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National Archives of Canada

Head office 395 Wellington Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N3

Federal records centres: Vancouver (Burnaby), Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto (Etobicoke), Ottawa, Montreal, Halifax.

Laurier House (historical museum): Ottawa. Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 995-5138.

The National Archives of Canada provides three basic services: collecting and preserving public (federal) and private historical records of national importance; organizing, managing, preserving or disposing of the current records of government institutions at the request of Treasury Board; and providing assistance to the archival community. This broad mandate obliges the National Archives to preserve material both from the private sector and federal government institutions.

Minister responsible: Minister of Communications

National Arts Centre

53 Elgin Street (PO Box 1534, Station B) Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5W1 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 996-5051.

The National Arts Centre Corporation is responsible for the operation of the National Arts Centre in Ottawa and the development of the performing arts in the National Capital Region. It contributes to artistic life in the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, from which it receives a grant each year. The NAC also assists the Canada Council in developing the performing arts throughout Canada.

Minister responsible: Minister of Communications

The National Battlefields Commission

390 de Bernières Avenue Quebec, Quebec G1R 2L7 Information: Quebec (418) 648-3506.

The National Battlefields Commission was established for the purpose of acquiring, restoring and maintaining the historic battlefields in Quebec City, and to form a National Battlefields Park.

Minister responsible:

Minister of the Environment

National Capital Commission

Head office 161 Laurier Avenue West Ottawa, Ontario K1P 6J6

Visitor centres: Ottawa, Hull, Old Chelsea (Gatineau Park), Sainte-Cécile-de-Masham (seasonal office). The NCC also manages an Info-tent on Parliament Hill from June to August inclusive, and satellite centres at the Ottawa bus and train terminals in July and August.

Information: (613) 996-1811 or toll free 1-800-267-0450.

The NCC's purpose is to enhance the role of the National Capital in the lives of all Canadians by making it a national meeting place and a focus for the nation's diverse cultural life.

Minister responsible:

Minister of Public Works

National Council of Welfare

Brooke Claxton Building, Room 566 Tunney's Pasture Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9 Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 957-2961.

The National Council of Welfare was established by the Government Organization Act, 1969 as a citizens' advisory body to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Its mandate is to advise the Minister on matters pertaining to welfare. The Council consists of 21 members drawn from across Canada and appointed by the Governor-in-Council. All are private citizens and serve in their personal capacities rather than as representatives of organizations or agencies.

Minister responsible:

Minister of National Health and Welfare

Department of National Defence

Head office 101 Colonel By Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K2

Canadian forces recruiting centres: Vancouver, Edmonton (Lancaster Park), Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto (Willowdale), Sudbury, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Rimouski, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Saint John, Halifax, St. John's.

Canadian forces recruiting centre detachments: Yellowknife, Victoria, Kamloops, Regina, Windsor, St. Catharines, Peterborough, North Bay, Kitchener, Kingston, Trois-Rivières, Sherbrooke, Sept-Îles, Rouyn-Noranda, Hull, Chicoutimi,