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Activity Report 2022–23

April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023



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FOREWORD



Dear Friends,

Over the past year, it has been a pleasure to meet with residents and visitors to our province. I cannot say how delighted Patsy and I have been to return to a regular schedule of in-person events at Government House. This is a moment we anticipated and hoped for since March 2020.

One of the great joys of serving as Lieutenant Governor is the opportunity to speak to individuals across the province and witness their outstanding contributions first-hand. Over the course of the year, Patsy and I hosted 132 investitures, award ceremonies and receptions at Government House, along with 126 external events, that celebrated service to the province and the country, professional achievements, academic merit and volunteerism.

While it is always special to host annual award programs, this year was particularly notable, as 5,150 Nova Scotians were awarded with The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal. The presentations officially began on 4 August 2022, when the Lieutenant Governor presented over 60 medals at the Westin Nova Scotian. This marked the largest investiture ever held by the Office and the largest post-COVID investiture in the country at that time.

Despite the moments of joy and celebration, we also came together as a province to grieve the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During the period of mourning, a book of condolences was available to the public at Government House, which will be housed on a permanent basis in the Nova Scotia Archives. A public multi-faith memorial service arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Executive Council Office and the Protocol and Honours Secretariat, was held at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on 19 September 2022. It was also livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube for those who were not able to join us in Halifax.

With the reading of the Accession Proclamation at Government House, we looked to King Charles III as our Head of State and King of Canada. Behind the scenes, plans for the Coronation celebration began and unfolded over the course of several months.

This was indeed a historic year and one that will remain etched in my memory. Through all circumstances, I remained inspired by the acts of service, hospitality, compassion and care demonstrated by Nova Scotians. I am grateful for all that has been done and look to the future with great hope.

Patsy and I send warmest wishes to all Nova Scotians and visitors to our province.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur J. LeBlanc".

Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, KC
Lieutenant Governor



The Vice-Regal Household Staff. January 2023.

MISSION

To serve, support and maintain with excellence, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and Government House.

MANDATE

To support the constitutional and symbolic role of the Lieutenant Governor as The King of Canada's representative in Nova Scotia, and to maintain and enrich the traditions and heritage of Government House as the centre of official hospitality for the province and its people.

OBJECTIVES

The corporate objectives of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor reflect six goals central to the mandate of the Lieutenant Governor:

- Constitutional/Legal
- Crown-Indigenous Relations
- Ceremonial
- Community Engagement
- Promoting Nova Scotia
- Preserving Government House

INTRODUCTION



The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House supports the Lieutenant Governor in fulfilling his constitutional, state, and ceremonial responsibilities. *The Constitution Act 1867*, provides that there must be a Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia who is appointed in the name of the Sovereign by the Governor General on advice of the Prime Minister.

As the representative of His Majesty King Charles III, King of Canada, who is Head of State, the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, is authorized and required to execute all matters that pertain to his office according to law and constitutional convention.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House provides administrative and logistical support enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise the constitutional powers and responsibilities of the Office and to undertake representational, ceremonial, and civic duties. The autonomous nature of the Office is consistent with the Lieutenant Governor's role to function with political neutrality. The Office also supports the Administrator of the Province who acts in the place of the Lieutenant Governor when the Lieutenant Governor is unavailable.

Additionally, the Office is responsible for planning and implementing the Lieutenant Governor's programme, awards, patronages, and many other activities undertaken with, and on behalf of, Nova Scotians in communities across the province.

To help Nova Scotians and visitors understand the role and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office offers a "general tour" programme along with a "talk & tour" program at the Lieutenant Governor's official residence, Government House in Halifax.

Under the direction of the Private Secretary and Executive Director of Government House, the administrative element of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House reports through the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House is committed to accounting for activities and expenditures. Support for the physical plant, systems and infrastructure of Government House is provided through the Department of Public Works.

The Office works closely with the provincial departments, Government of Canada, Mi'kmaq leaders, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service, New Glasgow Regional Police, Department of Canadian Heritage, and numerous non-governmental organizations over which the Lieutenant Governor presides as Patron or Honorary Patron.

By enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise his constitutional authorities and responsibilities and to undertake duties as the representative of the Head of State, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor directly contributes to maintaining a stable and effective government.

Roles & Duties of the Lieutenant Governor

Constitutional Duties



The annual Cabinet Meeting at Government House. Morning of 8 September 2022.

On 10 September 2022, two days after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the Lieutenant Governor, Premier, members of the Executive Council and Chief Justice, the Grand Chief and Grand Keptin, and representatives from the Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police gathered at Government House for the Accession Proclamation Ceremony.

The Accession Proclamation was issued under the Great Seal of the Province and announced the accession of our new Sovereign, King Charles III, King of Canada. A message from the Governor General was also read, which formally announced the passing of Her Late Majesty.

The Premier and the Lieutenant Governor signed the Instrument of Advice, followed by a signing of the Proclamation by the Provincial Secretary and the Lieutenant Governor. After the Accession Proclamation was read in full, all gathered sang the Royal Anthem, God Save The King. The ceremony ended as the Lieutenant Governor proposed the Loyal Toast to The King of Canada.



It has been a tradition for the Lieutenant Governor to host an annual Cabinet Meeting and bring Ministers of the Crown back to the place where Responsible Government was first established in 1848. On the morning of 8 September 2022, His Honour welcomed the Executive Council to Government House, the first meeting of its kind since the start of the pandemic. It also happened to be the last Cabinet Meeting to take place in the Commonwealth during Queen Elizabeth II's reign, and the first to take place under King Charles III, although we were unaware of that at the time.



On 2 February 2023, the Lieutenant Governor marked the 175th Anniversary of Responsible Government in Nova Scotia. This was an opportunity to showcase the locations in Government House where nine members of the first House of Assembly were sworn in as a member of the provincial cabinet by Sir John Harvey. In honour of this significant anniversary, His Majesty The King send a special congratulations message to all Nova Scotians and Canada.



Finally, the Lieutenant Governor carried out traditional constitutional duties during the fall, summer, and spring sittings of the House of Assembly. He granted Royal Assent to 57 Bills, signed 339 Orders-in-Council, issued 13 Proclamations, and signed 165 Notary Scrolls.

Roles & Duties of the Lieutenant Governor

Ceremonial Duties

						
Coronation Medal, 1953	Centennial Medal, 1967	Silver Jubilee Medal, 1977	125 th Anniversary of Confederation Medal, 1992	Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002	Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012	Platinum Jubilee Medal, 2022

Medals celebrating the extraordinary 70-year reign of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Platinum Jubilee Medal (far right) is the last medal to display the effigy of The Queen.

On 2 June 2022, the Lieutenant Governor received word that Queen Elizabeth II had approved the design of the Platinum Jubilee Medal. The award program was established in March 2022 to celebrate the extraordinary 70-year reign of Her late Majesty and recognize Nova Scotians for significant contributions to their professions and communities, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As Her Majesty’s reign embodies the importance of commitment to one’s community, the Platinum Jubilee provides opportunities for Nova Scotians to honour those in our province who have demonstrated an unwavering dedication to family, neighbours and colleagues,” said the Lieutenant Governor shortly after the Platinum Jubilee Medal Program was established.

In cooperation with the province’s Protocol and Honours Secretariat, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor oversaw the administration of the Platinum Jubilee Medal program. A total of 2,167 recipients were recognized for their work during the COVID-19 Pandemic, making up 42% of all recipients. Working with five other provinces (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), Nova Scotia played a key role in the multijurisdictional honours program, the first of its type in Canadian history.



On 4 August 2022, more than 60 Nova Scotians were invested with The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal during an investiture ceremony at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel. The medal recipients represented a broad cross-section of Nova Scotians who had contributed to diverse fields and organizations.

This was the largest investiture ever held by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. It was also the largest post-COVID investiture in the country.

A total of 5,150 Nova Scotians received the Platinum Jubilee Medal at investitures hosted across the province. The Lieutenant Governor personally presided over 37 investitures, many of which took place at Government House, and presented 878 medals.





On 8 September 2022, the Lieutenant Governor received official word confirming the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The Queen served as Canada's Head of State for 70 years and will long be remembered for her outstanding dedication to Canadians and all people of the Commonwealth.

For nine days following the announcement, a book of condolences was made available to the public at Government House.

A public, multi-faith memorial service was held on 19 September 2022. This was the largest in-person ceremony held in Canada on the day of Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, which took place in London, England. Both the Lieutenant Governor and Premier spoke of the Queen's long and distinguished reign. The ceremony was carried out with significant support of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, various faith leaders, the Department of National Defence and the RCMP.

Nova Scotians across the province were invited to download the program from the Lieutenant Governor's website and watch the service live on Facebook and YouTube.





The No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology

The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. LeBlanc met with family members and descendants of the No. 2 Construction Battalion leading up to the National Apology, which took place on 9 July 2022. The apology addressed acts of racism directed at the members of the Battalion before, during, and after their time in uniform.

Canadians, including Prime Minister Trudeau and His Honour, stood before the families and descendants of the No. 2 Construction Battalion to acknowledge and apologize for discrimination. On a national and provincial level, this was a moment to recommit to the values of diversity and inclusion in our institutions so that past harms are not repeated.

Visit to the 5th Canadian Division's Base, Gagetown, in Gagetown, NB

Their Honours were delighted to spend two days at the 5th Canadian Division's Base, Gagetown, in February. Situated on an 1,100 square km training area, facilities are used by units from other Canadian Armed Forces Bases, Reserve units, Cadets, civilian police forces, and even American military units.

During the visit, troops participated in Exercise MAROON RAIDER 23. Their Honours had opportunities to observe the outstanding work being done by members of the Canadian Armed Forces and speak with individuals about their service to the Maritimes and Canada.



Cenotaph Rededication Ceremony Westville, NS

Residents of Westville observed the 100th anniversary of the town's Cenotaph, which was unveiled on 1 July 1922 by Lieutenant Governor McCallum Grant. Their Honours, Premier Houston, the Westville Town Council, and Mayors and Wardens from the surrounding area were in attendance at the rededication ceremony.

The monument represents the sorrows caused the First World War. In Westville alone, 600 citizens signed up to fight on behalf of all Canadians; 54 did not return.



Crown-Indigenous Relations

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Signing of the Proclamation of the *Mi'kmaw Language Act*, Potlotek First Nation. 19 September 2022.

A historic moment for all Nova Scotians took place on 17 July 2022, when the Lieutenant Governor signed the Proclamation of the *Mi'kmaw Language Act* during a ceremony at Potlotek First Nation. Several Mi'kmaw Chiefs, including Grand Chief Norman Sylliboy, signed a resolution to affirm and uphold the provincial legislation on behalf of their communities.

The legislation demonstrates the commitment of all Nova Scotians to work closely with Mi'kmaw leadership, educational and other organizations, to recognize, preserve and promote the Mi'kmaw language. This is an important step in ensuring that all individuals in the province, along with future generations, have meaningful access to language, culture and identity as a foundation for resilience, safety and overall wellbeing.

The *Mi'kmaw Language Act* took effect on 1 October 2022, a date selected to align with Treaty Day.

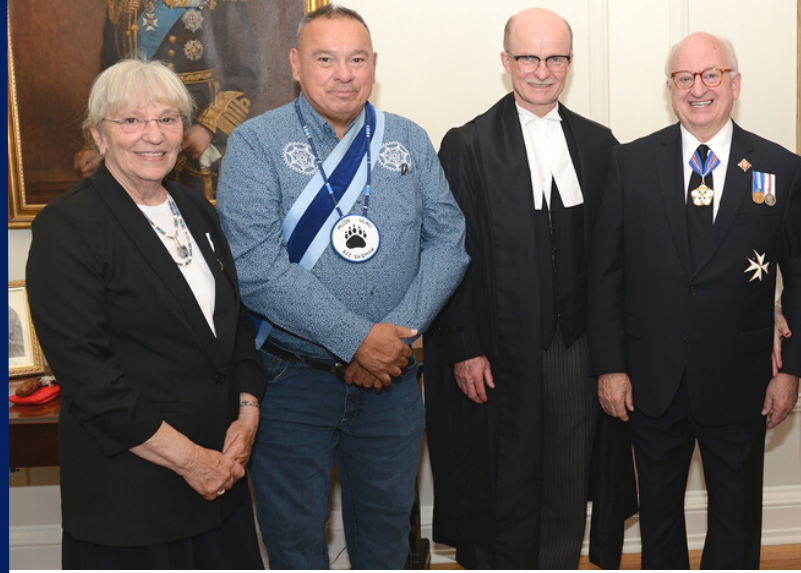


After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mi'kmaw Summer Games opened at Potluck First Nation on the same day the *Mi'kmaw Language Act* was signed. Their Honours were delighted to attend the opening ceremony. Individuals of all ages from Mi'kmaw communities located across the province participate in athletic and cultural challenges over the course of several days.

During the summer, Their Honours attended the launch of the Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy Ferry, which crosses Little Narrows between Inverness County and Victoria County. The ferry honours the legacy of the late Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy, an exceptional leader who was respected for his compassion, wisdom and commitment to serving the Mi'kmaq Nation.

August Francis from We'koqma'q Mi'kmaw School successfully named the new ferry through a contest with the Department of Public Works. He was presented with a certificate by the Lieutenant Governor at the ceremony.

Although Treaty Day celebrations were postponed due to Hurricane Fiona, Their Honours were thrilled to join Mi'kmaw leaders and community members at Pier 21 in late October to mark this important occasion. During the evening, eleven outstanding individuals were recognized with awards or scholarships for their achievements.



Overall Activity Level

Events, Remarks and Certificates



Greeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Truro prior to the No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology. 9 July 2022.

The activities undertaken by the Lieutenant Governor are divided into separate categories. They are defined as follows:

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Constitutional Duties

Constitutional Duties:

Events including the Speech from the Throne, meetings with the Premier or Executive Council Officials, and signing Orders-In-Council, statutory and non-statutory instruments.

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In-House Events

In-House Events:

Receptions, dinners, investitures, performances, presentations, meetings, and ceremonies held at Government House, which are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor.

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External Events

External Events:

Events organized by Government House and presided over by the Lieutenant Governor, but held outside of Government House.

Activity Statement

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Event Type	FY 2022-23	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21
A. Constitutional Duties	A. 71	A. 72	A. 88
B. In-House Events	B. 132	B. 131	B. 105
C. External Events	C. 126	C. 63	C. 38
Total	329	266	231

Speech Type	FY 2022-23	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21
A. In-Person Remarks	A. 148	A. 63	A. 31
B. Video Remarks	B. 11	B. 30	B. 55
C. Written Messages	C. 18	C. *	C. *
Total	177	93	86

Certificate Type	FY 2022-23	FY 2021-22	FY 2020-21
A. Milestone Birthdays	A. 327	A. 332	A. 420
B. Wedding Anniversaries	B. 146	B. 168	B. 212
C. Military	C. 175	C. 132	C. 124
D. Merit/Thanks	D. 1	D. 7	D. N/A
E. Service	E. 1	E. 4	E. N/A
Total	650	755	720

Continuing Public Access

Public and Regional Outreach



Christmas tree decorating event with L'Arche at Government House. 2 December 2022.

The 2022-23 fiscal year marked the first time since the start of the pandemic that all public programs could resume on a regular schedule at Government House.

Guided tours for the public ran from the beginning of July to the end of September. Each 30-minute tour offered visitors a glimpse of the main floor of Government House including the Grand Staircase, Ballroom, Morning Room, Drawing Room and Dining Room. At the conclusion of the summer season, over 1,600 guests had walked through the House.

His Honour and Mrs. LeBlanc also met with Nova Scotians across the province for a variety of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Garden Parties were held in Halifax, Sydney, Annapolis Royal and Yarmouth, and guests enjoyed Platinum Jubilee-themed desserts. Government House also hosted its first outdoor movie night, projecting the documentary "The Royal Journey" onto the side of the House.



Evenings @ Government House completed two successful seasons in Fall 2022 and Winter 2023.

Guests were treated to ten free concerts and presentations that showcased the history, culture, and heritage of the province. Highlights included a talk by Hope Swinimer, Founder of Hope for Wildlife, the 110th anniversary of the Titanic, a celebration of Viola Desmond's contributions to the business community in Nova Scotia, and a short film by artist Alan Syliboy. Their Honours hosted dessert receptions following each session.

The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. LeBlanc fostered ongoing relationships with young people and community groups through receptions for volunteers, committee meetings, and outreach programs. For example, Their Honours attended The Halifax Rifles Army Cadets Ceremonial Review and participated in Education Week celebrations that focused on cultural responsiveness.

Outside of Halifax Regional Municipality, the Lieutenant Governor made official visits to the regions of Cape Breton Island, the Northumberland Shore, Annapolis and the Bay of Fundy, the Eastern Shore, and the South Shore. His Honour celebrated several milestone events with Nova Scotians including the 10th anniversary of Grand-Pré becoming a UNESCO World Heritage site, the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands, and the revival of Perkins Tea on the Lawn at the Queens County Museum.



Promoting Nova Scotia

Investitures and Awards



Order of Nova Scotia Investiture. 28, March 2023.

Throughout the year, the Lieutenant Governor honoured Nova Scotians for significant and long-term achievements and service to their communities, the province and the country.



In total, there were a 53 investitures for Honours of the Crown held at Government House and locations around the Province, with more than 1,000 Nova Scotians recognized. This includes three investitures for the Order of Nova Scotia, Order of St. John, a foreign decoration for the Republic of Austria

Aside from national and provincial honours, the Lieutenant Governor recognized excellence in a diverse array of fields through Lieutenant Governor Awards. Throughout the 2022-23 fiscal year, award ceremonies were held at Government House or at off-site locations. For a number of the Lieutenant Governor's award programs, this marked the first year since the beginning of the pandemic that recipients could join with family, friends and Their Honours at Government House for in-person celebrations.

Lieutenant Governor's Awards

Award	Partner	No. Bestowed 2022-23	No. Bestowed 2021-22	No. Bestowed 2020-21
The Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia)	Province of Nova Scotia and 90+ partners.	878	N/A	N/A
LG's Education Medal	Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development	155	155	158
LG's Award for Excellence in Public Administration	Institute of Public Administration Canada	2	1	3**
LG's Award for Design in Architecture	Nova Scotia Association of Architects	4	4	**
LG's Award for Excellence in Engineering	Engineers Nova Scotia	2	2	**
LG Award for Conservation	Nova Scotia Salmon Trust	1	*	**
LG's Nova Scotia Talent Trust Award	Nova Scotia Talent Trust	18	8	8
LG's Greenwing Award	Ducks Unlimited	*	*	*
LG's Prêt à écrire! Award	Canadian Parents for French	*	*	*
LG's Masterworks Arts Award	Arts Award Foundation	5	5	5
LG's Community Spirit Award	Dept. of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage	4	4	82 Plaques
LG's Person with Disabilities Employer Partnership Awards	Collaborative Partnership Network	*	*	*
LG's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines	Winery Association of Nova Scotia, Taste of Nova Scotia	4	5	5
LG's Respectful Citizenship Award	Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Development	14	18	18
LG's Award for Culinary Excellence	Nova Scotia Community College	6	6	6
LG's Acadian/Francophonie Award	Acadian and Francophonie Affairs	6	6	NEW

Milestone Events

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78th Highlanders Freedom of the City Parade. 24 August 2022.

As The King's representative and on behalf of all Nova Scotians, the Lieutenant Governor was also present at 258 events hosted by a wide range of cultural, sporting, civic, heritage, military and volunteer communities.

Activities included 9 courtesy calls with Commonwealth and foreign diplomatic representatives.

Some of the highlights included:

- Opening of the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference
- Mount Saint Vincent University Installation Ceremony of the 14th Vice-President, Dr. Joël Dickinson
- Platinum Jubilee Garden Parties in Sydney, Annapolis Royal, and Yarmouth
- Activities and changes associated with the change of reign from Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III

- HMCS MARGARET BROOKE Commissioning Ceremony
- Perkins Tea on the Lawn Revival, Queens County Museum
- Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony
- Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Candlelight Ceremony
- Visit and tour of Dartmouth General Hospital
- Remembrance Day Ceremony and Reception
- Halifax Explosion Memorial Service
- Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre Tour
- African Heritage Month Opening Night and Gala
- Menorah Lighting and Hanukkah Celebration
- Chinese Society of Nova Scotia New Year's Banquet
- Ummah Masjid and Community Centre Iftar
- Visit and tour of Shubenacadie Wildlife Park



Volunteer Service

Honorary Aides-de-Camp in Nova Scotia



The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal Investiture. 15 December 2022.

The cadre of 31 Honorary Aides-de-Camp, comprised of members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service and New Glasgow Regional Police, volunteered 2,114 hours aiding the Lieutenant Governor in discharging his duties throughout Nova Scotia.

Through the year, the Aides-de-Camp were regularly gathered for monthly AdeC meetings and attended an annual training session regarding event protocol. They continued to play an important role at events, particularly at off-site locations, where they are required to make site visits, complete event schedules, and liaise with event coordinators.

In recognition of significant service to the Crown and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorary Aides-de-Camp were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal at Government House on 15 December 2022.

Provincial and Federal Expenditures

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Provincial Expenditures

The budget is voted on by the House of Assembly as a line in the budget of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. It covers the operation of the Lieutenant Governor’s programs, salaries for the Household Staff, security services, and operational expenses associated with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Under the budget, the Salaries and Benefits line accounts for salaries paid to 9.5 FTE staff. The cost for security services, which are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (totaling 255,183), is accounted for in Supplies and Services budget line.

Line Item	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Salaries & Benefits	\$722,551	\$695,096	\$679,550
Supplies & Services	\$327,688	\$305,968	\$289,394
Other	\$20,976	\$12,382	\$9,949
Recoverable from other Departments	(11,359)	(1,545)	0
TOTAL	\$1,059,857	\$1,011,901	\$978,894

Federal Expenditures

Since 1867, the salary of the Lieutenant Governor has been covered by the Federal Government. Federal funds are also granted to account for certain costs incurred by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in the discharging of official duties. The above mentioned funds are granted through a lump sum payment know as a named grant to the Lieutenant Governor.

Since the 2004-05 fiscal year, the Department of Canadian Heritage has provided \$64,199 annually in funding towards supporting the role of the Crown in Nova Scotia. This amount has remained consistent and is not indexed or lined to the CPI or the annual inflation rate.

Federal funds are used to cover certain expenses that are not covered by funds granted by the province. Expenditures are divided into three categories: Travel/Accommodation, Hospitality and Operational/Administrative Expenses.

Please note that the travel category is used to cover expenses related to the Lieutenant Governor's official travel outside of Halifax to attend events. This includes the annual vice-regal conference. This category is also used to cover travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the driver and the Honorary Aide-de-Camp-in-Waiting, who accompany the Lieutenant Governor to official events.

In November 2022, auditors from the Department of Canadian Heritage undertook a financial review of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor's use of the annual federal grant for the fiscal year 2021-22, testing a total of 53 transactions, comprising 78% of expenses submitted for that year. The findings of this review were received by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in March 2023, and noted several minor accounting errors in the recording of expenditures, and no significant discrepancies or accountability issues. The Canadian Heritage financial review also helped to identify three areas for increased efficiency – all of which have been implemented as of the 2023/24 fiscal year.

Line Item	2022-23**	2021-22	2020-21*
Travel/Accommodation	\$12,815	\$9,986.35	\$1,503
Hospitality	\$23,681	\$8,117	\$5,283
Operational/Administrative	\$28,242	\$47,574	\$55,335
TOTAL	\$64,739	\$65,677	\$62,212

*The COVID-19 pandemic caused a marked decrease in travel outside of Halifax during the 2020-21 fiscal year. The inability to host large events also decreased hospitality expenditures.

**Hospitality costs in 2022-23 were higher due to the Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Medal Investitures.

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The Platinum Jubilee Garden Party, Halifax. 15 June 2022.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

I am delighted to have the opportunity to recognize the 175th anniversary of Nova Scotia's establishment of the system of Responsible Government, which has become a cornerstone of Canadian democracy.

It was in the Drawing Room at Government House, Halifax, where Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Harvey, swore in the first democratically elected Cabinet in Canada's history. In 2014, as Prince of Wales, I had the great privilege of being sworn into The Queen's Privy Council for Canada in this very same room. At that time, I was struck by the historic setting and its profound significance in the history of Canada and the Commonwealth and, as you reflect on and celebrate this important milestone, I wanted to send you my warmest best wishes.

2nd February, 2023.



King's Printer, Province of Nova Scotia.