing | shoreline repairs | \$3,350 | | | | \$3,350 |
| Dominion Beach | realignment, parking lot, lumber | \$8,440 | \$2,021 | \$4,232 | | \$14,693 |
| Dundee | boat launch | \$1,585 | | | | \$1,585 |
| Lennox | privy | \$3,976 | | | | \$3,976 |
| Malignant Cove | signage | | \$26 | | | \$26 |
| Mira | Redevelopment, signs, water system | \$79,457 | \$1,639 | \$96,026 | | \$177,122 |
| TOTAL | | \$142,189 | \$5,886 | \$100,258 | \$0 | \$248,333 |

| Park | Work Performed | Materials/ Labour | In Kind | TIR (DNR Funded) | TIR Funded | Total Expenditures |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pondville | storm repairs | \$1,963 | | | | \$1,963 |
| Port Hood | relocate shelter | \$3,160 | | | | \$3,160 |
| Tor Bay | table shelter | \$2,890 | \$470 | | | \$3,360 |
| Two Rivers | tables, roofing, toilets | | \$8,468 | | | \$8,468 |
| West Mabou | entry road | \$105,340 | | | | \$105,340 |
| Whycocomagh | redevelopment | \$31,282 | \$13,025 | \$361,224 | | \$405,531 |
| TOTAL | | \$286,824 | \$27,849 | \$461,482 | \$0 | \$776,155 |

Figure 6. Eastern Region Expenditures by County



Park Visitor Statistics - Camping Parks

| Park | # of Sites | Avail. Camper Nights | | Occupancy % 2011 | Permits Issued | | RV | Tent |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | | 2010 | 2011 | | Resident | Non-Resident | | |
| Amherst Shore | 42 | 4,872 | 4,872 | 35 | 515 | 552 | 532 | 534 |
| Battery | 52 | 4,136 | 4,576 | 31 | 383 | 594 | 397 | 580 |
| Blomidon | 70 | 7,739 | 6,603 | 47 | 1,482 | 528 | 679 | 1,331 |
| Boylston | 35 | 3,080 | 3,080 | 10 | 101 | 139 | 96 | 144 |
| Cape Chignecto | 84 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Caribou | 91 | 12,296 | 10,556 | 46 | 1,769 | 1,012 | 1,453 | 1,328 |
| Dollar Lake | 119 | 13,572 | 13,572 | 28 | 2,017 | 164 | 597 | 1,585 |
| Ellenwood Lake | 81 | 8,938 | 8,091 | 25 | 966 | 102 | 534 | 534 |
| Five Islands | 87 | 9,156 | 10,266 | 27 | 1,018 | 746 | 592 | 1,172 |
| Graves Island | 121 | 17,092 | 14,848 | 36 | 2,135 | 715 | 1,407 | 1,443 |
| Laurie (open late) | 71 | 0 | 4,347 | 50 | 956 | 390 | 448 | 898 |
| Mira River | 148 | 14,060 | 15,960 | 32 | 1,999 | 716 | 1,494 | 1,221 |
| Porters Lake | 76 | 9,504 | 10,240 | 30 | 1,127 | 731 | 752 | 1,106 |
| Rissers Beach | 95 | 13,248 | 12,544 | 52 | 2,521 | 526 | 1,704 | 1,343 |
| Salsman | 40 | 3,520 | 3,520 | 25 | 406 | 106 | 309 | 203 |
| SUB-TOTAL | 1,212 | 121,213 | 125,086 | | 17,395 | 7,021 | 10,994 | 13,422 |

| Park | # of Sites | Avail. Camper Nights | | Occupancy % 2011 | Permits Issued | | RV | Tent |
|----------------|------------|----------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| | | 2010 | 2011 | | Resident | Non-Resident | | |
| Smileys | 86 | 13,362 | 8,670 | 31 | 1,378 | 138 | 863 | 663 |
| The Islands | 62 | 6,758 | 5,766 | 23 | 497 | 272 | 388 | 381 |
| Thomas Raddall | 82 | 10,080 | 10,624 | 30 | 1,291 | 350 | 806 | 835 |
| Valleyview | 30 | 2,430 | 2,430 | 30 | 299 | 129 | 158 | 270 |
| Whycocomagh | 62 | 7,076 | 4,033 | 32 | 304 | 614 | 516 | 402 |
| TOTAL | 1,534 | 160,919 | 154,598 | 34 | 21,173 | 8,524 | 13,725 | 15,973 |
| % | | | | | 70% | 28% | 45% | 53% |

Park Visitor Statistics - Reservations

| Park | 2010 | | | | | 2011 | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total Permits Issued by Resv | Web | Call Centre | Total # Camping Permits | % Permits from Reservations | Total Permits Issued by Resv | Web | Call Centre | Total # Camping Permits | % Permits from Reservations |
| Amherst Shore | 474 | 298 | 176 | 1,237 | 38% | 432 | 309 | 123 | 1,703 | 57% |
| Battery | 217 | 136 | 81 | 1,151 | 19% | 191 | 128 | 63 | 1,425 | 63% |
| Blomidon | 947 | 562 | 385 | 1,990 | 48% | 932 | 667 | 265 | 3,212 | 57% |
| Boylston | 57 | 33 | 24 | 293 | 19% | 40 | 30 | 10 | 310 | 75% |
| Cape Chignecto | 256 | 46 | 210 | 446 | 57% | 300 | 90 | 210 | 922 | 52% |
| Caribou | 1,284 | 836 | 448 | 3,012 | 43% | 1,200 | 870 | 330 | 4,957 | 51% |
| Dollar Lake | 1,189 | 630 | 559 | 2,060 | 58% | 1,281 | 899 | 382 | 3,845 | 51% |
| Ellenwood Lake | 341 | 217 | 124 | 1,047 | 33% | 367 | 252 | 115 | 2,005 | 46% |
| Five Islands | 713 | 448 | 265 | 1,749 | 41% | 725 | 511 | 214 | 2,731 | 59% |
| Graves Island | 1,727 | 1,119 | 608 | 2,996 | 58% | 1,496 | 1,083 | 413 | 5,361 | 47% |
| Laurie | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 695 | 387 | 308 | 2,194 | 55% |
| Mira River | 748 | 514 | 234 | 2,241 | 33% | 937 | 697 | 240 | 5,076 | 48% |
| SUB-TOTAL | 7,953 | 4,839 | 3,114 | 18,222 | | 8,596 | 5,923 | 2673 | 33,741 | |

| Park | 2010 | | | | | 2011 | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Total Permits Issued by Resv | Web | Call Centre | Total # Camping Permits | % Permits from Reservations | Total Permits Issued by Resv | Web | Call Centre | Total # Camping Permits | % Permits from Reservations |
| Porters Lake | 814 | 493 | 321 | 1,980 | 41% | 743 | 491 | 252 | 3,123 | 54% |
| Rissers Beach | 2,184 | 1,360 | 824 | 3,085 | 71% | 1,932 | 1,370 | 562 | 6,505 | 42% |
| Salsman | 179 | 118 | 61 | 493 | 36% | 217 | 157 | 60 | 872 | 52% |
| Smileys | 721 | 501 | 220 | 1,478 | 49% | 733 | 545 | 188 | 2,697 | 50% |
| The Islands | 212 | 139 | 73 | 811 | 26% | 218 | 138 | 80 | 1,344 | 53% |
| Thomas Raddall | 965 | 552 | 413 | 1,741 | 55% | 888 | 623 | 265 | 3,183 | 46% |
| Valleyview | 139 | 111 | 28 | 402 | 35% | 158 | 123 | 35 | 739 | 52% |
| Whycocomagh | 156 | 111 | 45 | 1,111 | 14% | 199 | 126 | 73 | 1,338 | 64% |
| TOTAL | 13,323 | 8,224 | 5,099 | 29,323 | 45% | 13,684 | 9,496 | 4,188 | 53,542 | 25% |
| AVERAGE | 666 | 411 | 255 | 1,466 | | 486 | 474 | 209 | 2,677 | |
| % | | 62% | 38% | | | | 69% | 31% | | |

Park Visitor Statistics

Day Use*

| Park | 2010 | 2011 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bayfield | 1,698 | 1,444 |
| Bayswater Beach | 9,710 | 10,878 |
| Clam Harbour Beach | 8,081 | 14,489 |
| Dollar Lake | 8,482 | 8,889 |
| Dominion | | 5,679 |
| Ellenwood | 3,127 | 2,905 |
| Heather Beach | 4,971 | 4,089 |
| Lawrencetown Beach | 11,164 | 9,622 |
| Martinique Beach | 9,233 | 11,491 |
| Mavillette Beach | 1,135 | 1,782 |
| Melmerby Beach | 16,771 | 13,297 |
| Point Michaud | | 2,840 |
| Pomquet | 3,281 | 3,279 |
| Port Maitland | 6,037 | 4,875 |
| Queensland Beach | 17,973 | 15,657 |
| Rainbow Haven | 27,057 | 22,266 |
| Rissers Beach | 10,623 | 11,586 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED* | 139,343 | 145,068 |

*Estimate provided by Nova Scotia Lifesaving Society supervised beaches only

Park Visitor Statistics

Fee Structure

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|
| Basic | \$16 | \$18 | \$18 | \$18 |
| Semi-Serviced | \$21 | \$23 | \$24 | \$24 |
| Water/Elec | \$29 | \$31 | \$32 | \$32 |
| Reservation | \$6 | \$8 | \$9 | \$9 |
| Cancellation | \$4 | \$6 | \$7 | \$7 |

Parks Are For People

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| # Provincial Parks | 34 | 36 | 38 | 43 |
| Total # Participants | 19,667 | 35,258 | 26,219 | 23,919* |
| # Events | 132 | 138 | 93 | 154 |
| # Other Properties | 25 | 22 | 23 | 28 |

* 137 event evaluations returned

Provincial Parks System

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| # Properties | | | | 312 |
| Total Landbase | 33,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 33,000 |